



IGLESIA DE AMOR MINISTERIOS
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Module 2 Book

Module 2

Jesus Christ

Module Overview

Welcome to **Module 2** of the Children's Ministry Development Program.

In Module 1, you learned about the mission, vision, values, culture, and expectations of Children's Ministry at Iglesia de Amor. Those lessons helped establish the foundation of who we are as a ministry and why we serve.

In this module, we will focus on the most important person in all of history—**Jesus Christ**.

Everything we do in Children's Ministry is centered on Him.

Every Bible lesson we teach, every worship song we sing, every prayer we pray, and every conversation we have with children should ultimately point them toward Jesus.

Before we can help children know Jesus, we must first understand who He is ourselves. Whether you have been following Christ for many years or you are still learning about Him, this module is designed to strengthen your understanding of who Jesus is, why He came, what the Gospel means, and how to introduce children to Him with confidence, compassion, and biblical truth.

Throughout this module, you will learn how to explain the Gospel in age-appropriate ways, respond to children's questions about faith, and model the character of Christ through your everyday life.

If you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our prayer is that this module will deepen your faith and strengthen your ministry.

If you are still exploring who Jesus is or what it means to follow Him, we are grateful that you are here. We hope this module helps answer your questions and encourages you to continue seeking Him. Your ministry leader would be honored to talk with you, pray with you, and help you take your next step in your spiritual journey.

Above all, our desire is not simply to train Children's Ministry workers.

Our greatest desire is that every person serving in this ministry comes to know Jesus personally and continues growing as His disciple.

Module Learning Objectives

After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Explain who Jesus Christ is according to the Bible.
 - Understand why Jesus came to earth.
 - Clearly explain the Gospel in age-appropriate language.
 - Recognize your role in introducing children to Jesus.
 - Respond to children's questions about faith with confidence and biblical truth.
 - Model Christlike character in your ministry and daily life.
 - Encourage children to begin and continue growing in their relationship with Jesus.
 - Reflect on your own relationship with Jesus Christ and continue growing spiritually.
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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save us and give us the opportunity to know You personally. As I begin this module, help me understand more clearly who Jesus is and why He came. Strengthen my faith, deepen my understanding of Your Word, and help me reflect the love and character of Christ in everything I do.

If there are areas of my life where I need to grow closer to You, please reveal them to me. Give me a teachable heart and help me become the kind of ministry worker who faithfully points children toward Jesus through both my words and my example.

Thank You for allowing me to serve the children and families of Iglesia de Amor.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Lessons Included in This Module

Lesson 1: Who Is Jesus?

Lesson 2: Why Did Jesus Come?

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Memory Verse for Module 2

John 14:6 (NIV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

As you work through this module, remember that the goal is not simply to gain more knowledge about Jesus. The goal is to know Him more deeply, reflect His character more faithfully, and become better equipped to help children discover the life-changing love of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 1

Who Is Jesus?

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Explain who Jesus Christ is according to the Bible.
 - Understand why Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith.
 - Recognize why Jesus is the center of everything we do in Children's Ministry.
 - Learn how to explain Jesus to children in a simple, biblical, and age-appropriate way.
 - Reflect on your own relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual journey.
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Key Scripture

John 14:6 (NIV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Throughout His ministry, Jesus made many powerful statements about who He was. This is one of the most important. Jesus did not claim to simply show the way to God—He declared that He **is** the way. As followers of Christ, we believe that salvation and eternal life are found through Jesus alone.

Everything we teach in Children's Ministry begins and ends with Jesus Christ.

Why This Lesson Matters

Children are naturally curious. They ask honest questions about life, faith, and God.

Questions like:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus come to earth?
- Why did Jesus die?
- Does Jesus love me?
- Can Jesus hear my prayers?
- Can I know Jesus personally?

As Children's Ministry workers, we have the privilege and responsibility of helping children discover the answers to these questions through God's Word.

Before we can effectively introduce children to Jesus, it is important that we understand who He is ourselves.

Perhaps you have been following Jesus for many years. Maybe you recently made a commitment to follow Him. Or perhaps you are still exploring who Jesus is and what it means to have a relationship with Him. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, we are glad you are here. Our hope is that this lesson not only equips you to minister to children but also encourages you to grow personally in your understanding of Jesus Christ.

Who Is Jesus?

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the promised Messiah, and the Savior of the world.

He was not simply a prophet, a great teacher, or a historical figure.

Jesus is fully God and fully man.

He came to earth because God loves humanity and desires a relationship with us.

Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life.

He taught people about God's Kingdom.

He healed the sick.

He showed compassion to those who were hurting.

He forgave sinners.

He welcomed those who had been rejected.

He willingly gave His life on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

Three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death forever.

Today, Jesus is alive and continues to transform lives.

Christianity is not simply about attending church or trying to be a good person.

It is about knowing Jesus personally and allowing Him to transform our lives from the inside out.

Why Did Jesus Come?

The Bible teaches that every person has sinned.

Sin separates us from God and leaves us unable to restore that relationship on our own.

Because of His great love, God sent Jesus into the world to make a way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to Him.

Jesus came to:

- Reveal God's love.

- Teach God's truth.
- Live a perfect life.
- Die for our sins.
- Rise from the dead.
- Offer forgiveness and eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

Jesus did not come to condemn people.

He came to save them.

His invitation is open to everyone.

Scripture Study

John 3:16–17 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

This is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible because it clearly explains God's love for humanity.

Notice that salvation is offered to **whoever believes**.

God's invitation is available to everyone.

A Personal Relationship with Jesus

One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that Jesus desires a personal relationship with every person.

He knows you. He loves you. He understands your struggles. He invites you to follow Him.

Having a relationship with Jesus is not about becoming perfect. It is about trusting Him, receiving His forgiveness, and allowing Him to lead your life.

If you already know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, continue seeking Him each day through prayer, reading His Word, and living according to His teachings.

If you are still exploring who Jesus is, know that your questions are welcome.

Faith often begins with honest questions and a sincere desire to know the truth.

We encourage you to continue learning, reading the Bible, asking questions, and speaking with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting after completing this module.

Our desire is not simply to train ministry workers.

Our greatest desire is that every person serving at Iglesia de Amor experiences the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Is the Center of Children's Ministry

Everything we do in Children's Ministry should point children toward Jesus.

Our purpose is not simply to:

- Teach Bible stories.
- Complete crafts.
- Play games.
- Keep children entertained.
- Fill an hour on Sunday morning.

Our purpose is to introduce children to Jesus and help them grow in their relationship with Him.

Every lesson should answer one important question:

"How does this help children know Jesus better?"

Whether we are teaching, leading worship, praying, or simply listening to a child, every moment becomes an opportunity to reflect the love of Christ.

Explaining Jesus to Children

Children understand simple, honest language.

Instead of using difficult theological terms, explain Jesus in ways they can understand.

For example:

Instead of saying:

"Jesus is the second person of the Trinity."

You might say:

"Jesus is God's Son. He came because God loves us and wants us to know Him."

Instead of saying:

"Jesus made atonement for our sins."

You might say:

"Jesus took the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and become part of God's family."

Simple explanations help children understand deep biblical truths without changing the message of the Gospel.

Representing Jesus Every Sunday

Children learn as much from what they observe as they do from what they hear.

Every Sunday, they watch us closely.

They notice:

- Whether we are patient.
- Whether we smile.
- Whether we listen.
- Whether we speak kindly.
- Whether we forgive.
- Whether we help others.
- Whether we genuinely care about them.

Although we are not perfect, we should strive to represent Jesus through our attitudes and actions.

For some children, you may be the first Christian they truly get to know.

Your example matters.

Think About It

How would you explain who Jesus is to a child who has never heard about Him before?

If a child watched you every Sunday for an entire year, what would they learn about Jesus by observing your life?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Pray that God will help you grow closer to Jesus.
- Read one Gospel passage before Sunday.
- Practice explaining who Jesus is in simple language.
- Look for an opportunity to share God's love with a child.
- Demonstrate patience and kindness in every interaction.
- Pray for the children who will attend your class this week.

Did You Know?

Many children begin asking spiritual questions at an early age. The way adults respond to those questions often shapes a child's understanding of God for years to come. Every conversation is an opportunity to point children toward the truth of God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Who is Jesus according to the Bible?

2. Why is it important for Children's Ministry workers to continue growing in their own relationship with Jesus?

3. How would you explain God's love to a child who has never heard about Jesus before?

4. What is one way you can better represent Jesus through your words or actions while serving in Children's Ministry?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and the heart of Children's Ministry. Whether you have followed Him for many years or are still learning about who He is, this lesson reminds us that Jesus invites every person into a relationship with Him. As Children's Ministry workers, we have the privilege of introducing children to the Savior who loves them, forgives them, and offers

them eternal life. Through our words, our actions, and our example, we can help children discover the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

John 14:6 (NIV)

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Taking Your Next Step

As you reflect on this lesson, consider where you are in your own spiritual journey.

- If you already have a personal relationship with Jesus, ask God to help you grow deeper in your faith and represent Him well as you serve.
- If you have questions about who Jesus is or what it means to follow Him, we encourage you to write those questions in your notes and discuss them with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting. We would be honored to walk alongside you as you explore what it means to know Jesus personally.

Lesson 2

Why Did Jesus Come?

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Explain why Jesus came to earth.
 - Understand humanity's need for a Savior.
 - Clearly explain the message of salvation in a way children can understand.
 - Recognize God's love as the motivation behind salvation.
 - Learn how to answer children's questions about why Jesus died.
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Key Scripture

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus never lost sight of His purpose. Every miracle He performed, every person He taught, and every act of compassion pointed toward His greatest mission—to save people from their sins and restore them to a relationship with God.

As Children's Ministry workers, understanding why Jesus came helps us faithfully communicate the Gospel to children.

God's Original Plan

When God created the world, everything was perfect.

Adam and Eve lived in perfect relationship with God in the Garden of Eden. There was no sickness, pain, fear, shame, or death. God walked with them, and they enjoyed fellowship with Him.

God created people because He desired a relationship with them.

However, God also gave humanity the freedom to choose whether they would obey Him.

When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, sin entered the world.

Sin brought separation from God, pain, suffering, brokenness, and death.

From that moment on, every person has been born into a world affected by sin.

Scripture Study

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

This verse reminds us that every person needs God's forgiveness.

No one is perfect.

No one can earn salvation through good behavior.

Every one of us needs a Savior.

What Is Sin?

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's perfect will.

Sometimes children believe sin only means doing something "really bad."

Help children understand that sin includes:

- Lying.
- Disobeying.
- Hurting others.
- Being selfish.
- Speaking unkindly.
- Choosing our own way instead of God's way.

The goal is not to make children feel ashamed.

The goal is to help them understand why everyone needs Jesus.

When teaching about sin, always emphasize God's love and His desire to forgive.

God's Great Love

The wonderful news of the Gospel is that God did not leave us separated from Him.

Because of His incredible love, He made a way for us to be forgiven.

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus came willingly.

He knew why He came.

He came because He loves us.

Everything Jesus did demonstrated God's love for humanity.

Scripture Study

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This verse is often the first Bible verse children memorize because it clearly explains the Gospel.

Notice where salvation begins.

It begins with God's love.

Children should always understand that God loves them before they understand what He has saved them from.

Why Did Jesus Die?

Jesus lived a completely sinless life.

Because He never sinned, He was able to become the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

When Jesus died on the cross, He took upon Himself the punishment that we deserved.

His death made forgiveness possible for everyone who places their faith in Him.

Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead.

His resurrection proved that sin and death had been defeated.

Because Jesus lives, we have hope.

Explaining the Cross to Children

Children often ask:

"Why did Jesus have to die?"

A simple way to answer is:

"Jesus loves us so much that He chose to take the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God."

Avoid graphic descriptions of the crucifixion with younger children.

Instead, focus on:

- God's love.
- Jesus' sacrifice.
- Forgiveness.
- Hope.
- Resurrection.

The cross is not the end of the story.

The empty tomb reminds us that Jesus is alive.

The Resurrection Changes Everything

If Jesus had only died, Christianity would be very different.

But Jesus rose from the dead.

The resurrection proves:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- God's promises are true.
- Sin has been defeated.
- Death has been conquered.
- Eternal life is available to everyone who believes.

The resurrection is the foundation of our hope.

When teaching children, always emphasize that Jesus is alive today.

He hears our prayers. He loves us. He walks with us every day.

Helping Children Understand Salvation

Every child develops spiritually at a different pace.

Some children ask many questions.

Others simply listen quietly.

Never pressure a child to make a decision for Christ.

Instead:

- Listen carefully.
- Answer honestly.
- Use age-appropriate language.
- Encourage questions.
- Pray with them.
- Celebrate genuine faith.
- Continue discipling them after they place their faith in Jesus.

Remember:

Only the Holy Spirit can bring someone to salvation.

Our responsibility is to faithfully share the Gospel with love and truth.

If You Are Exploring Faith

Perhaps you are reading this lesson and realizing that you have never personally trusted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

If so, know that God loves you deeply.

Jesus came for you.

He invites you into a relationship with Him—not because you have earned it, but because of His grace.

If you would like to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus or have questions about salvation, we encourage you to speak with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting after this module.

We would be honored to pray with you and answer your questions.

Think About It

What does God's love mean to you personally?

Why do you think it is important for children to understand that God loves them before they understand the consequences of sin?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

Practice explaining the Gospel in simple language.

- Focus on God's love when teaching children.
 - Encourage children to ask questions about Jesus.
 - Remember that only the Holy Spirit changes hearts.
 - Pray for opportunities to share the love of Christ.
 - Pray for children who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.
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Did You Know?

Children often begin asking spiritual questions earlier than adults realize. Creating an environment where they feel safe to ask questions without fear helps them develop a genuine, lifelong faith. Patient, honest conversations often become significant moments in a child's spiritual journey.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus come to earth?

2. How would you explain sin to a young child in a loving and age-appropriate way?

3. Why is it important to emphasize God's love when sharing the Gospel?

4. If a child asks how they can become a Christian, how would you respond?

Personal Notes

Use this space to write important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Jesus came to earth because of God's incredible love for humanity. Through His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, Jesus made it possible for every person to receive forgiveness and have a relationship with God. As Children's Ministry workers, we have the privilege of sharing this Good News with children in ways they can understand, always remembering that our role is to faithfully plant seeds while trusting the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts.

Memory Verse

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, take time to reflect on God's love for you. If you already know Jesus, thank Him for the gift of salvation and ask Him to help you clearly communicate His love to the children you serve. If you are still exploring what it means to follow Christ or have questions about salvation, write those questions in your notes and bring them to your meeting with your ministry leader. We would love the opportunity to walk alongside you as you continue your spiritual journey.

Lesson 3

Understanding the Gospel

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Explain what the Gospel is according to the Bible.
 - Understand the four essential parts of the Gospel message.
 - Share the Gospel with children using simple, age-appropriate language.
 - Recognize that salvation is a work of the Holy Spirit.
 - Reflect on your own understanding of the Gospel.
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Key Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (NIV)

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

The Apostle Paul described the Gospel as the most important message Christians will ever hear or share. Everything we teach in Children's Ministry ultimately points back to this message.

What Is the Gospel?

The word **Gospel** simply means "**Good News.**"

But what makes it good news?

The Gospel is the good news that God loves us so much that He made a way for us to be forgiven, restored, and brought into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.

Without the Gospel, we would remain separated from God because of our sin.

With the Gospel, we have hope, forgiveness, purpose, and eternal life.

The Gospel is not simply one lesson we teach during the year.

It is the message that runs throughout the entire Bible.

Every story points to God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

The Four Parts of the Gospel

One helpful way to explain the Gospel is through four simple truths.

1. God Created Us

God created every person because He loves us and desires a relationship with us.

We were created in His image with value, purpose, and dignity.

God's original design was for people to live in perfect relationship with Him.

Children need to know that they are not accidents.

They are loved by God and were created with a purpose.

2. Sin Separated Us from God

Although God created a perfect world, sin entered when humanity chose to disobey Him.

Sin separates us from God.

Every person has sinned.

No one can remove that separation through good behavior or good works.

Children often understand this by thinking about times they have made wrong choices.

It is important to explain sin honestly while always emphasizing God's love and desire to forgive.

Avoid creating fear.

Instead, help children understand why Jesus came.

3. Jesus Came to Save Us

Because God loves us, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived a perfect life.

He died on the cross for our sins.

He rose again three days later.

Through Jesus, forgiveness is available to everyone who believes in Him.

This is the heart of the Gospel.

Whenever possible, remind children that Jesus willingly gave His life because He loves them.

4. We Respond by Faith

God invites every person to respond to His love.

We respond by:

- Believing in Jesus.
- Turning away from sin.
- Trusting Him as Savior.
- Following Him every day.

Following Jesus is more than saying a prayer.

It is the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Him.

Children should understand that becoming a Christian is the start of a journey of growing with Jesus.

Scripture Study

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Salvation is a gift.

We cannot earn it.

We cannot deserve it.

God offers it freely through His grace.

This is wonderful news for both children and adults.

Sharing the Gospel with Children

Children do not need complicated theological explanations.

They need clear, loving, biblical truth.

When sharing the Gospel:

Use simple words.

Avoid church terminology they may not understand.

Allow time for questions.

Never rush.

Never pressure a child into making a decision.

Instead, help children understand:

- God loves them.
- Everyone sins.
- Jesus died and rose again.
- They can trust Jesus.

Sometimes a child is ready immediately.

Sometimes they need time.

Sometimes they need additional conversations.

That is perfectly okay.

What If I Don't Know All the Answers?

Many volunteers worry they won't know how to answer every question.

The good news is—you don't have to know everything.

If a child asks a question you cannot answer:

Be honest.

Say something like:

"That's a great question. I'm not sure of the answer right now, but let's find out together."

Then follow up with your Children's Ministry Leader or Director.

Children appreciate honesty.

Never feel pressured to give an answer if you are uncertain.

Remember: God Changes Hearts

One of the greatest reminders for every Children's Ministry worker is this:

You cannot save anyone.

Only God can.

The Holy Spirit is the One who:

- Convicts people of sin.
- Reveals who Jesus is.
- Draws people to Christ.
- Transforms hearts.
- Produces spiritual growth.

Our responsibility is simple:

Faithfully share God's Word.

Love children well.

Answer questions honestly.

Pray faithfully.

Trust God with the results.

This truth removes tremendous pressure from ministry workers.

God asks us to be faithful, not responsible for the outcome.

If You Are Still Exploring Faith

Perhaps you are reading this lesson and realize that you have never fully understood the Gospel yourself.

If so, know that this lesson is for you as well.

God's invitation is extended to everyone.

If you have questions about salvation, forgiveness, or following Jesus, we encourage you to bring those questions to your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting.

No question is too small.

Our desire is not only to prepare you for ministry but also to help you grow in your own relationship with Christ.

Think About It

If a child asked you,

"How do I become a Christian?"

How would you answer?

Which part of the Gospel speaks most personally to you today?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Practice explaining the Gospel in two or three simple sentences.
- Read John 3:16 and think about how you would explain it to a child.
- Pray for opportunities to share God's love naturally.
- Remember that your role is to plant seeds while trusting God for the harvest.
- Ask God to help you represent His love in every interaction.

Did You Know?

Many children come to faith gradually rather than during one single conversation. Every Bible lesson, worship song, Scripture memory verse, prayer, and caring relationship builds upon the previous one. God often uses many faithful people over time to prepare a child's heart to receive the Gospel.

Discussion Questions

1. What does the word "Gospel" mean?

hearts. Our responsibility is not to convince children to follow Jesus, but to clearly communicate God's truth, demonstrate His love, and create opportunities for children to respond to Him.

Memory Verse

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."

Taking Your Next Step

Take a few minutes this week to practice explaining the Gospel in your own words. Imagine you are speaking to a seven-year-old child hearing about Jesus for the first time. Ask God to give you wisdom, compassion, and confidence as you faithfully share the greatest message ever given. If you have questions about the Gospel or your own relationship with Jesus Christ, write them in your notes and bring them to your meeting with your ministry leader. They would be honored to help you continue your spiritual journey.

Lesson 4

Leading a Child to Christ

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand your role when a child expresses interest in following Jesus.
 - Learn how to guide a child through a Gospel conversation without pressure.
 - Recognize signs that a child is ready to make a personal decision to follow Christ.
 - Know the importance of involving parents in a child's spiritual journey.
 - Gain confidence in responding to children's questions about salvation.
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Key Scripture

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV)

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

Salvation is one of the greatest gifts God offers. As Children's Ministry workers, we have the privilege of helping children understand this gift, but we must also remember that salvation is a personal decision between an individual and God.

A Sacred Privilege

Few moments in ministry are as meaningful as helping a child understand the Gospel.

When a child begins asking questions about Jesus or expresses a desire to become a Christian, God has entrusted us with a very special opportunity.

However, we must remember something very important:

Our responsibility is to guide children—not pressure them.

Only God can save a person.

Only the Holy Spirit can change a heart.

Our responsibility is to lovingly explain the Gospel and allow children the freedom to respond.

Is a Child Ready?

Every child develops spiritually at a different pace.

Some children ask questions at five years old.

Others begin asking questions much later.

Rather than focusing on a child's age, focus on their understanding.

A child may be ready when they begin asking questions such as:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- What is sin?
- How do I become a Christian?
- Can God forgive me?
- How do I pray?

These questions often indicate that God is working in their heart.

Listen carefully before answering.

Sometimes children simply need someone to listen.

Never Pressure a Child

Children naturally want to please adults.

Because of this, we should never pressure, manipulate, or rush a child into making a profession of faith.

Avoid statements like:

- "Don't you want to go to heaven?"
- "Everyone else is praying."

- "You need to pray this right now."

Instead, ask gentle questions:

- "Can you tell me what you understand about Jesus?"
- "Why do you want to pray today?"
- "Do you have any questions?"
- "Would you like me to explain more?"

Allow the conversation to happen naturally.

A genuine decision is far more important than a quick decision.

Keep the Gospel Simple

When speaking with children, avoid complicated theological language.

Instead, explain the Gospel using simple truths.

For example:

"God loves you very much."

"We all make wrong choices called sin."

"Jesus died and rose again so we could be forgiven."

"If we trust Jesus and choose to follow Him, He forgives us and becomes part of our lives forever."

Children understand simple, sincere explanations much better than long theological discussions.

Helping a Child Pray

Sometimes a child will ask:

"Can you help me pray?"

If the child understands the Gospel and desires to follow Jesus, you may help them pray.

Remember:

A prayer does not save someone.

Jesus saves.

Prayer simply gives the child an opportunity to express their faith in God.

Encourage children to pray using their own words whenever possible.

If they need help, guide them gently.

A simple prayer might include:

- Thanking God for His love.
- Admitting they have sinned.
- Asking Jesus to forgive them.
- Trusting Jesus as Savior.
- Asking God to help them follow Him.

The exact words are not as important as the sincerity of the child's heart.

What Happens Next?

Leading a child to Christ is only the beginning.

Discipleship must follow salvation.

After a child expresses faith in Jesus:

- Celebrate with them.
- Encourage them.
- Pray with them.
- Inform the Children's Ministry Director according to ministry procedures.
- Encourage parents to continue spiritual conversations at home.
- Continue teaching and discipling the child.

A new believer needs encouragement just as a newborn baby needs care.

Partnering with Parents

Parents are the primary spiritual leaders of their children.

Whenever appropriate, parents should be informed when their child has expressed an interest in following Jesus or has made a profession of faith.

This allows families to:

- Celebrate together.
- Continue conversations at home.
- Pray together.
- Encourage spiritual growth.
- Answer additional questions.

Children grow best when church and home work together.

What If You Don't Know the Answer?

Children often ask difficult questions.

Examples include:

- Why does God allow bad things to happen?
- Where is heaven?
- Will I see my pets again?
- Why do people die?

It is perfectly acceptable to say:

"I'm not sure, but that's a wonderful question. Let's find the answer together."

Never guess.

Never invent an answer.

Use the Bible as your foundation, and ask your ministry leader if you need assistance.

If You Have Never Accepted Christ

As you've read this lesson, you may have realized that you've never personally placed your faith in Jesus.

If that's true, know that God loves you just as much as He loves the children you serve.

Jesus came for you, too.

You don't have to have your life completely figured out before coming to Him.

If you have questions about salvation or would like to speak with someone about following Jesus, we encourage you to share that with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting.

They would be honored to listen, answer your questions, and pray with you.

Think About It

Imagine a child asks you:

"How do I become a Christian?"

How would you respond?

What qualities should every Children's Ministry worker demonstrate during a Gospel conversation?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

Pray for children who may have questions about Jesus.

- Practice explaining salvation in simple language.
 - Remember that your responsibility is faithfulness, not persuasion.
 - Listen carefully when children ask spiritual questions.
 - Trust the Holy Spirit to work in each child's heart.
 - Pray for wisdom whenever you have opportunities to share the Gospel.
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Did You Know?

Many people who follow Jesus today can remember the adult who first took the time to answer their questions about faith. A patient conversation, a caring response, or a simple explanation of the Gospel may become one of the most important moments in a child's spiritual journey.

Discussion Questions

1. Why should we never pressure a child into making a decision for Christ?

2. How can you tell if a child is ready to have a conversation about salvation?

3. Why is it important to involve parents when a child expresses faith in Jesus?

4. What would you do if a child asked a question you could not answer?

Personal Notes

Use this space to write important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Helping a child understand the Gospel is one of the greatest privileges in Children's Ministry. Our role is to faithfully share God's truth with love, patience, and clarity while trusting the Holy Spirit to transform hearts. Every child deserves the opportunity to hear about Jesus in a safe, caring environment where questions are welcomed and faith can grow. Whether you have followed Christ for many years or are still exploring your own faith, God can use you to point children toward the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, pray that God will give you wisdom and compassion as you interact with children. Ask Him to help you recognize opportunities to answer questions about Jesus with patience, truth, and love. If you would like to learn more about what it means to follow Christ or have questions about salvation, write them in your notes and discuss them with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting. Remember, growing in your own relationship with Jesus is one of the greatest ways you can help children grow in theirs.

Lesson 5

Representing Jesus Every Sunday

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand that your life is one of your greatest teaching tools.
 - Recognize how your words, attitudes, and actions influence children.
 - Identify practical ways to reflect the character of Jesus while serving.
 - Develop Christlike habits both inside and outside of church.
 - Commit to serving as a positive example for children and families.
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Key Scripture

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus taught that our lives should point people toward God. In Children's Ministry, children often learn as much from watching us as they do from listening to our lessons.

Every smile, every conversation, every act of kindness, and every decision communicates something about who Jesus is.

Children Are Always Watching

Children are excellent observers.

They notice things adults often overlook.

They notice:

- Whether you are patient.
- Whether you smile.
- Whether you speak kindly.

- Whether you apologize when you are wrong.
- Whether you encourage others.
- Whether you remain calm during challenges.
- Whether you genuinely enjoy serving.

Even when you are not teaching, you are teaching.

Children often remember how adults treated them long after they forget the lesson itself. Because of this, your example is one of the most powerful teaching tools God has given you.

You Represent More Than Yourself

When you serve in Children's Ministry, you represent:

- Jesus Christ.
- Iglesia de Amor.
- The Children's Ministry Team.
- Your fellow volunteers and leaders.

Parents place tremendous trust in those who care for their children.

They trust us to:

- Love their children.
- Keep them safe.
- Teach God's Word faithfully.
- Demonstrate Christian character.
- Create a welcoming environment.

That trust should never be taken lightly.

Our goal is not simply to be good volunteers. Our goal is to faithfully represent Jesus Christ in everything we do.

Living Like Jesus

Jesus showed us what it means to love and serve others.

Throughout His ministry He demonstrated:

- Love
- Compassion
- Patience
- Humility
- Kindness
- Forgiveness
- Faithfulness
- Honesty
- Selflessness
- Joy

As followers of Christ, we should strive to develop these same qualities.

None of us will represent Jesus perfectly.

However, through the work of the Holy Spirit, God continues to shape us into people who increasingly reflect the character of His Son.

Serving in Children's Ministry is one of the many ways God helps us grow spiritually.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22–23 (NIV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

As we grow in our relationship with Christ, these qualities should become increasingly evident in our lives.

Ask yourself:

- Do children experience love when they are around me?
- Do they experience patience?
- Do they experience kindness?
- Do they experience peace?
- Do they experience joy?

Our actions often communicate more than our words.

Representing Jesus During Difficult Moments

Serving children is rewarding, but it is not always easy.

There will be Sundays when:

- Children become distracted.
- Someone refuses to participate.
- A classroom becomes noisy.
- Plans change unexpectedly.
- You feel tired or overwhelmed.

These moments become opportunities to demonstrate the character of Christ.

Instead of reacting with frustration, ask yourself:

"What response would best reflect Jesus in this situation?"

This does not mean ignoring problems.

It means responding with patience, wisdom, self-control, grace, and love.

Children learn how Christians respond to challenges by watching us.

Representing Jesus Beyond Sunday

Being a Children's Ministry worker is not something we do only on Sundays.

Our lives throughout the week should also reflect Jesus.

Children and families may see us:

- At the grocery store.
- In restaurants.
- Around town.
- At school events.
- On social media.
- At community activities.

The way we live outside the church should match the example we set inside the church.

This does not mean we must be perfect.

It means we strive to honor Christ wherever we are.

Consistency builds trust.

When You Make Mistakes

Every ministry worker makes mistakes.

There will be times when you lose patience, forget something, or wish you had responded differently.

When that happens:

- Admit your mistake.
- Apologize when appropriate.
- Learn from the experience.
- Ask God to help you grow.
- Continue serving with humility.

Children benefit from seeing adults who are honest and willing to admit when they are wrong.

Modeling humility often teaches an even greater lesson than appearing to have everything together.

Your Influence Lasts Longer Than You Realize

Many adults still remember a Sunday School teacher or children's volunteer who influenced their faith.

Often it was not because they taught the best lessons.

It was because they:

- Loved them.
- Encouraged them.
- Prayed for them.

- Listened to them.
- Believed in them.
- Demonstrated the love of Jesus.

Never underestimate what God can do through your faithfulness.

You may never fully know the impact your life has on a child this side of heaven.

Every act of kindness, every encouraging word, and every lesson faithfully taught becomes another opportunity for God to work.

Think About It

What qualities do you hope children see when they watch your life?

If a child described you to their parents after church, what would you hope they would say?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Pray that God will help you reflect the character of Jesus.
- Smile and warmly welcome every child.
- Encourage at least one child during class.
- Practice patience during difficult moments.
- Look for opportunities to demonstrate kindness.

Ask God to help your actions consistently reflect your faith.

Did You Know?

Children often remember relationships more than lessons. A caring adult who consistently demonstrates the love of Christ can leave a lasting spiritual impact that continues for years. Sometimes your greatest ministry is simply living a life that reflects Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do children often learn more from watching adults than simply listening to them?

2. Which characteristic of Jesus would you most like children to see in your life? Why?

3. How should we respond when we make mistakes while serving?

4. What is one practical way you can better represent Jesus this Sunday?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson 6

Answering Children's Questions About Jesus

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Respond to children's questions about Jesus with confidence and biblical truth.
 - Recognize the importance of listening before answering.
 - Learn how to answer difficult questions in an age-appropriate manner.
 - Know what to do when you don't know the answer.
 - Help children feel safe asking questions about God and their faith.
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Key Scripture

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Children are naturally curious. They ask questions because they are trying to understand the world around them. In Children's Ministry, questions are not interruptions—they are opportunities for discipleship.

Every question gives us an opportunity to help a child know Jesus a little better.

Children Learn by Asking Questions

Throughout the Gospels, people frequently asked Jesus questions.

Rather than becoming frustrated, Jesus often used those questions as opportunities to teach important spiritual truths.

Children learn the same way today.

Questions help them:

- Understand God's Word.
- Build their faith.
- Develop critical thinking.
- Grow spiritually.
- Build trust with their leaders.

Never discourage a child from asking sincere questions.

Instead, welcome their curiosity with patience and kindness.

Listen Before You Answer

Sometimes adults are so eager to answer that they fail to understand the question.

Before responding, take time to listen carefully.

You might ask:

- "Can you tell me what you mean?"
- "What made you think about that?"
- "Can you explain your question a little more?"

Listening first often helps you understand what the child is really asking.

It also communicates that you value their thoughts.

Common Questions Children Ask

Children often ask questions like:

- Who made God?
- Where is heaven?
- Why can't we see Jesus?
- Does Jesus hear my prayers?
- Why do people die?
- Will I see my family in heaven?
- Why does God allow bad things to happen?
- Can Jesus forgive me?
- How do I become a Christian?

These are important questions.

You do not need to have every answer immediately.

Your goal is to answer honestly, biblically, and in language children can understand.

Keep Your Answers Simple

Children do not need lengthy theological explanations.

Simple, truthful answers are often the most effective.

For example:

Question:

"Why can't we see Jesus?"

Possible response:

"Jesus is in heaven with the Father, but even though we can't see Him, He is always with those who trust Him."

Question:

"Does Jesus really love me?"

Possible response:

"Yes. The Bible tells us that Jesus loves every person. That's one of the reasons He came to earth."

Simple answers often lead to meaningful conversations.

It's Okay to Say, "I Don't Know"

One of the best responses you can give is:

"That's a wonderful question. I don't know the answer right now, but let's find it together."

Children appreciate honesty.

Never feel pressured to invent an answer.

Instead:

- Look in the Bible.
- Ask your Children's Ministry Director.
- Ask your ministry leader.
- Continue learning.

Remember:

Good ministry workers are lifelong learners.

Avoid Guessing

Sometimes adults unintentionally present opinions as biblical facts.

If Scripture is not clear about something, avoid speaking with certainty.

Instead say:

"The Bible doesn't tell us everything about that, but here's what we do know..."

Teaching children to trust God's Word also means teaching them the difference between biblical truth and personal opinion.

Encourage Spiritual Conversations

Questions should not end when class is over.

Whenever appropriate, encourage children to continue talking with their parents about spiritual questions.

You might say:

"That's a great question. I hope you'll ask your parents what they think too."

Working together with families helps children continue growing throughout the week.

Creating a Safe Classroom

Children should know they can ask questions without feeling embarrassed.

Avoid saying things like:

"You should already know that."

"That's a silly question."

"We don't ask questions like that."

Instead say:

"I'm glad you asked."

"That's a really thoughtful question."

"Let's learn about that together."

When children feel safe asking questions, they become more engaged in learning God's Word.

If You Are Still Asking Questions

Perhaps you are completing this Development Program and realize you have many of your own questions about Jesus.

That is okay.

Every Christian continues learning throughout life.

If you have questions about:

- God
- Jesus
- The Bible
- Salvation
- Prayer
- Heaven
- Faith

Please write them in your notes and discuss them with your ministry leader during your scheduled meeting.

We want this Development Program to strengthen both your ministry and your personal walk with God.

Think About It

What question about God did you have when you were younger?

How did someone help answer that question?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Welcome children's questions.
- Listen before answering.
- Keep your answers simple and biblical.
- Never pretend to know something you don't.
- Continue learning God's Word.
- Pray that God gives you wisdom when answering questions.

Did You Know?

Research shows that children who feel safe asking questions are often more engaged learners. The same is true spiritually. When children know they can ask honest questions without fear of embarrassment, they are more likely to develop a thoughtful and lasting faith.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to listen before answering a child's question?

2. Why should we avoid pretending to know an answer when we don't?

3. How can we create a classroom where children feel comfortable asking questions?

4. What should you do if a child asks a question you cannot answer?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Children are naturally curious, and their questions provide valuable opportunities for discipleship. As Children's Ministry workers, we should welcome questions with patience, answer them with biblical truth, and never be afraid to admit when we need to learn more. By creating a safe environment where questions are encouraged, we help children develop a deeper understanding of God's Word and a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

James 1:5 (NIV)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, ask God to give you wisdom and humility as you serve. Practice listening carefully before responding, and remember that every question is an opportunity to help a child grow closer to Jesus. If you encounter a question you cannot answer, don't be discouraged—see it as an opportunity to learn alongside the children you serve.

Lesson 7

Modeling Christlike Character

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand what it means to model Christlike character.
 - Identify the qualities Jesus demonstrated throughout His life and ministry.
 - Recognize how your character influences children more than your words alone.
 - Develop habits that help you grow spiritually each day.
 - Commit to becoming an example that children can confidently follow.
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Key Scripture

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Children are constantly learning by observation. Before they remember a Bible lesson, they often remember the people who taught it. Because of this, one of the greatest gifts we can give children is the example of a life that is becoming more like Jesus.

What Is Christlike Character?

Character is who we are when no one is watching.

It is reflected in our attitudes, our choices, our words, and the way we treat other people.

Christlike character means allowing Jesus to shape the way we think, speak, and live.

It does not mean we are perfect.

It means we are growing.

As followers of Christ, we should become more like Him every day.

Children need adults who demonstrate genuine faith—not just teach about it.

Children Learn More Than We Realize

Every Sunday children observe us.

They notice:

- How we greet people.
- How we respond when something goes wrong.
- How we treat other volunteers.
- Whether we are patient.
- Whether we speak respectfully.
- Whether we seem joyful while serving.

Often, children remember our example longer than they remember our lesson.

Your life is one of the most powerful lessons you will ever teach.

Jesus Is Our Example

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently demonstrated perfect character.

He was:

- Compassionate toward those who were hurting.
- Patient with people who were still learning.
- Gentle with children.
- Honest in every situation.
- Humble despite His authority.
- Faithful to His Father.
- Loving even toward those who rejected Him.
- Forgiving toward those who sinned against Him.

As Children's Ministry workers, our goal is to reflect these same qualities.

The more time we spend with Jesus, the more our lives begin to reflect His character.

Character Is Built Daily

Strong Christian character is not developed only on Sundays.

It is developed through daily choices.

Healthy spiritual habits include:

- Reading God's Word.
- Spending time in prayer.
- Worshiping regularly.
- Serving others.
- Confessing sin.
- Forgiving others.
- Remaining teachable.
- Trusting God during difficult times.

Our ministry becomes stronger as our relationship with Christ grows deeper.

Humility Makes Great Leaders

Jesus demonstrated that true leadership begins with humility.

He washed His disciples' feet.

He served people.

He placed others before Himself.

He taught that the greatest in God's Kingdom are those who serve others.

As Children's Ministry workers, we should never seek recognition.

Instead, we should ask:

"How can I serve this child?"

"How can I encourage this family?"

"How can I support my ministry team?"

Great ministry begins with a servant's heart.

Showing Grace

Every child is different.

Some children learn quickly.

Some struggle to pay attention.

Some arrive carrying burdens we cannot see.

As ministry workers, we should respond with grace.

Grace means showing kindness even when it is not earned.

Children need to experience grace because that is exactly what Jesus offers us.

Correct behavior when necessary.

Teach biblical truth faithfully.

But always do so with patience, compassion, and love.

Growing Through Mistakes

No one serves perfectly.

There will be times when you:

- Become frustrated.
- Miss an opportunity.
- Forget something.
- Wish you had handled a situation differently.

Instead of becoming discouraged, allow those moments to become opportunities for growth.

Ask yourself:

- What can I learn?
- How can I respond differently next time?
- How can God use this experience to help me grow?

God often develops our character through both our successes and our failures.

If You Are Still Growing

Perhaps you are reading this lesson and thinking,

"I don't feel like I have everything together."

The good news is that none of us do.

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey.

God is continually shaping every believer into the image of Christ.

If you are still learning about Jesus or growing in your faith, don't become discouraged.

Continue seeking Him.

Continue asking questions.

Continue learning.

God is faithful to complete the work He has begun in us.

Think About It

Which Christlike quality would you most like God to strengthen in your life?

Why is that quality important for someone serving children?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Pray that God will continue shaping your character.
 - Practice showing patience in difficult situations.
 - Encourage another volunteer.
 - Look for opportunities to serve without seeking recognition.
 - Demonstrate kindness to every child.
 - Ask God to help your actions reflect the love of Jesus.
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Did You Know?

Children often imitate the adults they admire. Your patience, kindness, honesty, humility, and faithfulness may become qualities they carry into adulthood. Your example today can influence how they follow Christ for years to come.

Discussion Questions

1. What does Christlike character mean to you?

2. Which quality of Jesus do you most admire? Why?

3. Why is your example just as important as the lessons you teach?

4. What is one practical step you can take this week to grow spiritually?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Children's Ministry is about more than teaching Bible lessons—it is about demonstrating the love and character of Jesus every time we serve. As we grow in humility, patience, compassion, faithfulness, and integrity, our lives become powerful examples of the Gospel. While none of us serves perfectly, God faithfully transforms us as we continue following Him, allowing us to influence children through both our words and our example.

Memory Verse

Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Taking Your Next Step

This week, choose one Christlike characteristic that you want to strengthen. Pray about it each day and intentionally look for opportunities to practice it while serving at church, at home, at work, and in your everyday interactions. Remember, children may not remember every lesson you teach, but they will remember the example you set.

Lesson 8

Helping Children Grow in Their Relationship with Jesus

Learning Objectives

After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand that discipleship is an ongoing journey.
 - Recognize your role in helping children grow spiritually.
 - Identify practical ways to encourage children in their walk with Christ.
 - Learn how to partner with parents to support a child's spiritual growth.
 - Commit to investing in children beyond a single Sunday lesson.
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Key Scripture

Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Accepting Jesus is the beginning of the Christian life, not the end. Just as a tree grows stronger as its roots grow deeper, believers grow spiritually as they continue learning, trusting, and following Christ.

The same is true for children.

Discipleship Is a Journey

Sometimes people think the goal of Children's Ministry is helping children pray to receive Christ.

While that is an incredible moment, it is only the beginning.

Jesus didn't simply tell His followers to make converts.

He told them to make disciples.

A disciple is someone who continues growing in their relationship with Jesus every day.

As Children's Ministry workers, we want to help children:

- Know Jesus.
- Love Jesus.
- Follow Jesus.
- Become more like Jesus.

Our ministry continues long after a child makes a profession of faith.

Helping Children Grow Spiritually

Spiritual growth happens little by little.

Just as children grow physically over time, they also grow spiritually through consistent encouragement and biblical teaching.

We help children grow by encouraging them to:

- Pray regularly.
- Read their Bible.
- Worship God.
- Memorize Scripture.
- Obey God's Word.
- Love others.
- Attend church consistently.
- Ask questions about their faith.

Each week is another opportunity to help children take one more step in their walk with Christ.

Every Sunday Matters

Sometimes volunteers wonder whether one Sunday can really make a difference.

The answer is yes.

One encouraging conversation...

One Bible lesson...

One prayer...

One act of kindness...

One memory verse...

One worship song...

...can become something God uses to shape a child's life forever.

Never underestimate the value of showing up faithfully.

God often works through consistency.

Partnering with Families

Children spend far more time at home than they do at church.

Because of this, parents and guardians remain the primary spiritual influence in a child's life.

Our responsibility is to support families by encouraging them to continue spiritual conversations throughout the week.

You can help by:

- Sharing what children learned in class.
- Encouraging Bible reading at home.
- Encouraging family prayer.
- Celebrating children's spiritual growth.
- Speaking positively with parents.
- Praying for families regularly.

When church and home work together, children grow stronger in their faith.

Celebrate Spiritual Growth

Growth looks different for every child.

Some children may begin asking deeper questions.

Others may memorize Scripture.

Some may become more compassionate.

Others may begin praying confidently.

Celebrate every step.

Avoid comparing children with one another.

Instead, encourage each child as they continue growing.

Faithfulness should always be celebrated.

Planting Seeds

Jesus often used the illustration of planting seeds.

Some seeds grow quickly.

Others take much longer.

The same is true spiritually.

Sometimes you will immediately see God working in a child's life.

Other times you may never know the impact of your ministry.

That is okay.

God is responsible for the growth.

Our responsibility is to faithfully plant and water the seeds.

Scripture Study

1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (NIV)

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

This passage reminds us that ministry is always a partnership with God.

We faithfully serve.

God brings the growth.

Continue Growing Yourself

One of the best ways to help children grow is to continue growing yourself.

As your relationship with Jesus deepens, your ministry becomes stronger.

Continue to:

- Read God's Word.
- Pray consistently.
- Worship faithfully.
- Participate in church.
- Learn from your leaders.
- Ask questions.
- Continue your spiritual development.

Healthy leaders help develop healthy disciples.

If You Are Beginning Your Own Journey

Perhaps this Development Program has helped you begin asking questions about your own relationship with Jesus.

Maybe you've learned something new.

Maybe you've begun reading the Bible more consistently.

Maybe you're considering following Christ for the first time.

Whatever your journey looks like, know that God invites every person to know Him personally.

If you would like to talk with someone about your faith, ask questions about the Bible, or learn more about following Jesus, your ministry leader would be honored to meet with you during your scheduled Module Meeting.

We believe spiritual growth is a lifelong journey, and we are grateful to walk alongside you.

Think About It

Who has helped you grow spiritually?

How can you become that kind of encouragement for the children you serve?

Ministry Application

As you prepare to serve this week:

- Encourage a child who is growing in their faith.
 - Celebrate a child's progress, no matter how small.
 - Pray for every child in your classroom by name.
 - Encourage parents to continue the conversation at home.
 - Remember that your role is to faithfully plant seeds while trusting God to bring growth.
 - Continue growing in your own relationship with Jesus.
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Did You Know?

Many adults who remain faithful to Christ can trace their spiritual growth back to consistent encouragement they received as children. A caring volunteer, a faithful teacher, or a church that invested in them week after week often played a significant role in helping them develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is discipleship a lifelong journey rather than a one-time event?

2. What are some practical ways you can encourage children to grow spiritually?

3. Why is partnering with parents so important?

4. How can you continue growing in your own relationship with Jesus while serving in Children's Ministry?

Personal Notes

Use this space to record important ideas, Scriptures, or questions you would like to discuss with your ministry leader.

Lesson Summary

Helping children know Jesus is one of the greatest privileges in ministry, but our responsibility does not end there. We are called to help children continue growing as disciples by faithfully teaching God's Word, encouraging spiritual habits, partnering with families, and demonstrating Christ's love every week. As we faithfully plant seeds and trust God to bring the growth, we participate in His work of raising up the next generation of disciples.

Memory Verse

Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Module 2 Reflection Assignment

In **two well-developed paragraphs**, reflect on what you learned about Jesus Christ in this module.

In your reflection:

- Describe who Jesus is and why He came to earth.
- Explain what the Gospel means to you.
- Share how this module has prepared you to introduce children to Jesus in a loving and age-appropriate way.
- If you already have a personal relationship with Jesus, describe how you hope to continue growing in your faith as you serve.
- If you are still exploring your faith, share any questions or insights you have gained during this module. Your ministry leader would be honored to discuss them with you.

Please write your reflection in your own words.

Assignment Submission

Email your completed reflection to:

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Subject Line:

Children's Ministry Development Program – Module 2 Assignment – [Your Full Name]

Your assignment will be reviewed by a ministry leader before you continue to the next module.

Next Step

Congratulations! You have completed **Module 2: Jesus Christ**.

After submitting your assignment:

1. Return to the **Children's Ministry Development Program** main page.
2. Click "**Schedule Meeting with Ministry Leader.**"
3. Meet with your ministry leader to:
 - Review your reflection.
 - Ask questions about this module.
 - Discuss your ministry role and spiritual growth.
 - Pray together before moving forward.

Once your assignment has been reviewed and your meeting has been completed, you may begin **Module 3: The Bible**.