

Our Objectives

To ground our ministry in prayer

To encourage parents in their God-given role of discipling their children

To provide a broad overview of scripture and an understanding of key truths by the end of 6th grade

To encourage children to have God's word hidden in their hearts

To encourage children to be strong in their faith and active in their service to God and to others

To lead the church in loving and valuing children as Jesus loves and values them

To promote opportunities for spiritual growth, encouragement and equipping of all those who minister to children

Our Core Values

We Value:

- ◆ God's Word as central in all teaching and parenting
- ◆ God's Gift of children and their significance in the church body
- ◆ Loving children as Jesus loves them
- ◆ Children learning to love, serve and fear the Lord
- ◆ Parents being equipped to disciple their children
- ◆ The spiritual growth, encouragement and building up of all those who minister to children



Children's Ministries
at the Evangelical
Free Church of
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Jesus loves the little
children...

...and so do we!

At the Evangelical Free Church of Sycamore and DeKalb, we love and cherish children! We know that God gives parents the gift of children to raise up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

But we know that the church has an important responsibility in helping parents accomplish this task. We take that responsibility to heart and from the earliest possible time strive to offer every child a loving, nurturing environment that promotes learning about and loving the Lord Jesus.

All people who work with our children have complied with our "Child Protection Policy". If desired, more information is available.

Nursery

From birth through age three, a nursery is provided for your little ones. There are age-appropriate toys, books, puzzles and games to keep children happy and safe during Worship and Sunday School hours.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship is designed to provide an atmosphere that will instruct children ages 4 and up about the character of God and encourage them to respond with worship. Each month, we focus on a different attribute of God and use scripture and object lessons that illustrate that attribute. Music and prayer provide opportunities that encourage even the youngest children to praise God.

We hope that through Children's Worship children will become increasingly aware of God's presence and that their perception of who God is will be accurate according to the Bible.

Sunday School

There is a Sunday School class for every child ages two and up. Each class is designed with your child's age and development in mind. Our hope is that every child in our Sunday School program would become a committed follower of Jesus Christ. Each teacher is praying and planning weekly to teach God's Word to our children. We hope to give children a good understanding of Scripture, of who God is and what God's plan for our redemption is. The curriculum that is used is purposeful about taking children through God's Word in a careful, systematic way. We would encourage you to talk about your child's lesson each week and use the handouts provided to reinforce at home the principles learned in class.