

Pro Tip:

Sit up front with small children so that they are able to see and not be distracted by others

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Explain as things happen— checking for understanding

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Pre- teach...an instructional way for you to introduce concepts, skills, lessons to be learned, before family worship.

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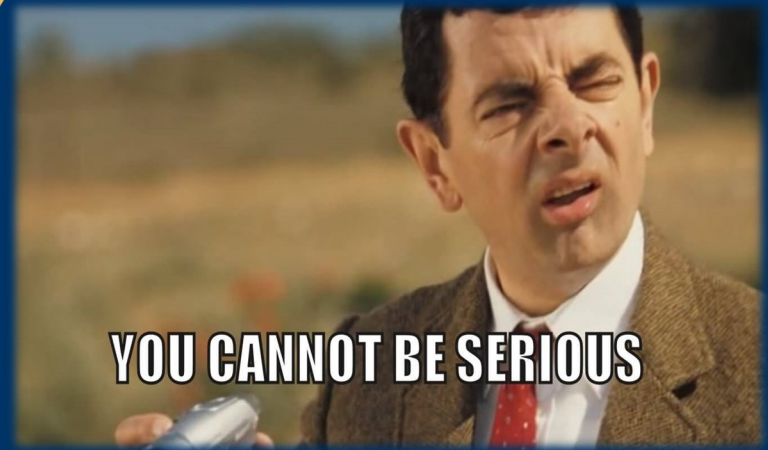
1. At Dinner
2. Car Ride
3. Before Bed

Pro Tip:

If you do sit further back allow smaller, shorter children to stand on the seat so that they can see. No one wants to look at the back of the person in front of them...

WHAT?!?

No Children's Church???



We Exist To Glorify God By

- Gathering
- Growing
- Giving
- Going

A High View of Children

At Calvary Baptist Church, we hold a high view of children. What is meant by that? We believe children have an important role within the body of Christ. The church provides order, organization, and mission directives for the people of God. All believers in Christ are to involve themselves in His visible and organized church, this includes children.

While children may not be able to grasp the depth regarding all of the marvelous truths associated with atonement, redemption, and justification, they are quite able to understand that God has created them in His image (Gen 1:26-27); that He loves them (Rom 5:6,8); that they are sinners who have fallen short of God's expectations (3:23); that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life and died a vicarious death that provided forgiveness for our sins (1 Pet 3:18); and that, on the third day, He was victoriously raised from the dead (1 Cor 15:3-4). They certainly can share in the hope of eternal life (John 3:16).

Children can possess the capability to understand these truths as they mature in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that their faith in Christ and their worship of Him are deepened and strengthened along the way.

A High View of Parents & Families

Children are a gift from God (Ps 127:4-5). We believe the most important person in a child's life is a loving mother and father, grandparents, or a parental guardian that God has placed over them. Parents have the responsibility to be the primary spiritual influence in their child's life and the Church is there to help equip, encourage, and support parents along their way. One of the goals of child-rearing is for parents to help children come to the place of accepting God's rule in their lives in a real and personal way through discipline and instruction. From the earliest days, children learn by imitating parents and participating in the family. The first six years of life are especially critical in laying the foundation that must support a lifetime of experience. When parents spend time

talking about a subject with their children, it indicates that it is valuable to them. When they talk about the Bible, God, Jesus, their faith, or the church, that sends a message to the child that it is important. This is why we believe so strongly in Family Worship.

A High View of Faith Formation

What is Faith Formation? Exactly what it sounds like, it is the lifelong journey your child embarks upon in their spiritual development involving a real, daily relationship/walk with God which is expressed and exercised through spiritual disciplines. Consistently living the truth in front of children leads them to develop relationships with God, self, and others. When exercised regularly, spiritual disciplines and practices of Christian faith support faith development. Disciplines include practices such as quiet time, prayer, study, service, and worship. The spiritual disciplines should be practiced often, because children learn through experiences and the repetitions of practices that are associated with what is important. For parents, modeling the commitment to practice spiritual disciplines is a sacred responsibility.

We Understand...

We understand that you might have a different church experience where they had Children's Church for the older kids and the thought of having your child with you in service might be overwhelming. We want you to know, that we LOVE children in Worship. Let them sing, let them watch Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, and others around them praising. Let them observe the band, the Lord's Supper, and Pastor preaching. Kids might get fussy or not sit still, we get it! We have coloring pages and resources at the front entrance. These materials help guide and bring their attention to the sermon. These are promising teaching moments that are crucial for their spiritual development and you can be the example in making your child a strong, efficient arrow that is launched from your home, piercing the lies of the enemy, carrying truth into the world. (Psalm 127:4-5)