



Biblical Basis for Children's Ministry

What is Children's Ministry?

Ministry is defined as the spiritual work or service of any Christian or a group of Christians, especially _____.

If you are teaching God's Word to boys and girls, you are in ministry. This is a high calling and one that God's Word says should not be taken lightly. **James 3:1**

Your Calling, Your Ministry

Let's look at these passages together and consider your own calling and ministry.

Luke 3:23

2 Cor. 4:1

Mark 16:15

2 Tim. 4:1-5

The Church

As we serve the Lord, doing the work of the ministry, that work is primarily done in the Church. This is part of God's design for believers, young and old, to be in community and fellowship with a local body of believers. The Church, universally speaking, varies widely in the ministry to children.

Would you agree that the majority of churches (universal church) spend more time playing with the children than they do teaching God's Word and discipling them?

Jesus and Children

Matthew 18: 1-6,10

Matthew 19: 13-15

John 6:9

Matthew 21:15-16

Luke 10:21

Jesus will reveal himself to children. The Holy Spirit will open their eyes to the gospel message and believing in faith they will be saved.

Do you believe that children can be saved?

John 3:16, Acts 16:31, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12

Condition:

Promise:

“Capacity for believing lies more in the child than in the man.” – Spurgeon

What do you believe about the age of accountability?

Proverbs 20:11

Romans 3:23-26

Isaiah 53:6

Exodus 2:9-10

Preschool Age: I would suggest that a child as young as 3 years old if taught the gospel from infancy can readily believe, and are held accountable for sin. This of course is not absolute as each child matures at a different rate and ages will vary widely.

2 Samuel 12:15-23

Infants: To put it simply, I believe that infants and toddlers too young to understand, are by grace saved from the punishment of sin.

A child will believe the simple gospel with humility and faith.

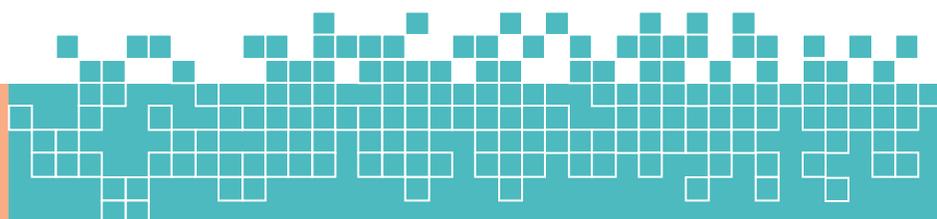
Stats: Most Christians walking with the Lord as adults were young when saved

Ages 0-4 = _____

Ages 4-14 = _____

Ages 15-30 = _____

Ages 30+ = _____



Do you believe children be taught and disciplined?

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

2 Timothy 1:5

2 Timothy 3:14-15

Ephesians 6:4

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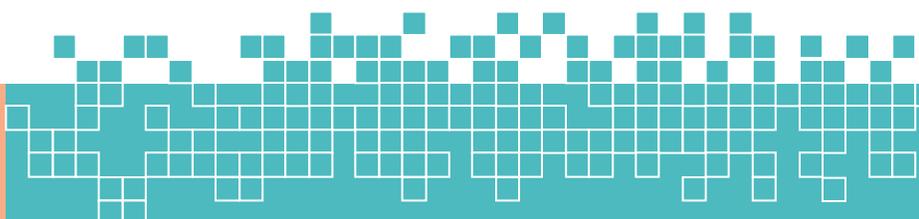
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Share the gospel with your youngest, God the Holy Spirit will do the work. Disciple them in the Word and prepare them for a life that will bring glory to God.

1. Corrie Ten Boom saved at age 5.
2. Charles Spurgeon saved at age 12.
3. Dr. James Dobson saved at age 3.
4. Matthew Henry saved at age 11.
5. Jonathan Edwards saved at age 7.
6. Tabitha Lee saved at age 4 ½.

Should you devote your life and ministry to children?

“When a child is led to Christ, a whole life is saved! I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray. If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God!” D.L. Moody



Call to Action! 5 things we must do!

John 21:15

Matthew 16:24

John 10:27

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Recognize that Ministry to Children is exactly that, _____. Every leader, teacher, and servant should see themselves in a ministry position.

Reach out to other Children's ministry leaders and pastors in your area to encourage and build one another up.

Ministry to children is one of the _____ the Lord can give you and one that must be taken seriously. Because it also comes with a great deal of responsibility and warfare.

"If you doubt the child's ability to communicate with God, don't doubt God's ability to communicate with the child." – Unknown

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