

Why We Keep Kids in the Gathering on Sundays

Cypress Community Church

While we provide Cypress Kids! for children ages 4 and under, you've noticed by now that we do not have childcare for kids above age 4. Many churches don't do it this way, but we do because we think this is the best way for your son or daughter to be transformed by Jesus over time. We put this resource together to help you think through the reasons and how to maximize this time together as a family during the church gathering.

Benefits:

- Kids hear the gospel proclaimed during gatherings
- Kids see their parents and others worshiping God
- Kids have shared experiences and teachable moments
- Kids get prepared for a lifetime as a part of the church
- Families worship together
- Kids become a part of the church family
- Everyone benefits from having more kids around

Practical Suggestions:

- Keep the end goal in mind -- not the immediate distraction
- Enjoy God and worshiping with God's family
- Your attitude communicates more to your kids than anything
- Younger is better when it comes to joining the weekend gathering
- Answer questions for your kids and teach them the value of the church
- Use other parents or members as a resource! You are not alone!

During the Week:

- Worship as a family at home
- Model a life of following Jesus; if you love God, it will become contagious
- Familiarize your family with worship music during the week
- Pray for God to open your kid's hearts to the gospel
- Celebrate singles, not home runs. Reading for ten minutes in your Bible before your kids wake up will make a big difference, even if it feels like a small thing

During the Gathering:

- Encourage your kids to participate as much as possible
- Get your kids a special notebook for keeping up with sermons
- Please hold off on communion until your kids have professed faith in Jesus
- Don't worry if your kid gets restless or loud, but simply help them refocus
- If all else fails, there is a cry room at the back of the main auditorium



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