

# CHILDREN MINISTRY

**THEME: 'THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM'**  
(Proverbs 9:10a)

## **Aims and Objectives**

- To teach the children the nature of Jesus Christ, for example they must be able to take instructions.
- To create an atmosphere of fun whilst they learn about God and His love.
- To install spiritual discipline, the existence of the knowledge of God, respect for the parents, elderly, and the human race.
- To inspire them to read and come to know the Bible.
- To equip them with knowledge they need in order to live successful Godly lives by the word of God.
- To evangelize children in their locality so that they will be able to invest into the future of the church and the country.
- To know and accept Jesus Christ as their personal saviour.
- To apply God's word by making a difference in their behaviour.
- To provide opportunities for participating in true Christian fellowship.
- To teach them how to worship and praise God that will build their spiritual, social and emotional life.

## **Age Groups**

In the church, we have the age groups of children and these are:

1. 6months- 2years called **Bethlehem**
2. 3 – 5 years called **Nazareth**
3. 6 -8 years called **Jerusalem.**
4. 9 – 12 years called **Galilee.**
5. 13 years onwards (Youth) called **Zion.**

**In total we have about 25 children.**

## **Ministry Teachers**

We have excellent, dedicated, hardworking, well-organized, and welcoming teachers who teach the children and see to their basic needs. Their names are:

- Elizabeth ( adviser)
- Cora
- Angela
- Priscilla
- Victoria
- Nadine and others.

### **Involvement of Parent in the Children's Ministry**

Rota is made for the parents who want to help in the ministry.

### **Services**

Derby Hall Assemblies of God Church children services have been divided into three (3) main sections.

- ❖ The first service starts from 10:30 – 11:00am where all the children meet in one class to wait for the others to arrive. Whilst still waiting, refresh their mind on what they did the previous week, learn new songs, watch DVD of songs, read relevant books, poems and rhymes and other activities.
- ❖ The second section is when the children join the main service for Praises and Worship from 11: 00 – 12noon. Here they are looked after by the teachers.
- ❖ Their third section then continues from 12noon – 1:00pm. All the age groups go to their class for their bible lessons which also include memory verse, colouring pages, work sheets, activities and a little bit of fun time.
- ❖ Other services that we offer them during the week are Wednesday and Friday. For the reason that parents can have good time in the prayer meeting and service. Some of the suggested activities are: colouring, reading of stories and bible stories, writing, counting, homework, etc.

### **Short Comment from the Teachers**

Throughout my career life, it is my aim to impact knowledge and skills acquired to children and establish a constructive relationship with pupils and interact with them according to their needs. By doing so, I aim to motivate children in their Sunday school and service, learning process and offer help to them. Thus setting challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence. I'm good at organizing a drama/role play, choreography, teaching them songs, lessons, poems, activities etc. I show great commitment and passion towards the work. I love children and always have the desire in their development and basic needs.

### **Ranges of Activities for the Children**

There are quite number of activities that the church offers to the children in the Sunday school and service. These include:

- Bible lessons from stories
- Work sheets
- Colouring pages
- Paper craft
- Watching DVDs of Bible stories
- Learning songs from DVDs
- Word searches
- Scripture memorization
- Fun time
- Pick and Act
- Sword drill
- Drama/ Role play

- Puzzles
- Writing Bible stories
- Questions and Answers
- Teacher – Child Interaction
- Others

Aside of these activities performed, teachers give the children home task to do at home and report on the following Sunday service. The impact is very great. Evidence could be seen on clips and pictures.

### **Performance of Children**

- The children at times perform shortly in the main church service.
- Perform on children’s day.
- Also when there is an occasion/ceremonies/others.

**“Come and see the wonders of children in the Lord manifesting”.**

### **Resources**

Some of the resources we use to teach the children are:

- Illustrated Bible Stories DVDs
- Rhyme books
- Song DVDs and CDs
- Stationeries
- Bibles
- Bible stories books
- Relevant books
- Bible cards
- Flashcards
- Stickers/Certificates
- Websites
- Others

### **Websites used**

- ✓ Children Garden of Praise
- ✓ Sunday school
- ✓ Kids Sunday school
- ✓ [www.ebibleteacher.com/children/](http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/)
- ✓ Children Sunday school
- ✓ Children ministry Recourses etc

## **Structure for the children service**

### **First Section**

- Opening Prayer ~ 2 minutes
  - Learning of song, poems/rhymes ~ 10 minutes **or**
  - Watching DVDs of songs ~ 10 minutes **or**
  - Revising previous book ~ 8 minutes
- ~ 30 minutes**

### **Second Section**

- Praises and Worship ~50 minutes
  - Performance ~5 minutes
- ~55 minutes**

### **Third Section**

- Opening Prayer ~ 2 minutes
  - Revising previous lesson ~ 8 minutes
  - Memory Verse ~ 5 minutes
  - Bible lesson for the day ~ 15 minutes
  - Relevant Experiences ~ 5 minutes
  - Relevant clip ~ 15 minutes or
  - Activities/ Fun time ~ 15 minutes
  - Closing prayer and Greetings ~ 5 minutes
- ~55 minutes**

### **Projections for the year 2010 and beyond**

- Children's ability to understand biblical concepts will be greatly enhanced to apply to daily lives.
- Plan to have facilities that can cater for the children when the number increases.
- To open breakfast toddlers group for at least 2 hours.
- Well established in the Friday service to ease the parent to focus on their service.
- Seminar for the teachers.
- Organize holiday Bible club.
- Summer outing
- Would be able to distribute attractive gospel tracts to people in the locality.
- Offering from the kids.

### **Child Protection Policy**

The church have also got child protection policy for the children in the case of abuse, injuries, race discrimination, accidents and others.

Our officers are: 1. Cora  
2. Fred

### **CRB**

The teachers are CRB checked and qualified as their main professions outside the Sunday School demand CRB them of being cleared of any crime e.g. teachers, and social workers.

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