Christ Community Church Children's Ministry Philosophy

Our children's ministry is focused on creating a foundation for each child where they are rooted in their faith and are continually taught and discipled from their earliest age. (Colossians 2:6-7) The church family will be supportive in preparing the parents to teach their children as we partner together to shepherd our covenantal children knowing that everyone works together to grow the body. (Ephesians 4:16)

We introduce children to the gospel at the first moment they enter our ministry and focus on the covenant and how that extends to each and every child in our church family. We create an environment for learning who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do in and for them. In this environment they also learn to worship alongside their church family at a young age and serve their church family so they can also begin to share what they have been taught about God's grace. (Psalm 103:17-18)

The children are given space to learn how everything we do is for the glory of God. We demonstrate this and God's love as we care for and teach our covenant children. (1 Corinthians 10:31) Children's Sunday morning classes, VBS, Communicant's Class, Sunday morning worship service, Mission projects, and family events are opportunities we provide to lay a foundation for a lifetime of discipleship.

Helping to Shepherd Your Kids: Goals for Nursery (0-3 year olds)

+	God's Word	We start introducing God's Word to our littles through scripture put to music and short Bible story times. The Bible stories follow the Kindergarten curriculum, The Gospel Project.
	Local Church	The kids will begin to recognize their environment & feel comfortable in the spaces created especially for their developmental stages.
+	Faith in Christ	As Bible stories are shared, we will focus on how Christ is shown to us. Babies will begin to hear how much Jesus loves each and every one!
	Church Family	The volunteers serving in each class will be on a 4 week rotation to help provide stable relationships. Children will be familiar and start forming friendships with adults in their church family.
	Home Worship	Parents will be provided with ideas and encouragement of how they can create regular times of family worship. A list of recommended family worship studies are available.

Helping to Shepherd Your Kids: Goals for Preschool & Kindergarten

+	God's Word	Each Sunday there will be a The Gospel Project lesson for the kids during the worship service. This lesson has videos, games, and crafts to help kids learn the story. There is also a new key passage every few weeks.
+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Local Church	The kids join their families for the first half of the worship service. This introduces them to how the service flows and what it is like to worship with their family.
+	Faith in Christ	A Christ Connection is highlighted in each Bible story and the teachers begin emphasizing the gospel and each child's need for Jesus. They hear how he loves us and gave himself for us to live forever with God.
	Church Family	The volunteers serving in each class will be on a 4 week rotation to help provide stable relationships. Because of the format of the lesson time, kids will begin to open up to form deeper relationships with the teachers.
		With the kids being a part of the worship service, this
	Home Worship	opens the door for families to have a bit of a longer and more focused worship time at home. Many songs are familiar to the kids to be able to sing at home.

Helping to Shepherd Your Kids: Goals for Lower Elementary (1st-4th)

+	God's Word	The Gospel Project curriculum is used during our Sunday morning D Group time. Each lesson has videos, games, and crafts to peak the interest of every kid. Kids have a new scripture memory each month.
	Local Church	Because the kids meet in the same room each week, they begin to feel a sense of belonging. The kids are in the entire service so they begin to see how everyone serving together makes up the church body.
+	Faith in Christ	Gospel questions are asked and answered each week in D Groups and the Christ Connection is shown in every lesson. 3rd & 4th graders are given the chance to go through Communicant's Class each February.
	Church Family	The teachers serve every week so strong relationships are formed between kids and adults. Kids are able to build relationships among all ages through a large group assembly each Sunday.
	Home Worship	Our curriculum also offers a Family Worship guide for those families that want to continue the lessons each week beyond D Groups. Other resource suggestions are provided by request.

Helping to Shepherd Your Kids: Goals for Upper Elementary (5th-6th)

+	God's Word	The Gospel Project curriculum is used during our Sunday morning D Group time. Each lesson has a journal guide to help kids begin to study deeper. Kids have a new scripture memory each month.
	Local Church	We begin to talk with the kids about how they can serve in other areas in the church. Many of these kids are now communing members and are seeing the beauty of sharing communion with their church.
+	Faith in Christ	Gospel questions are asked and answered each week in D Groups and the Christ Connection is shown in every lesson. Communicant's Class is available each February and we model discipleship and growing in Christ.
	Church Family	Relationships are formed with other kids and adults as they see each other every Sunday. Kids begin to see how important their role within the church family can be as they take on more serving opportunities.
	Home Worship	We encourage parents to begin letting the kids help lead parts of their worship at home. The gift of seeing your kids prepare a time of prayer or song while parents oversee and shepherd is unmatched.