

Children's Church How To's

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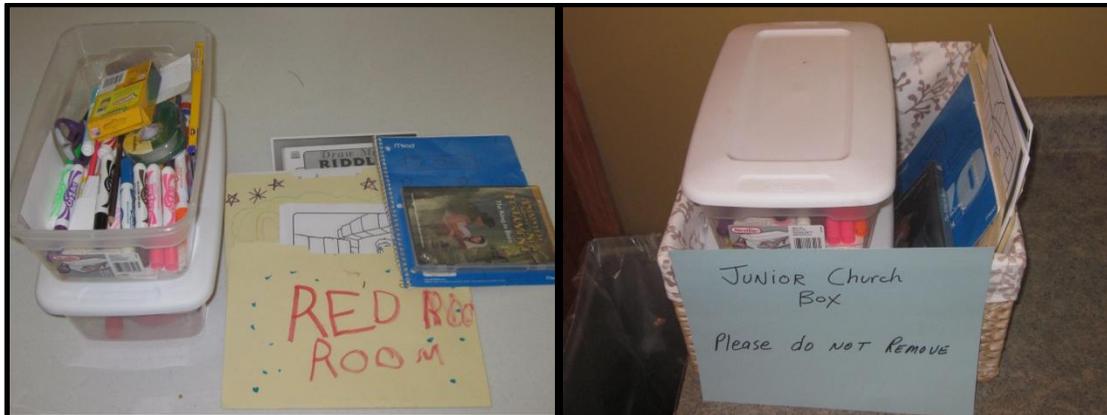
Purpose:

The Purpose of Children's Church is to teach and review key Bible stories that kids need to know well. It is not meant to replace Sunday School or Family Fusion, which are the core children's ministry instruction times. Also, it provides parents the chance to focus on the preaching while their kids receive instruction at a level more appropriate to their age.

With these thoughts in mind, let's review what happens when you hear the worship leader say "children 8 and younger can be dismissed to CC."

Getting Ready:

- Start getting ready after Sunday School- come at 10:45
- On the counter in the Chapel, you will find everything you need for Jr. Church:
 - o Video
 - o Prayer Request Notebook
 - o 2 folders- One for the green side (readers) and one for the red side (non-readers)
 - In these folders you will find an agenda for that day, questions to ask the kids about the story, and worksheets that they can work on
- If for some reason you cannot find the materials for Jr. Church, find Pastor Mike.



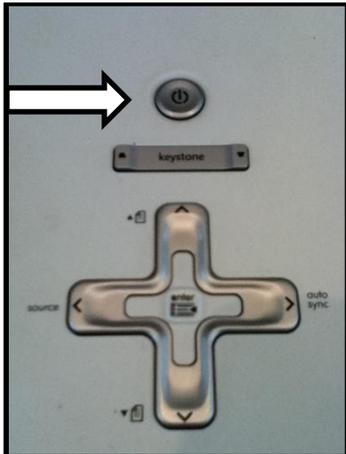
Room Setup:

- 10-15 kids- make sure there are chairs in 2-3 rows in center of the room for video time
- The Green Side will have the readers and the Red Side will have the non-readers
- After the video, have kids bring their chair if needed to the appropriate side
- Make sure teachers teach with backs toward wall facing the center of the room so the kids are not being as distracted by the kids on the other side.



Audio Visual Setup:

- Turn on DVD player by pushing power, then push open and put the DVD in. **MAKE SURE TO DO THIS BEFORE TURNING ON THE PROJECTOR**
- After putting DVD in, Turn projector on- It might take a minute or two (pic. 1)
- Turn on Amplifier on top of speaker- button in the back- green light in front will be lit when on (pic. 2)
- In order to turn the volume up for the video, turn the red speckled white knob- it is the only knob on the amplifier with red spots on it (pic. 3)
- If something isn't working, contact one of the men in the sound booth to help you or Pastor Mike.



Doing Children's Church:

- Welcome and Prayer requests- Main Leader
 - o Welcome the kids as they come in; have them sit in the center seats
 - o Grab the blue prayer request notebook on the counter and take 5 minutes to write in prayer requests and praises
 - Ask if any of the previous weeks prayer requests have been answered
 - Write down any new prayer requests
 - o Have a couple kids pray for the prayer requests
- Review Q's and Watch Video- Main Leader
 - o Go over the 2 or 3 written review questions on Agenda sheet to get them thinking about what they have covered and what they will be talking about that day
 - o Watch Video- **Make sure to watch for the stopping point in the movie- Agenda will give the detailed time or event to look for in the movie.**
- Go over questions and help them fill out worksheets
 - o Split up the Green Side (readers) on the side w/ the board and the Red Side (non-readers) on the other
 - o Try to make a game out of the questions you have to ask them on the question sheet- Non-readers will have questions to ask them as well, just not as many
 - Be creative- if you think of another question or an activity that will help them understand it better, go for it.
 - In the past, there are some who make a competition of it.
 - o After questions, have them work on the worksheets- try to ask questions and help them understand the story better as they do the worksheets- help them if needed.
- **If there is an emergency, have the Red Side leader get an usher to help**
- **If there is a child that is sent back with parents, have the Red-Side leader escort them**
- **If there is communion on the day you have Children's Church, make sure the kids are dismissed at 12pm- remind them to be quiet when going back in. Most like, Pastor Mike will assist with this.**

Other Important Information:

- Please make sure that either a parent or older teenage sibling picks up the children from C.C.
- Week 2's agenda and setup will be a little different
 - When setting up the video, you will need to skip to the part you left off from the week before. The agenda will give the details.
 - You will also have more questions that you can ask the kids...please utilize reviewing questions with the kids.
- Rules for Children's Church will be posted on the back wall; feel free to point them out if there is a child struggling with following them
 - No Talking when the teacher is talking
 - Keep your hands to yourself
 - Be respectful to teacher and students
 - After 2 warnings, a student will be taken to sit with parents
- **If for some reason you know you can't make it, it will be your responsibility to find a sub**
 - Each leader will receive a sheet with names and numbers of main leaders and secondary leaders for Children's Church. If you are a main leader, you will need to make sure you get an adult leader to fill your spot, not a teenage leader.
 - Call Pastor Mike if you cannot find anyone to take your place. This needs to be at least 3 days before the Sunday you are on, unless you become sick the night before. If you feel like you are coming down with something, please make sure to call Pastor Mike so he can be ready to get someone else or fill in himself.

If you have any other questions about Jr. Church, feel free to talk to Pastor Mike and he can answer your questions. We look forward to seeing what God will do through you stepping up and making a difference in our children's lives.