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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: WHAT MATTERS MOST

Beginning to End: Leading a Great Children's Ministry Hour

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I. Introduction and overview

Goal: For leaders of infants-5th graders to practice effective group management throughout your whole time together

II. _____ sets the tone and expectations

A. Think about what you are asking your kids to do all the way through the hour

Choices

Break time

B. Balance how many _____ kids have

- Consider the size of your room, ceiling height, and number of kids

- Strategically place activities throughout the room

- Not enough activities leads to _____ and finding other things to do

- Be _____

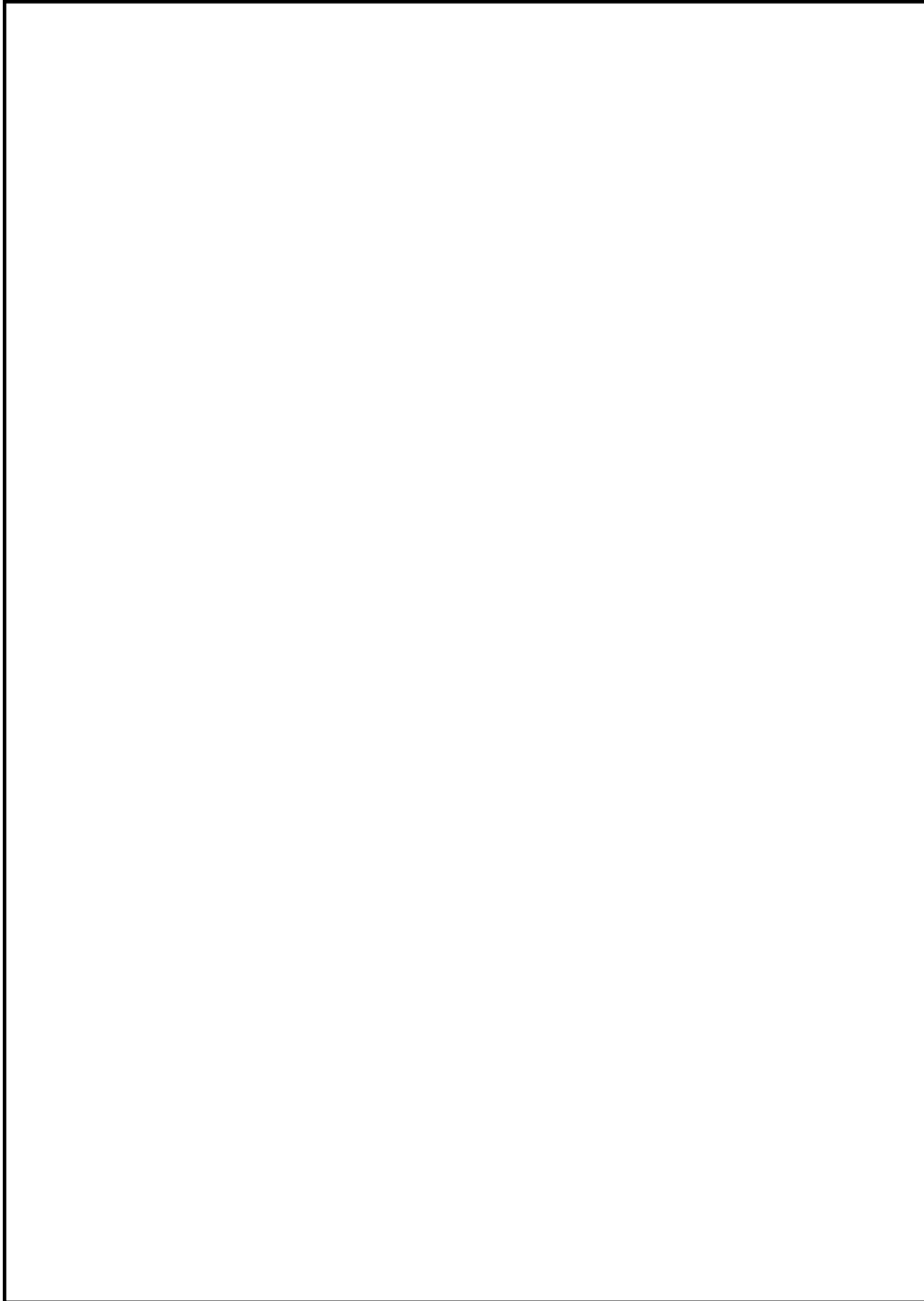
- Use new and popular activities (with some boundaries)

Choose wisely

- Consider different interests of different kids

Exercise: Map out your room

ROOM MAP



Draw:

- Doors
 Entry and
 exit
- Tables
- Teach area
- Bathrooms
- Activities

III. Curriculum time

A. Know the lesson _____

1. How?
2. Outcome

B. Set _____

- Kids respond to boundaries
- Consistent language and expectations made throughout the room
- Affirm _____
- Repeat every week
- Team effort

C. Knowing and responding to your kids allows you to be attentive to their needs so you can adjust your responses

Exercise: Write down ways you can get to know kids

D. _____

- Games: Simon Says, Countdown 10-1... *buzz!*, Freeze
- Discreet: Change of voice, hand on the back
- Light change
- Make the regular routines look a little bit _____

**Choose one area to act on immediately.
What can you change to positively affect group management during any part of your children's ministry hour?**

Resources

"Today's Children's Ministry"
www.todayschildrensministry.com

Leading Kids to Jesus
by David Staal
www.willowcreek.org

Leading Your Child to Jesus
by David Staal
www.willowcreek.org

"Promiseland"
www.PromiselandOnline.com

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