

## CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

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### VISION

The vision of Children's Ministries is to equip parents in their primary role as the spiritual teachers of their children. (Psalm 78: 3-8)

There are no guarantees for successful faith passing. All of us must work against our culture to pass an enduring legacy of faith to the next generation. We believe that this can only happen through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, Scripture commands parents to habitually train their children during the routines of life (Deuteronomy 6:1-9). Those who have a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ will find that their children may more easily “catch” their faith. We will help parents:

- . **Introduce** their children to Christ as their personal Creator, Savior and Lord;
- . **Impart** a love for God’s Word as absolute truth and source for daily instruction;
- . **Develop** a heart in their children that reflects godly characteristics;
- . **Instill** a vision of each child’s responsibility to share Christ both at home and overseas;
- . And to do these things in creative and developmentally appropriate ways.

Additionally, Children's Ministries exists to pass on and develop faith in children whose parents do not know Christ, are not yet disciplined, or do not attend West Hills.

## GOALS

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In order to *equip parents in their primary role as the spiritual teachers of their children*, we will communicate with parents by:

- . Publishing Mentor Magazine once in each quarter of FY2010
- . Emailing parents who have provided e-mail addresses each month
- . Holding a Sunday School Open House no later than October 31, 2009

In order to *equip parents in their primary role as the spiritual teachers of their children*, we will host one inter-generational Sunday School class for parents and children by Dec. 31, 2009:

- . Topic/Date: Nov. 29, 2009 -1st Sun of Advent-December 20; Sunday a.m. in the Doxa
- . Enrollment goals:
  - . All children K-5th grade.
  - . Enroll 50% of children in 4s-5s.
  - . Enroll 25% of children in 2s-3s beginning 11/29/09
- . Feedback: Garner feedback through pre-post testing of parents and children. Survey on Nov., 29 and follow-up Dec. 20.

In order to *instill a vision of each child's responsibility to share Christ both at home and overseas*, we will increase the number of families/children participating in Generations to 30.

In order to *instill a vision of each child's responsibility to share Christ both at home and overseas*, we will hold three CIA/NAN activities between September 2009 and August 2010 for which it would be appropriate for families with elementary-aged children to serve.