

The Importance of Children's Ministry: A Talk for a Family Service

Below is an outline for a talk which could be used in a Family Service to help adults grasp the importance of children's ministry, and to help children understand their value in the church community.

The proportions given in this example work for 20-30 children, but you can adjust to fit your group.

Have the children come and sit at the front of the church. Choose five children to go into the congregation and pick out one person each who represents to them the age when people can start following Jesus. Have them bring those people to stand at the front of the church.

Comment that people can become Christians at any time. All the people chosen were good choices.

Then have *all* the children stand up with those already standing and turn around and face the congregation.

Ask the congregation if they knew that the group at the front now represents when people actually receive Christ. 80 – 85% of all decisions to follow Christ occur under the age of 15.

Turn to the children and explain to them that Jesus thinks that they are important. Being a Christian is not just for adults. They can make a decision to follow Jesus and become an important part of his family. You might want to refer to Mark 10:13-16.

Explain that children have immense value, and children's ministry is such a vital part of the church. Give specific examples of how children in your church are being disciplined, serving and sharing faith (or give a vision for what this might look like).

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You might like to take this opportunity to invite people to serve in your children's ministry. Affirm to the children that the church thinks that they are important and wants to help them in any way it can.