

Help Your Child Prepare for Worship

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- Make Sunday worship a regular part of the time you spend with your children.
- Don't rush to morning worship. Your child will reflect your mood; be relaxed.
- Allow time for a drink and bathroom time before the worship service in order to minimize the need to exit during the service.
- Anticipate events in our church such as changes in the church season and color, Baptism and Communion, deacon ordination.
- After each service, discuss what happened, what you experienced, etc. Listen to your child's comments & questions.
- In your prayers at home, remember people, needs, and events of our church. Also include friends of your children.
- Don't let worship be a Sunday morning experience only. Let your gratitude for God's love be evident in your daily life as a family.

Help Your Child Experience Worship in a Church Service

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."

Luke 16:16

- Come anticipating meaningful, participatory worship.
- Choose a seat that is close to the front or close to an aisle so that your child can see.
- Get a worship bulletin for your child. Before the service begins, help your child locate the hymns, circle prayers, and "arrow" all the unison parts to help your child follow. Number the parts of the order of service and suggest that your child check them off as the service proceeds.
- Help your child to find the Scripture passages in his or her Bible. For readers, encourage your child to find and follow scripture passages as they read.
- Encourage your child to give an offering, no matter what the amount.
- Make opportunities for your child to talk with worship leaders so they will think of them as friends.
- Help your child to know how he or she can best join in prayer. Discuss ahead of time how they can keep quiet and focus on thinking about God. Suggest prayer activities such as listing friends for whom they are concerned, people and happenings of the week for which they are thankful.
- Help your child to understand about the offering. Take some time to discuss these issues with your child.

Children and worship.....

Children learn about God and experience faith through worship in the sanctuary. Children who are in the 1st through fifth grade are invited and included in the worshipping community of Mount Moriah. Parents of preschoolers have the option of keeping their children with them during worship, or participate in Preschool Pathways.

"Preschool Pathways" is offered for children ages 2 through kindergarten. The preschoolers are present during the first part of adult worship, and then dismissed to the children's building after the children's sermon. Bible lessons & activities, music, singing and prayer are all part of this session. If your child is new to preschool worship, please complete an information sheet with your child's teacher on their first visit.

For children older than kindergarten age, we provide coloring sheets, word search and crosswords puzzles which coordinate with the message, scripture or theme for the day. Crayons and pencils, along with free booklets are located on the back table as you enter the sanctuary through the center doors.

If you have any questions about children and worship, please feel free to contact Susan Wells, Children's Minister.



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