

Chapter 2

MISSION of CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



The mission of the Children's Ministries Department is to nurture children into a loving, serving relationship with Jesus. We seek to fulfill this mission by developing:

Grace-oriented ministries, in which all children will experience the unconditional love of Jesus, find assurance of acceptance and forgiveness, and make a commitment to Him.

Inclusive ministries, in which the volunteers who minister and the children to whom they minister will be valued and involved regardless of race, color, language, gender, age, abilities, or socio-economic circumstances.

Leadership ministries, in which volunteers are empowered, trained, and equipped for effective ministry to children.

Service-oriented ministries, in which children are given opportunity for hands-on service to people in their neighborhood or city, thus, establish a pattern of outreach to others that may well continue through life.

Cooperative ministries, in which the department work with other ministries, such as family ministries, Sabbath School, stewardship, and others to further our shared goals.

Safe ministries, whereby our churches: a.) choose volunteers with high spiritual and moral backgrounds; and, b.) adopt safeguards to protect children from physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse, and the church from liability.

Evangelistic ministries, in which children who are not enfolded in the church will be introduced to the love of Jesus through outreach programs such as: Vacation Bible Schools, children's Branch Sabbath Schools, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, and Story Hours.