

Strengthening The Children's Ministry

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As a leader, try to keep your eyes "further down the road," while also focusing on the Lord's leading, the team members' needs, and always asking, "What's best for the children?"

This is God's work, and you must not get in the way; but He has placed you where you are, so act! Here is a "snapshot" of what "strengthening the children's ministry" could include.

The "What's Best For The Children?" Filter

When faced with challenging decisions, always ask, "What's best for the children?" This question clears the "fog" of opinions and identifies what should be done.

The "Corporate" CM

- Improving the CM "image" church-wide
- Establishing a CM budget
- Building the best CM facility possible
- Improving the "management" of the classrooms
- Improving the safety of the children
- Strengthening the spiritual health of the ministry
- Focusing the CM programs on the CM vision

- Paid coordinators
- The CM survey
- Weekly vision stories

- The CM survey
- The CM budget
- Classroom mgmt.

**Children and
parents growing
closer to Jesus!**

The CM Leadership

- Developing a CM staff of paid leaders
- Fostering "ownership" among the leaders
- Delegating leadership wherever possible
- Inspiring creativity among the leaders

- "MBWA"
- Nurturing the team
- Developing leaders
- Assist w/training
- Assist w/subs

The CM Team

- Creating environments that stir longevity
- Empowering creativity
- Stimulating recruiting by the team
- An effective, easy training plan
- A plan for "refresher" training
- Team identity and "pride"

"MBWA" (Ministry By Walking Around)

This is a practice of walking around the CM during a service. As you walk, you look and listen for things that need your attention. While you walk around, you are also more able to support parents and team members.