



FCBC Parents!

We believe that corporate worship is an important part of living life together as a body of believers – no matter what their age might be! (Hebrews 10:24,25) Kids might not have the attention span of an adult, but that does not mean that they cannot participate in worship. As a matter of fact, kids can actually **ENHANCE** the worship of God for the whole congregation! How is that true? Because it is exciting and energizing to revisit Biblical truths through “fresh” eyes. Remember – all the elements of worship (singing, praying, giving, listening and learning, and responding) are interactive. Kids are good at being interactive so be interactive with them! (This is possible without being a distraction!)

Our challenge to you is to **ENGAGE** your kids in worship. Let them learn from you what worshipping God looks like. And we will help you however we can!

Here's some basic tips about parenting in the pew:

- ✓ Make sure all the family gets a drink and takes a bathroom break before the service begins.
- ✓ FAMILY ZONES...The balcony and the risers are kid-friendly! If possible, try sitting in these designated areas.
- ✓ BATHROOM BREAKS... it is best to utilize the bathrooms on the second floor of the education building. (Follow the signs.)
- ✓ Engage your kids in worship. If you are singing, they are likely to sing. If you take notes on the sermon, they will probably take notes. If you say AMEN, they might do that too! ☺
- ✓ Every family member should have a Bible (preferably not a device), a notebook, and a pen. Encourage your kids to underline important verses by showing them verses that you are underlining. Encourage the older ones to take notes by showing them notes that you are writing down.

Our hope is that the Kid's Worship Kits (KWKs) will be helpful to you as you worship together as a family. They do have a purpose – which is to help everyone stay focused on WORSHIP.

Here's some instructions about the Kid's Worship Kits (KWKs):

- ✓ Each kit contains a variety of activities for various age groups. NOTE: Some of the activities will be too difficult for younger aged kids.
- ✓ For the most part, the activities will be centered around THE BIG IDEA of the day and the Bible Account Connection that they will be learning about during second hour. ALL the activities will be Biblically based.
- ✓ THE BIG IDEA of the day AND the theme verse of the day are included in the kit each week. A reward awaits in their Sunday School Class for each student that can quote either or both The Big Idea and the theme verse when they get to class - so encourage them to spend some time memorizing!
- ✓ They will also be rewarded if they take a completed activity sheet to their Sunday School Class.
- ✓ IMPORTANT: Each week - please return the crayon boxes, the pens, and the writing board to The Checkpoint.

Our kids need to see their parents and fellow believers worship a God that is real! Coming to church should not just be a social or religious obligation. It is a precious time when we corporately meet together to give our praise to a Holy Father and experience His presence. It is to be **ENJOYED!** SO LET'S ENJOY IT TOGETHER!

His servant and yours!
Miss Donna ☺