

# Family Matters



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## Vision for Children's Ministry

It is our belief that parents have the greatest influence and God-given responsibility to raise their children to love the Lord, our God (Deuteronomy 11:18-21). Therefore, we are committed to partnering with parents by providing children with a kid-friendly, relevant, and Biblically-grounded atmosphere in which to worship and learn.

We seek to engage children in a way that makes it easier for parents to initiate spiritual interactions throughout the week. Thus allowing home and church to work together to instill 4 Core Values to our children:

**KNOW:** to present a clear, age-appropriate message of God's saving grace so that each child is presented with an opportunity to accept Christ as personal Savior

**GROW:** to equip young believers with a firm foundation to grow in their relationships with others and with Christ through daily prayer, Bible reading, and Scripture memory; and to make daily choices that reflect a lifestyle of personal holiness and Christ-like character even at a young age

**SHOW:** to provide practical ways for children to show God's love in the service of others



in their families, communities, and throughout the world; and to give from what God has given to them to help those in need and to further the building of God's kingdom

**GO:** to teach children to share their personal story of faith in Christ and to be able to share how to become a Christian with those they come in contact

### PowerSource



#### Ask God:

- ♥ To give wisdom and discernment during the school year
- ♥ To help you set healthy boundaries with time management, social relationships, and extra-curricular activities

### WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?



Each month kids get a chance to give to a charity locally and nationally, and an opportunity to serve others by showing Christ's love. We feature the monthly service projects on the bulletin board near the Children's Educational Wing. These service projects are open for anyone to participate.

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NO MORE**

**ONE BED NET.  
\$10. SAVE A LIFE.**

Your child's offering for the month of September in Children's Worship will go to buy bed nets for kids in Africa.

**Our goal: \$250**



## OpenTheBook

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

What a great verse to meditate on and share with your children as the new school year gets underway. So many new experiences for you and your child are happening and this is a good reminder of where our trust should be placed. Remember to teach your children this invaluable lesson this year!

## Teachable Moments

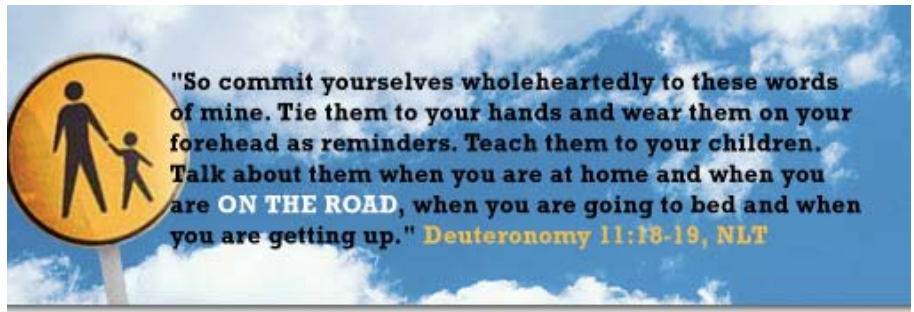
Have your child stand with his/her back toward your front.

Tell them to keep their body straight and their feet planted in one spot.

Now have them fall straight back, into your waiting arms. Encourage them to do this without looking. You can even blind fold them to increase the trust level.

Repeat this and let them fall as far as they will allow.

Use this activity to teach them that our trust should be in God. Ask them if it got easier to trust you the more times they fell. Tell them that the more we trust God, the easier it gets to trust Him.



**What's most important to your children? It's never too early to get kids thinking about their purpose in life...and the life to come. Use these conversation-starters:**

1. Talk about the most valuable thing you own. How would you feel if you lost it?
2. What is the best present or prize you've ever received? What are some of the special gifts that God gives each of us?
3. Talk about what you most look forward to about next year, about being a grown-up, and about heaven.
4. What do you believe about Jesus? How can you show Jesus that you love him?

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As a patient himself, Jarrett Mynear knew that being in a hospital could be scary. He started Jarrett's Joy Cart, a program that provides new toys to children in hospitals. Jarrett's mom, Jennifer, will speak at Children's Worship on Sunday, Sept. 28 and receive the items we have collected. Bring items to each Sunday for the month of September. Toys must be new, in original packaging or have tags attached. Toy value range from \$5-\$11. If toy needs batteries, please include.

NEED: Rattles, Stacking/sorting toys, Push/pull toys, Teething toys, Music/movement toys. THANKS!