

Why is Faith Development Important for a Child?

George Barna, a noted researcher in the field of religious involvement in society conducted a survey about spiritual development in the lives of children. The results are surprising.

Our studies show that the faith principles and practices that a child absorbs by age 13 boldly shapes their spirituality for the duration of their life. Parents have a greater impact on that process than any one else. (Barna, 2003)

We as parents, grandparents and members of our faith community function as the next generation's GPS systems.

Our children's moral and faith developments is directly influenced by the amount and quality of time spent with them nurturing them along on their spiritual paths. What a daunting task! What a privilege!

There is no better investment of your resources, money, experience, gifts, and especially your time than to nurture our kiddos for an eternal payback.

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How can I serve in Children's Ministry?



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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY	DAY/TIME/HOW LONG?	DESCRIPTION
Pre-school/Pre-Kinder/Kindergarten Sunday School Teachers	Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:50 **Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before and staying 10 minutes after** 1 month commitment	Work with a shepherd using exciting, hands-on curriculum. Curriculum provided. Teacher gathers desired supplies.
Pre-school/Pre-Kinder/Kindergarten Sunday School Shepherds	Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:50 **Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before and staying 10 minutes after** 1 month commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Take attendance * Develop relationship with students * Help children become involved in the lesson * Rotate each week with the same class * No advance planning required!
Cross Training Workshop Leaders (Grades 1st-5th)	Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:50 **Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before and staying 10 minutes after** 1 Rotation commitment (4 or 5 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Present lesson in one workshop to 5 different grade levels * Choice of workshop (Holyword Theater, The Tabernacle, Noah's Art, Faith in Action, Seaside Productions) * Curriculum and materials provided
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Sunday School Substitutes	Sunday Mornings 10:00-10:50 **Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before and staying 10 minutes after** As needed	Available at the last minute to step in for the teacher or shepherd when needed.
Wednesday Night Live Leaders K-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th Degree	Wednesday Evenings 6:15-7:00 12 weeks before Christmas and/or 12 weeks after	Present fun lessons that keep kids connected to Christ during the school week.. Two adults per group, co-teaching. Curriculum provided.
Wednesday Night Live Music Helpers	Wednesday Evenings 5:00-5:45 12 weeks before Christmas and/or 12 weeks after	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Assist the handbell and choir directors * Take attendance * Develop relationship with students * Help children become involved in the lesson * No advance planning required!