

## What do kids do in the church?

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### ➤ Intro:

- Daniel, requested sermon, Austin thought it was a good idea
- title: What do kids do in the church? – old, please help children find in Bible and follow along (9 Scriptures)

### ➤ Your (children) job is to be a good examples – your examples of innocence are unreplaceable

- Matt. 18:1-4 must be converted and become like a little child to go to heaven
  - Jn. 3:5 born again, water and spirit – Acts 2:38 repent, baptized, gift of the Holy Spirit
  - attributes of a little child adults must embrace to be saved: innocent, humble, sincere, holy, righteous, honest, easily corrected and disciplined, repentive, loving – 1 Cor. 13:4-8a summary

### ➤ - Mk. 10:13-16 adults must receive kingdom of heaven like a little child, to enter

- illus.: like children who want to go to church and Bible class, but so many adults (parents) don't

### ➤ - illus.: Matt. 21:15-16 triumphant entry, children shouting in the temple – excited and unashamed

- we must be like these children, not cower in public, not care if offend with righteousness, evangelistic

- adults need to example of little children, so your job is to be a good example, to help the adults around you (parents, grandparents, etc.) go to heaven

➤ **Your (children) job is to grow (physically and spiritually)**

**Lk. 2:39-40** Jesus taken to Nazareth after born – grow, become strong, increase in wisdom

- - **Mk. 12:30** learn to love God, Jesus – deep devotion to God, Jesus, priorities
- - **Matt. 15:15-20; Col. 3:1-5** learn to train and take care of your mind
  - **secular education:** learn how to learn, so can better learn God's word – **read, count, think**
  - **religious education:** learn God's word – **Bible class, Bible Drill, sermons**
- - **1 Cor. 6:19-20** learn how to take care of your body, best you can, so you'll have physical strength to serve God – **exercise, eat right, sleep habits, etc.** – rf. recent discussion middle school / high school
  
- - **Lk. 2:51-52** Jesus, Jerusalem for Passover, stayed behind when parents started home – subject to them, increased in wisdom and stature, increased in favor with God and man
- - **Eph. 6:1-3** grow in the training and admonition of the Lord, by **obeying** and **honoring** your parents, like Jesus (Lk. 2) – **that it will be well with you**
- - **Heb. 5:8** learn obedience, like Jesus
  - **illus.: many children in the world dishonor their parents, comedies on TV and in movies**
  
- - **1 Cor. 15:33** learn to pick good friends
  
- - **1 Cor. 10:13** learn to overcome temptation
  
- - **2 Pet. 3:18** grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
- - **PP components of growth, 2 Pet. 1:5-8, Bible Drill**
- - **PP** used for Bible Drill
  
- **One day you'll obey the gospel and become a Christian**
  - **Jn. 1:12; 3:5** be born a second time, child of God – **Acts 2:38**
  - **grow, become leaders in the church, teach future generations of children**, like adults are teaching you
  
- **Your job is to worship God**
  - **Jn. 4:23-24** worship God, job of all His creation – worship by obeying, make obeisance
    - **explain:** spirit, truth
  - - **church: sing, pray, study and learn** – want to come to church – young people arranging schedule for gospel meeting
    - **be ready for church and Bible class:** prepared, lesson ready, rested, alert, pay attention, take notes
    - **greet visitors, esp. other kids** – **illus.: family visited**, kids greeted, took to see Bible class, became members
    - **take advantage of special opportunities:** Bible Drill, Gospel Meetings
  - - **personal work** – train yourself when young – elderly and sick enjoy kids visits most
    - **visit members** – **illus.: many kids doing that now**, cheer up, take small gifts
    - **send cards** – **illus.: Bible classes** often make cards for sick and elderly, **e.g., young girls training**
    - **call elderly and shut-ins on special days: birthdays, anniversaries**
  - - **at home and school:** worshipful in everything you do
    - **home:** obey parents, love brothers and sisters, good to friends, etc.
    - **school:** obey teacher, good example, good to classmates, tell others about Jesus, invite to church, etc.
  
- **What you're doing now – worship! – won't stop when you go home!**

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **job of children is not much different from adults:**

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- be good **example**
  - **grow** physically and spiritually
  - **worship**

- **inv.:** be converted and become as a little child, to enter kingdom of heaven