

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

1. Organism vs. Organization.
2. Do you believe in the importance of ministering to the children?
3. The issue of the disciples hindering the parents to bring their little children to the Lord. They were hindered by Jesus' "leaders." Don't be surprised when you feel as if leaders are hindering you to do what you believe the Lord to be telling you to do. Stand in the gap when you are able to do so!
4. Why is long-range important in Children's Ministry?
5. What are your goals? What are your purposes? What do you expect? What do you want? Guidelines are important to keep people on the same page. (Amos 3:3)
6. What is a leader? A leader is to be a servant! Are you a servant?
7. Why does your children's ministry exist?
8. What is your safety and protection program?
9. Do you do a background check on the volunteers? Reference checks?
10. Do you have a children's ministry application? Why is this important?
11. 7 ways to help reduce the risk of kidnapping or child abuse.
  - Application with 3 references
  - Be careful with restroom breaks
  - The 2 adult rule
  - Do not allow a lone adult situation with a child
  - Background checks
  - Limit off ground activities
  - Legal review of all policies, contracts, and enrollment forms

12. Do not overlook warfare in the children's ministry. What does it look like?
13. Building up leaders / teachers can take time. What does this mean?
14. Are the teachers' needs being met? What are their needs?
15. What are you doing practically to support your teachers?
16. How do you get teachers and leaders? Matthew 9:37 explains how: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send workers."
17. How will you train your teachers?
18. Training is important for those who minister to the children, but don't overemphasize it.
19. Training comes in many ways; one of the best ways is by watching those who God has built up as teachers (observe their classrooms).
20. Do you have a ministry training manual?  
What should be in the manual?
21. What about teacher rotation? How does it affect the children?
22. The first training of teachers takes place by the Senior Pastor, as the people listen to his teachings.
23. Do you know children? (Infants through elementary age)
24. What kind of curriculum will you use? How will you know which one to use?
25. Who's in charge of the children's ministry?
26. Important aspect of being an overseer of a children's ministry is to encourage the volunteers.

### Faithfulness to What and Who:

To the Lord  
To our family  
To our Senior Pastor  
To the body of Christ

### Hindrances to Faithfulness:

Not thinking about or being aware of what's going on.  
Totally focused only on "our" own ministry.  
"I don't know what to do." Look around.  
Laziness  
Cares of the world  
Self-centeredness

### What Faithfulness Looks Like:

Always leaving it better  
Using time wisely  
Being available  
A hunger to grow  
Laboring in the shade  
Finding ways to serve  
Never giving up

### What Unfaithfulness Looks Like:

Saying you will do something and you don't do it  
Not remembering - forgetting  
Not finishing the task  
Borrowing and not being responsible to give it back  
Watching someone in need and doing nothing to help  
Doing something without checking if it is acceptable  
Assuming  
Not cleaning up your messes

### What Enables Faithfulness:

First, understanding you can't! This is humility.  
Then, understanding God can! This is faith.  
Praying! This is humility and faith in action

### What Is Absolutely Needed:

Sitting at the feet of Jesus daily!  
Busyness in the King's business is no excuse for neglecting the King.