

How to Minister to, Engage and Involve Households with Young Children

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Why is This Important to Us?

- ◆ We have grandchildren.
- ◆ Fit in schedules and easy to do and not costly.
- ◆ How to put church or Sunday School at equal or higher priority than sports.
- ◆ Families with young children are at a time in their life of considering church involvement.
- ◆ The lifelong ministry potential when reaching young children and families is great and the outreach potential because of the families' involvement in other things is huge.
- ◆ To give a foundation for life on good choices.
- ◆ What can we do to help the moms and dads be involved and connected and not just drop off the kids?
- ◆ How to get both mom and dad to make the church commitment a priority? Non-attendance not being an option.
- ◆ The parents' responsibility to take the children to church? So do I jump in and take the responsibility from the parents?
- ◆ The families that are committed but it is so hard to have the resources to participate.
- ◆ How to be a peaceful family.

Assets on Which to Build

- ◆ The church is inter-generational.
- ◆ Adult relationships with the children.

Other Discussion of Significance

- ◆ Let children have free time
- ◆ Night-time day care provided by the church
- ◆ Folks coming into the home to take care of the kids so the parents could go to Bible studies.
- ◆ Cluster of families (3) that were drawn together to be extended families.
- ◆ Commit to 6 nights of babysitters as a service for families.

Other Discussion of Significance (cont.)

- ◆ Logos program
- ◆ Investment clubs – for baptized babies - \$ or hours from church members
- ◆ Safe Place Training for security
- ◆ Something like “Supper Thyme” done on a day with whole families, including singles and widows – healthful and not fast food. (Recipes, ingredients and containers are provided, families assemble meals to take home.)
- ◆ Car maintenance sessions – for singles and widows
- ◆ Offer things that young families want so they will be involved and interested.
- ◆ “Love Talk” with Les & Lesley Parrot
- ◆ “Financial Peace University” – Dave Ramsey
- ◆ Young moms eating out together
- ◆ Mother’s Day Out
- ◆ After school – paid program with different offerings such as piano, Spanish, tumbling lessons, etc. with teachers coming to facility. Homework help.
- ◆ Barter Bank for all ages
- ◆ Prayer