

Program for Children's Church 2019



PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH - 2019 52 Sundays by Cecilia Gómez de Díaz



The purpose of Children's Church is "to help children have their own worship service where they can worship God and listen to God's Word with children of their age, where they can enjoy themselves, and where 'How we worship God' is explained to them at a level they can understand"

This is a suggested program to develop Children's Church together with the general program of the Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries (SDMI).

Please remember to review the Children's Church Handbook to be able to organize Children's Church properly on the first Sunday of the year.

The suggested themes for each Sunday have been selected to emphasize the annual SDMI sub-theme for 2019.

2017-2021 - Investing our lives in the lives of others (2 Timothy 2:2)

2019 - Intentional Discipleship through ...

◆ Your Relationships

We continue to observe some **special days of the Christian Calendar**, such as Palm Sunday, Resurrection Sunday, Pentecost, and Christmas. We understand that celebrating these special days in Children's Church will enrich the children's experience of worshipping God.

We encourage you to use the **Monthly Emphasis for the Children's Church**. These emphases are aimed at guiding children in different aspects of discipleship and the life of worship as a church. You can focus on them on the Sunday we suggest, but you can also do related activities on any Sunday of the month. Our purpose is that through these emphases, children can be discipled, receive help to grow, and feel a part of the Church.

Monthly emphasis for Children's Church

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| <i>January</i> | I am the church | <i>August</i> | Worship God |
| <i>February</i> | God wants us to love others | <i>September</i> | Relationship with God through the Bible |
| <i>March</i> | My family | <i>October</i> | Values, beliefs, and customs |
| <i>April</i> | Children First | <i>November</i> | Give thanks |
| <i>May</i> | Women, mothers, grandmothers | <i>December</i> | Gift of Christmas |
| <i>June</i> | Children servers | | |
| <i>July</i> | Sharing the gospel | | |

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MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

- *Communicate with the President of the Nazarene Missions International (NMI) of your local church to acquire the Missionary Study Guide, and work each month on the missionary lesson and emphasis on the Sunday as planned by the church.*
- *In addition, use the children's missionary reading books to develop in the children a greater appreciation for missions and an openness to listen to the voice of God calling them to missions.*
- *You can plan for the children to take part in a service project during the week or month either individually, in pairs, or with other children or as a Sunday school class.*

Recommendations for Children's Church

Remember that Children's Church is not another Sunday School class.

- ✓ Refer to the Children's Church Handbook as a resource to develop a special time each Sunday, involving children in worship and guiding them to participate in all aspects and emphases of the Church of the Nazarene.
- ✓ *Suggested Hymn of the Month:* In addition to the hymns of praise and worship they use in the Children's Church, we are suggesting a hymn of our church hymnal for worship each month. Let's give the new generation the opportunity to get to know the musical and theological heritage that the church has proclaimed for years.
- ✓ It is important to give an **explanation of the vocabulary** used in each hymn and song that is taught.
- ✓ Everything that we teach and sing must be understood by the children.
- ✓ Ask the pastor of the church to minister the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Children's Church. It would be good to provide this Sacrament to the children once every three months, or every month if it is possible, or on the day that the whole church celebrates Communion.
- ✓ Provide a time for the Pastor to share his testimony with the children.
- ✓ Involve faithful adults with good testimonies to share their experiences with the children
- ✓ Involve the children in worship times of the church, whether directing, reciting what they have learned, and praying.

May God use your lives and ministries in His service, to bless the lives of children in our churches, and that of many more who can be reached for Christ.

Last year we begin a new four-year term whose motto is "*The life invested in others.*" The biblical basis is 2 Timothy 2:2. It is about giving as a way of contributing to someone what they need, with a factor of hope. The return on investment is much bigger than what one might expect, and the profits can be amazing: believe in children and invest your life in them to help them find God's purpose for them.

The sub-theme in 2019 directs us as leaders of children to seek to have the greatest impact possible, achieving a legacy of spiritual growth. The spiritual development of children is the most important aspect of their lives. Investing in the life of each child produces the largest and best dividends (adolescents, young people and spiritually mature adults). It is not only the most lasting legacy, but one of our greatest responsibilities.

The investment that truly matters is when lives are transformed to love God in a deeper way, and to obey Him in a more perfect way. Invest your personal resources: time, money, experience, skill, facilities, expertise, etc. to achieve an eternal result. If you want to have a lasting influence on your

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church, community, society and the world, invest in children and invest in children now. Teach them the foundations and biblical principles and you will see the fruit of your diligent effort flourish during the decades to come. But if you are negligent in raising moral and spiritual champions, your church and the society of the future will be less healthy.

The choice is yours!!

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JANUARY: I AM THE CHURCH

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: That the kids of the Children's Church identify themselves as good Christians.

Memory verse during the month: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you" (1 Thessalonians 3:12).

06. I AM SALT AND LIGHT. Acts 9:36 - 42; Matthew 5:14 -16, Matthew 5:13; Col. 4:6

13. I AM COMPASSIONATE. Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 6:7-1; 1 Timothy 5:10

20. I AM HOLY. (my mind, my body, my spirit). 1 Peter 2

27. I AM A MISSIONARY. (We invest our time) Matt. 28:19 - 20

- Teach the children about the privilege of belonging to the Church of the Nazarene and how we can be useful in God's work, helping, consecrating ourselves, and sharing the mission.
- Include children in the different activities and services of the church in general, to lead, pray and read the Bible and recite what they have learned.
- Suggested hymn for the month: "Church without spot and without wrinkle"

Teach the children to know God as the most important person of all, who created the universe and cares for and sustains it.

FEBRUARY: GOD WANTS US TO LOVE HIM

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: Encourage the children to show God's love to others.

Memory Verse: "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' (Matthew 22:39).

03. LOVE IS A GIFT OF GOD. John 3:16

10. JESUS LOVES CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS. Matthew 18:1–5; Mark 10:13–16.

17. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. Romans 13: 8 - 10

24. DO YOU LOVE ME? John 21:15 – 17

- Celebrate the day of love and friendship. Schedule an activity outside or inside the church (picnic, breakfast, piñata, movie, etc.) where the children gather with a small snack, games and exchange of cards or gifts with sweets.
- Have a roundtable discussion among children about what they think about the love of God and how it is a gift for everyone.
- Suggested month for the month: "Find a good friend"

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MARCH: MY FAMILY

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the monthly focus of the children's church.

Purpose: That the children share wonderful times with their families and with God.

Memory Verse: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

03. GOD AND MY FAMILY (chosen and set apart for God's glory) Jeremiah 31:1

10. RELATIONSHIPS OF LOVE AND RESPECT (solidarity, tolerance). Eph. 5:21- 6:4.

17. CARING FOR MY FAMILY (in sickness and sadness). Ephesians 4:31-32

24. SERVING MY FAMILY (praying for them, helping them, etc.). Ephesians 5:9,11

31. TIME OUT (walk, conversation, reflection). Philippians 1:9-11; 2:13-15; 4:4-7.

- Invite the children to share their time, skills and love with their family in practical ways.
- Give suggestions to children and their parents to spend time together and outside of visual and auditory contaminants (walking, praying, talking, reflecting on things well done and poorly done, playing, listening and conversing, reading a book together, etc.) .)
- Teach children the importance of serving their family and having family prayer time.
- Promote family devotional time, giving ideas to parents and children to do it.
- Prepare a song or drama to participate on Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday; also prepare the children to give an offering for evangelism around the world.
- Suggested song for the month "Give us a beautiful home"

APRIL: MY FRIENDS AND I

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: Encourage each member of the Children's Church to share and pray for their friends who don't attend church.

Memory Verse: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

07. BE GOOD WITH OTHERS. - 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 5: 15

14. I HELP THOSE AROUND ME. Luke 11:41; Acts 9:36; Romans 15:26

21. PRAYING FOR MY FRIENDS. James 5:16

28. JESUS' MESSENGER. Proverbs 25:13

- On Sunday 28, all the entire program to be directed by the children in order that they exercise their talents and gifts to serve in their faith community.
- Teach the children affection, listening, guidance, support, encouragement, companionship and working together through the leadership and participation of all.
- Carry out an activity for Kid's Day, concluding with a special activity, which should invite children who do not attend the church.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Clear ray for Christ"

MAY: Women, Mothers, And Grandmothers Of The Bible

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of Children's Church.

Purpose: To know the stories of women with a good influence that invested their lives in God's plan.

Memory Verse: "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (Proverbs 31:10).

06. LOIS AND EUNICE TEACH TIMOTHY. 2 Timothy 1:5

13. MARY, JESUS' MOTHER. Luke 1:38

20. PENTECOST SUNDAY. Acts 2:1-13

27. ANNA THE PROPHETESS. Luke 2:36

- Teach the children the stories of some women who invested their lives in God's Purpose
- Encourage the children to give priority to the practice of Christian life in their daily attitudes and actions as a sign of their obedience to God and women who teach us.
- Teach about the person of the Holy Spirit, the work He does and the need we have to receive him.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "To my mother." Explain to children the meaning of words they do not understand.

JUNE: CHILDREN – SERVANTS OF GOD

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: That the children and adolescents know the importance of having a relationship with God.

Memory Verse: "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1).

03. SAMUEL. Samuel was a boy through whom God send a difficult but necessary message to the high priest, Eli. (1 Samuel 3)

10. JOSIAH (2 Kings 22). Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, ruling righteously. Afterwards as a teenager and young man, he made dramatic reforms (2 Chronicles 34)

17. THE BOY WITH THE BREAD AND FISH: Jesus sent his disciples to find food, but they could only find a boy who had a basket with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. (Luke 9:10-17)

24. MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

- Have a parade with the children's church, showing posters with prayer requests for children who suffer some physical, moral, psychological, sexual, or emotional needs. Include family, friends, and church leaders.
- Invite someone from another church of the Nazarene to teach the missionary study.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Even though I am a little boy"

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JULY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of Children's Church.

Purpose: That the Vacation Bible School would be a method of attracting new children to church.

Memory Verse: "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation' (Mark 16:15).

01. INVITING MY FRIENDS TO THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Psalm 122:1

08. LIKE LOST SHEEP. Matthew 18:10 -14

15. I AM A MISSIONARY FOR CHRIST. 1 Timothy 4:12; Acts 16:1-5

22. I SHOULD BE LIKE JESUS. Mark 1:38

29. CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

- Disciple children who are already saved and teach them to disciple others.
- Locate in your community disabled children, street children, abandoned children, homeless and malnourished children, and sick children, and give away Bible portions, brochures, offer to take them to Sunday school class, etc. What can we do for these children?
- Teach the children different ways of sharing their faith (see the Evangelism for Children handbook) and encourage them to share Christ with others and invite them to the Vacation Bible School if you celebrate it this month.
- Plan and conduct a parade through your community to invite children to the Vacation School
- Pray for new children to attend the VBS and that their parents will allow them to attend.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Give the Light"

AUGUST: WORSHIP GOD

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: To know and value that they were created for the praise of God.

Memory Verse: "From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise" (Matthew 21:16b).

05. PRAISING WITH OUR HANDS. Psalms 47:1 (applaud), Psalms 63:4 (raising them)

12. PLAYING INSTRUMENTS. Psalms 150:3 – 6

19. PRAISING WITH MY VOICE ... SINGING. Ephesians 5:

26. PRAISING WITH OUR BODIES ... BOWING DOWN. Nehemiah 8:6

- Train children how to honor the Lord, the church and their community by using their gifts and talents, and encourage them to hand these over to the Lord.
- Provide a space for worship to minister in the time of child worship
- Involve the children in the adult worship time by playing an instrument, directing a song, sharing a testimony, reciting memorized verses, making prayer requesting, leading, speaking about a verse etc.
- Have the pastor minister the Lord's Supper to the children.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Near you I will walk"

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SEPTEMBER: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE BIBLE

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: Encourage the children to read God's Word

Memory Verse: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" Psalm 119:105

02. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL READ THE OLD TESTAMENT. Exodus 24:7

09. GOD COMMANDED JOSHUA TO READ THE WORD. Joshua 1:8

16. JESUS SAID THAT READING THE BIBLE IS FOOD. Luke 4:4

23. GOD INVITES US TO STUDY THE BIBLE. John 5:39

30. MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

- Encourage the parents to provide for children to have their own bibles
- Have Children's Bible Quizzing, taking advantage of these resources.
(www.SdmiResources.MesoamericaRegion.org)
- Plan and carry out an "Art Saturday", inviting families to work with children in the making of posters, murals, drawings, paintings, etc on the importance of Bible study.
- Invite the children to give to the Bible Society in their country.
- Pray for the Holy Bible and for the Bible Societies and their translation, production and distribution work.
- Distribute biblical portions to your neighbors and friends. Put info inside about your church.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Holy Bible"

OCTOBER: VALUES, BELIEFS, AND CUSTOMS

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of the Children's Church.

Purpose: To help the children know the difference in celebratory practices that don't please God.

07. AN UNPLEASANT SORCERER. Acts 13:8

14. GOD GIVES VALUE TO HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL. Deuteronomy 6: 4-6

21. DIOTREPES DOESN'T DO GOOD 3 John 9-11

28. CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

- Encourage the children to pray in their homes as a sign of their commitment to God.
- Teach the children why followers of Christ do not celebrate patron feasts; the day of the dead and Halloween.
- Hymn suggested for the month: "Hallelujah, He saves me", or Our God is a Strong Tower

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NOVEMBER: GIVE THANKS

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of Children's Church.

Purpose: To teach the children the importance of being grateful.

Memory Verse: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

04. A THANKFUL HEART. Acts 13:22

11. TEN PATIENTS. Luke 17:12-19

18. GIVE THANKS. Philippians 4:6-7

25. CHILDREN’S MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

- We must teach children to practice the important words of “thank you” in children's church.
- Have the children write a list of things they find hard to say thank you for, and put it on a sign to pray for it.
- Make thank-you cards for the pastor or leaders; for their parents or siblings, for the teacher or friends, and deliver them at the end of the service.
- Song suggested for the month "I give you thanks Lord for the life you give me"

DECEMBER: THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Use the first Sunday of each month to introduce the Monthly Focus of Children's Church.

Purpose: To teach the children that although many things have changed over the years, one thing has not changed: the Good News of Jesus and how he came to the world because God loves us.

Memory Verse: ““Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:14).

02. TRIP TO BETHLEHEM. Luke 2:1 - 20

09. GOD SENT HIS SON AS A GIFT. Romans 1:4; Isaiah 10:20-21.

16. CHILDRENS MISSIONARY STUDY (NMI)

23. PRINCE OF PEACE. John 14:27; 16:33; Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1

30. THE PASSOVER TO REMEMBER THE COMING OF CHRIST. Luke 22:7 - 20

- Help the children recognize the true value of Jesus' coming to this world, and waiting for the promise of His Second Coming.
- Plan a party to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Children can prepare cards and give them to people in their congregation; together they can prepare a gift, and in the name of Jesus deliver it to a person in need.
- Do not forget to prepare the children to participate in or serve the church during the celebration of Jesus' birthday.
- If time permits, they can hold a "Christmas School" or a "December Club" and open the doors of the church and the church to the children of the community and children in need.
- Suggested hymn "Place for Christ"

Annex . Children's Church Program 2019.

THE ABC's OF SALVATION

(<https://www.keysforkids.org/Resources/ABCs-of-Salvation>)

A - Admit

Admit honestly to God that you have sinned and disobeyed Him.

The Bible says:

Romans 3:23 “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death (everlasting punishment).”

No sin is allowed in heaven.

B - Believe

Believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again. His blood was shed to pay for your sins.

The Bible says:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Because Jesus loves you so much, He took the punishment for you so that you can be forgiven.

C - Choose

Choose to trust Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sins.

The Bible says:

Romans 10:13 “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

John 3:18 “He who believes in Him (Jesus) is not condemned.”

When you trust in Jesus Christ alone to save you, God forgives you! You become His child, and He promises you a home in heaven forever! Put your trust in Jesus as your Savior from sin. Do it today, and begin following Him by obeying His Word, the Bible.