

Children @ Missions Fest

Why teach children about missions? That may be a question you have asked yourself. Yet the answer is found in Isaiah 11:6 when the Lord says to us that "a little child shall lead them." Yes children can lead and we need to begin the process of leadership training with our children now if we expect them to be the spiritual leaders of tomorrow.



Children at MFest Pretoria 2009

The young boy Samuel rebuked the old prophet Eli because Eli was not bringing correction to his own sons. In fact Eli's own sons had learned no respect for their father or for God in growing up.

Samuel however was hearing the voice of God. He was too young to be corrupted by the religious sys-

tem around him that had a form of godliness but was no longer upholding God's holiness. Children can be very sensitive to hearing God's voice, while we grown ups are busy dealing with the business. Often we are too hurried or too stuck in our traditions to realize God is calling us to change.

When we are not committed to a lifestyle of worship, fellowship and study of God's word we are teaching our children that God is not important. When we allow injustice to rule the day and keep quiet we teach our children that as Christians compromise is acceptable. When we do not demonstrate compassion to the poor and needy we contradict our Lord's command. Children know the genuine from the fake.

In ministering to children we are making one of the greatest eternal investments on earth. We influence the next generation of leaders with Godly principles who will be the missionaries and statesmen of tomorrow. There could be a future Desmond Tutu, Jackie Pullinger or president of the RSA in your class!

What kind of leaders do we want tomorrow? You can have a direct say in that by being actively involved by supporting children's work in a tangible way. Be a teacher or a teacher's assistant. If you do not

know how, find out. There are children's ministry trainers at Missions Fest in the exhibit hall.

Also you can volunteer at Missions Fest. I promise you will find true purpose and fulfilment in knowing that you are raising up a future generation of Godly leaders for Africa.

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Friday & Saturday

The children's programs will run during the plenary sessions and most seminars.

10:00 Schools World Tour "Passport to Missions"

Fri. : Public & Christian schools welcome!
Sat. : Church Sunday schools welcome!

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Workshops: Art, Music, Puppets, Crafts, Dance Jumping Castle

17:00 Supper Break

19:15 Praise & Worship

19:30 Missions 'trip' begins

20:30 Missions Video

* schedule & times subject to change

FREE registration for your child(ren) ages 5 years and older in the Children's Room located in the basement (see site map at entrance of church)



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