

ADVENTIST CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

1. **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 and develop their faith.
2. **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;
3. **Leadership ministries**, in which volunteers are empowered, trained, and equipped for effective ministry to children;
4. **Service-oriented ministries**, in which children are given opportunities for hands-on service to people in their neighborhood or city, which could establish a pattern of outreach to others that may well continue through life;
5. **Cooperative ministries**, which involve working in partnership with other ministries, such as family ministries, Sabbath School, and stewardship, to support and help parents develop the faith of their children.
6. **Safe ministries**, whereby our churches adopt safeguards to protect children from physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse; to choose volunteers with high spiritual and moral backgrounds; and to minimize the church's liability; and,
7. **Evangelistic ministries**, in which children who are not enfolded in the church family 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.

