



Jesus for Children Day

Objectives

- 1 To clearly give children repeated opportunities, as they develop, to invite Jesus into their lives and build their spiritual lives in relationship with God.**
- 2 To give children who have invited Jesus into their lives an opportunity to grow, by leading their friends to Jesus.**
- 3 To use the event to prepare both adults and children to reach the children, and their families, of their communities.**



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4 To recruit people to an experience in ministry with children—a safe first step toward volunteer teaching or mentoring of children and parents.

Luke 18:15 - 17

The date for our church's Jesus for Children Day is:



The Importance of Reaching Children for Jesus

Quotes from the Vision Video:

Children have an astounding natural response to the gospel.

- **In the United States, children aged 5 - 13 have a 32 percent probability of accepting Jesus as their savior.**
- **Young people aged 14 - 18 have a 4 percent likelihood of doing so.**
- **Adults over 19 have a 6 percent probability of making that choice.**

The Barna Report, Oct - Dec. 1999

This is the "4/14 Window."



Early Arrival

Readiness Activities

Activity Guide Responsibilities

Be ready to welcome children 15 minutes before starting time.

Greet children as they arrive and write each child's name on a badge to put on.

Give each child a Pre-Survey. Make sure each child responds on both sides of the Pre-Survey.

If your children are not yet readers, help them respond by drawing pictures or dictating their oral responses to you to write for them

At official starting time, the Jesus for Children Day Coordinator will start the cassette tape song "Child of God." When you hear the music, begin helping your children turn their chairs to face the video screen or move to where they can see the screen.



Activity Guide

Collect Pre-Surveys and place them on the center of your table. Then move with your children to watch the video.

During The Story of Jesus for Children Video Activity Guide Responsibilities

Sit with your small group of children throughout the showing of the video.

Enjoy the video with your children.



Closing Activities

Activity Guide Responsibilities

Give each child a Promise Card.

Guide them in completing the cards as individually as possible.

Answer any questions briefly, clearly and simply.

Pray with each child who wants to invite Jesus to live in him or her and with him or her.

Invite children back for a follow-up time.

Help children complete the Post-Survey.

Pray with children before they leave.



Closing Activities

Collect Post-Surveys and Promise Cards, identify them with your name, and give them to the Recording Assistant.



Guidelines

Helping a Child Make a Voluntary Decision About Jesus

Three Principles for Understanding How Children Think and Learn

- **Children's thinking is limited by perspective.**
- **Children's thinking depends on the quality and quantity of firsthand experiences.**
- **Children's thinking is limited to physical and emotional activities.**



Guidelines

Helping a Child Make a Voluntary Decision About Jesus

- **Avoid symbolism**
- **Explain meanings of words to children.**
- **Make sure children understand that these concepts are from the Bible.**
- **Work with children individually as you work with a small group.**
- **Allow free choice—avoid pressure.**
- **Depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance.**
- **Invite children to ask Jesus to be with them and in them**