

Kids' Sermon Notes

Something the pastor said today was: _____

Something I learned today was: _____

Something I can do this week related to the sermon is: _____

A question for my family is: _____

If I could ask the pastor something about what I heard, it would be: _____

To the parents of young children:

God put the wiggle in your children; don't feel like you have to suppress those wiggles in church. **Relax!**

Consider sitting toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and engage with what's happening.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, musicians, and other leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you, so see worship as a great opportunity to train them as well.

If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they will respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are welcome in worship!

Contact Us!

We are here to help! If you have any other questions, or just need to talk and pray, feel free to contact one of our pastors in the office by calling: 507.423.6697.

Family Worship Guide

How to prepare your children for
— and —
equip them during worship



Here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare for and are in worship with your kids:

Talk with your children ahead of time about what worship is and why it matters, what behavioral expectations are for the worship service, and ask and answer questions they have.

Encourage and praise them when they meet expectations; correct when needed.

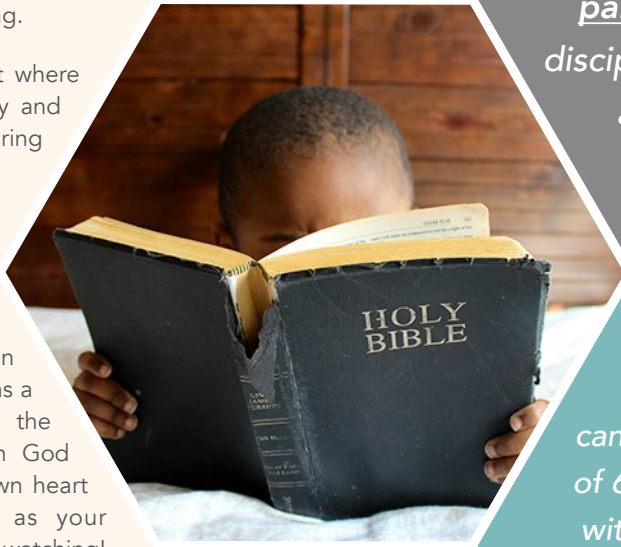
Make corporate worship gatherings and church involvement a family priority every week. Be consistent!

Look for ways to involve your children in the various aspects of the worship service as they're happening.

Arrive early and sit where you can see clearly and hear effectively during the service.

Pray, pray, pray! Pray with your kids on Saturday evenings before bed, at breakfast, on the way to church as a family, and during the service. Plead with God to move in your own heart and life as well as your children's. They are watching!

Worship with your child throughout the week through everyday conversations, meal times, family devotions and worship, singing in the car, and expressing gratitude for all God has done regularly.



Your children will learn more about the value of worship by how you model it than what you simply say about it.

Our aim as a family equipping ministry is to engage, equip, and encourage parents in the daily task of discipling their children toward a lifetime of following Jesus.

"Worship is the most valuable thing a human can do. The cumulative effect of 650 worship services spent with Mom and Dad between the ages of 4 and 17 is incalculable,"

The Family: Together in God's Presence

Here are a few parts of our Worship Service, what they mean, and what to teach your kids:

Worship in Music: This is what most people think of when we say, "worship," though it applies to all of life. Music is simply the time we sing praises to God for all He has done for us through Jesus. It is done corporately as a way of showing what we believe together!



Worship in Prayer: This is the time when as a church we approach God and speak to Him. Sometimes there are components of Confessing our sin, Honoring Him, Asking for various things in our lives, and Thanking Him for His grace, mercy, and patience with us through Jesus.

Worship in Word: This is the time when we read through a portion of the Bible, which is God's Word to us. There are 66 individual books with one main message: God's love for a sinful people and everything He has done to redeem and love them in Jesus.

Worship in Preaching: This is the time when the preacher takes what the Bible says and explains what it meant when it was written and also what it means to us today. This is a very important time to pay attention, listen, pray, follow along in your own Bible, and see what needs to change in your life to live obediently.

