

# Children's Message Outline

Dear Children's Message Presenters,

The children's message is a meaningful way for children to participate and experience worship. It is a time to teach, listen, learn, and interact. The most important thing to remember is this time is special for the children and should cater to them. Children's Message is presented at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You may choose to present Children's Message at 8:30, 10:30 or both Worship Services.

As you present the Children's Message:

- Stand facing the children or sit with them.
- Keep your message 3-5 minutes long.
- Use the microphone even if you think you have a loud voice. Check in at the tech booth and get a mic or instructions as to where the mic will be in the altar area.
- End in a repeat after me prayer and dismiss the children back to their families or to Children's Church.

## **How many kids should I expect and what ages?**

You'll have a variety of age levels come forward for Children's Message, mostly preschoolers between 3 and 5 years old. They have short attention spans. Some weeks there will be 5 children and other weeks 25 children. Prepare for lots of kids always. Focus on one topic. Remember you don't have a lot of time!

## **How do I keep the kids attention?**

Children love visual aids. Use a prop, toy or puppet during your story, the kids will love it and you'll retain their attention more easily. Be matter of fact and honest. Children take things literally and at face value. Say what you mean. If the children become distracted Tell them, "I 'd like to finish my story" or " I need listeners so I can finish the message." It is OK to ask for the kids attention.

## **How do you come up with an idea?**

I can send you the sermon topic & scripture verse for the Sunday morning you are presenting the Children's Message. There are many suggestions on line if you google "Children's Sermon or Children's Message" You can also use your favorite Bible story. You may have a story you'd love to share that has a Biblical or Christ-like application. There are also many books at the church with examples of Children's messages that you are welcome to use. Remember you may have to modify a message to cater to the size and age of the group you'll have.

Feel free to contact me to review an idea or for any questions related to the Children's Message.

Serving beside you,

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