

# Childhood Discipleship Leader S.K.I.L.L. Lesson #9

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## “Becoming a Family-Friendly Church”

1. Give preschool and children’s ministry a high-priority in your church budget.
2. Develop appropriate ministry teams or committees to establish policies and guidelines for all activities involving preschoolers, children and youth.
3. Determine the most effective ways to clearly communicate policies, guidelines, and ministry information to parents and the total church family.
4. Enlist and equip qualified volunteers to understand the needs of the age-group and to commit to regularly plan, prepare and teach.
5. Provide signs which help parents easily locate preschool and children’s rooms.
6. Acknowledge and plan for family members with disabilities and special needs.
7. Involve families in worship services each Sunday.
8. Provide children’s worship bulletins for younger children to encourage quiet activities related to the worship service.
9. Plan activities which allow families to participate together, rather than separating into age groups.
10. Encourage church members to be accepting and affirming of children and their families as they get to know them by name.

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## Listening Guide

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1. Give preschool and children’s ministry a high-priority in your church \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Develop appropriate ministry teams or committees to establish \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for all activities involving preschoolers, children and youth.
3. Determine the most effective ways to clearly communicate \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ information to parents and the total church family.
4. Enlist and equip qualified \_\_\_\_\_ to understand the needs of the age-group and to commit to regularly plan, prepare and teach.
5. Provide signs which help parents easily locate preschool and children’s rooms.
6. Acknowledge and plan for family members with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ families in worship services each Sunday.
8. Provide children’s worship \_\_\_\_\_ for younger children to encourage \_\_\_\_\_ related to the worship service.
9. Plan activities which allow families to participate \_\_\_\_\_, rather than \_\_\_\_\_ into age groups.
10. Encourage church members to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of children and their families as they get to know them by name.