

Having a Great Children's Ministry

There are three things that are needed to grow a healthy church.

Great preaching, great worship and great children's ministry.

Children are our largest mission field.

General questions to ask.

(1) IS THE AREA SAFE?

Make sure the area is secure.
What is the layout?
Emergency exits.
One entrance and one exit.
Is the area or rooms able to be locked down?
Do you have church security?

What is the protocol to serve? Background checks.

It is sad but true, volunteer screening has become a necessity for every person who interacts with the kids.

Work with your insurance company to identify a background check vendor to manage your background checks for a reasonable cost.

HEALTHY CHURCH SYSTEMS

SESSION 5



#### Train volunteers

Training is key to any successful program. Volunteers want to know what to do as much as you want them to represent the church appropriately.

Age specific classrooms.

Use age specific classrooms

A few years can make a big difference in kids. Organize kids by age. 0-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-5 years, Grades 1-5.

Fifth grader and one year old.

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

A procedure to check kids into church.

Do you have a check in and check out process with a tag for allergies?

A policy for how to handle a difficult child.

A policy for how to communicate with an upset parent.

A policy on adult/child ratio, etc.

## (2) IS THE AREA CLEAN?

How does it look?
How does it smell?
Are there stains on the carpet?

Do you need to update the playground? Are you sanitizing toys?



Are the rooms organized? All of these things matter. Especially to guests.

### (3) WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Use great curriculum

The curriculum is what is used to teach the kids their weekly lessons.

Not babysitting.

We get to teach them the word of God.

Age appropriate.

Partner with the parents.

Give them the tools to disciple their kids.

Don't complicate it.

Great curriculum for free.

## (4) IS IT FUN?

Kids need fun! Make your children's ministry interactive, engaging and fun for the kids.



## Create an engaging environment

Kids need stimulation.

Create an engaging environment by using kid-friendly furniture, colors, and decor.

Use the handy people in your church.

# Use technology

Technology is a wonderful thing.

Choose technology that can help you keep the kids organized and communicate with parents.

TAKEAWAY: Evaluate your current Children's Ministry and begin implementing the safety protocols.