



Children's Ministries - Part I

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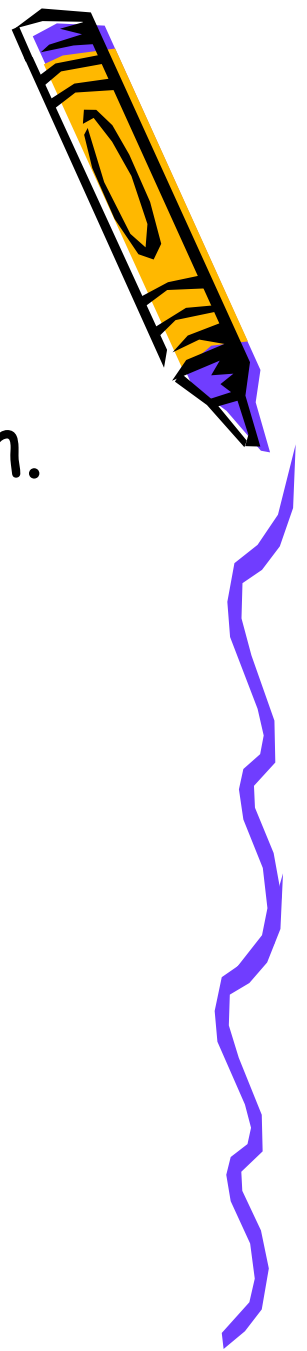
Introduction

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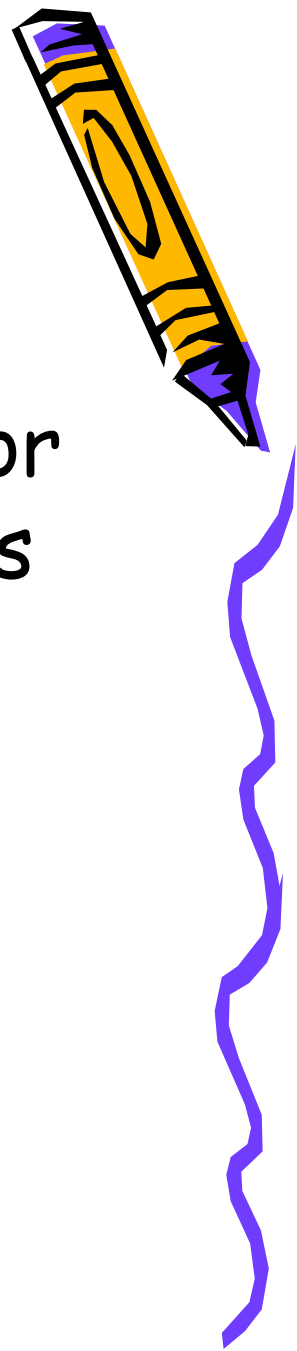
Session 1 Outline

- Course description and information.
- Biblical mandates related to children's ministries.
- Children's ministries and Christian Formation.



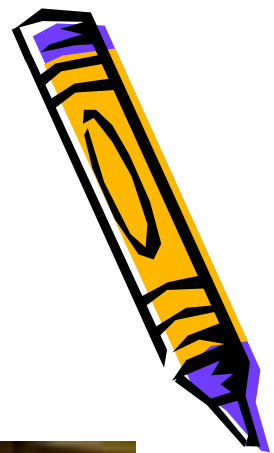
Course Description

- Learn about Christian ministries for children from birth to age 16 years old.



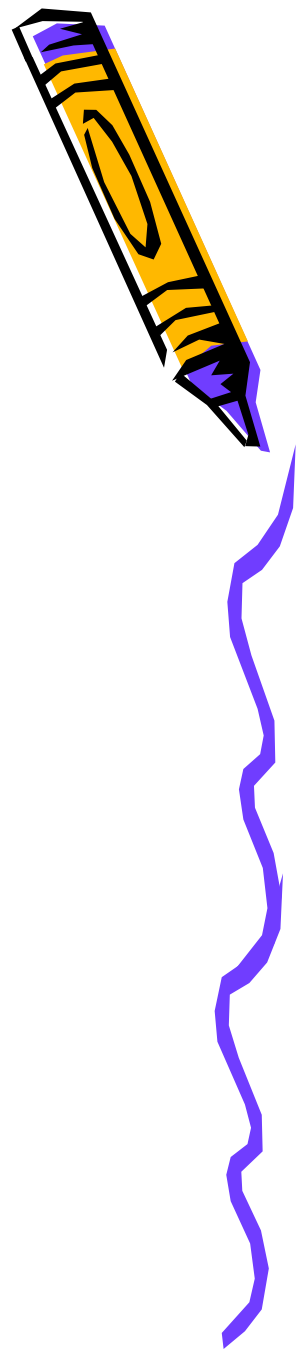
Course Goals

- Biblical basis
- Developmental stages
- Ministry goals
- Teaching strategies
- Behavior guidance
- Planning for learning



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Course Outline

1. Class Guidelines, Biblical mandates, Definitions
2. Child Cognitive, Moral, and Emotional Development
3. Stages of Faith Development
4. Behavior Guidance and Discipline
5. Evaluation of Teaching and Learning



Children's Ministries =

1. Assist children toward a personal transformative faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Assist children to focus on personal spiritual development, not on programming or on curriculum.



Biblical Foundations for Children's Ministries:



Children are welcome in God's Kingdom. Mt 18:2-5; Mk 9:36-37

The Word of God is for children, too. Ps 78:5-7; Prov 22:6

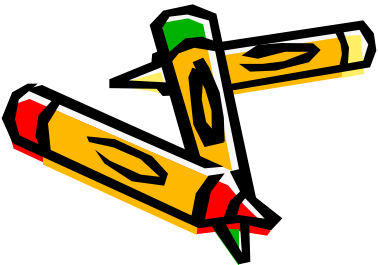
The gospel's promises are for children. Acts 2:38-39

Children can be God's ambassadors. 1 Samuel 3:1-19

Parents are called to be spiritual mentors. Deut 6:4-9; Eph 6:1-4

Children are an integral part of the church. 1 Cor 12:14-26

Children are receptive to the call of God. 1 Samuel 3:1-4



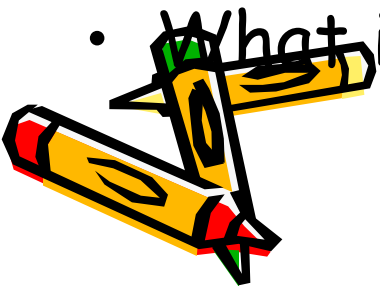
Mark 10:13 - 16

Jesus and the Little Children

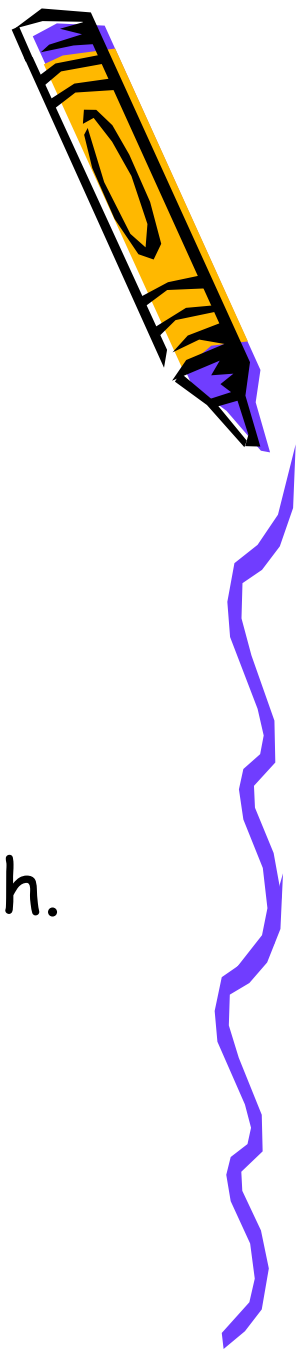
I wonder...



- How the children felt on their way to Jesus?
- How the children felt when the disciples said, "No"?
- What Jesus said to the children?
- What the children said to Jesus?
- What it was like to sit close to Jesus?
- What it means to love others?



Children's ministry is about Christian formation



- A partnership between teachers and children.
- About more than knowledge and facts.
- Integrating children into Christ's church.
- Directed to personal spiritual transformation of the child.



Christian formation gives children opportunities to **GROW**:

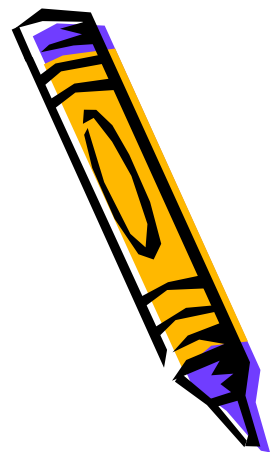


- **G** Explore **GOD'S WORD**
- **R** Nurtured in **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **O** Act with **OBEDIENT LIVING**
- **W** Experience God in **WORSHIP**

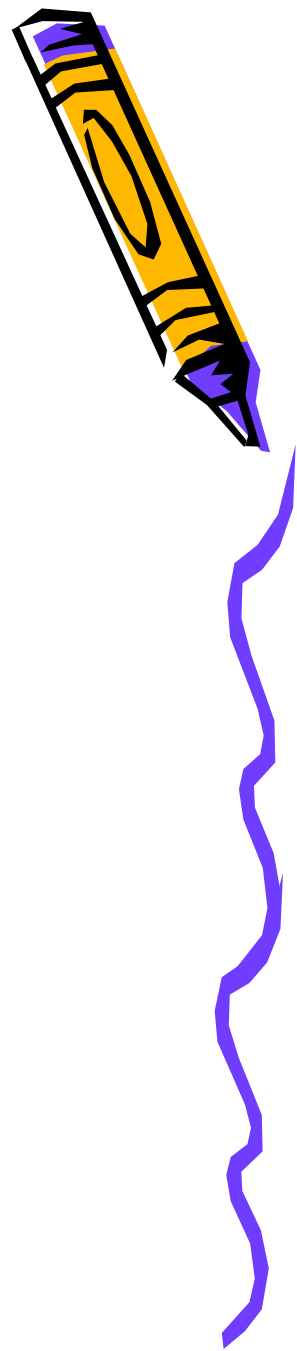


Christian formation results in personal maturing faith that

- Integrates faith and life
- Seeks spiritual growth
- Nurtures faith in community
- Trusts and believes
- Holds life-affirming values
- Shows the fruits of faith
- Acts and serves
- Advocates for mercy & justice



Do you remember who
first told you about
Jesus?



Good and godly teachers are:



- relational
- guides
- coaches
- facilitators
- models
- encouragers
- motivators
- mentors





May God bless your
studies this week!

