

Children as Leaders

Churches today are concerned about not having enough leaders. The good news is that we have a great opportunity to help children grow spiritually as servant leaders.

Approaches to Leadership Development

- ❖ Our Desire:
 - Quick and easy
- ❖ A Biblical Plan:
 - Mentoring
 - Nurturing the generations

Servant Leadership

World View:

- Leader first
- Power and control over others
- Focus on self
- Children forgotten

Jesus' View: (Mark 9:33-37)

- Leader last
- Servant of all
- Focus on others
- Children welcomed

Leadership Ideas for Children in Church

- ❖ Inter-generational missions trips and service projects
- ❖ Assist in Sunday School
- ❖ Read, pass out material, write on the board, help younger children, pick groups, etc.
- ❖ All crafts designed to be given to someone else rather than kept for self
- ❖ Coached to read Scripture in worship
 - Read with family
 - Read with other children
 - Read alone
- ❖ Sing in a choir
- ❖ Pray
- ❖ Puppet ministry
- ❖ Drama
- ❖ Rhythm instruments
- ❖ Carry in banners
- ❖ Light candles
- ❖ Sing during a baptism or dedication
- ❖ Assist with a children's message or be given a small part of the sermon
- ❖ Personal testimony of faith