

Children and Worship

- Model worship at home.
- 'Temple Bags' with coloring books, crayons, books, snacks.
- Engage them by joining them in their worship expression.
- Connect with them during worship by holding or dancing with them, encouraging them to pray for folks, including them in all aspects of our gatherings.
- When the mood or move of the Spirit shifts, use these opportunities as 'teaching moments', giving them time for reflection and interaction on what God is doing. Ask them questions and respond to their answers.
- Work on new ways to engage our children during our meetings. This will mean an important shift from a lecture-only style of communication to forms of getting the message across that allows and facilitates interaction, even with eight year olds.
- Above all, let's train a whole new generation of kids to have passion and focus on the things of God and of the Spirit. Let's challenge them to be more excited about Jesus than their iPod, X-Box, or latest DVD.

Scripture Concerning Children

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:18-25
- Psalm 78:1-8, 127:3-5
- Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- Matthew 11:25, 21:14-17; Psalm 8:2
- Matthew 18:1-7,10; Mark 9:33-37
- Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

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