



This workshop will explore how to connect parents and guardians to your church's Children's Ministry Program and support the spiritual formation of their children.

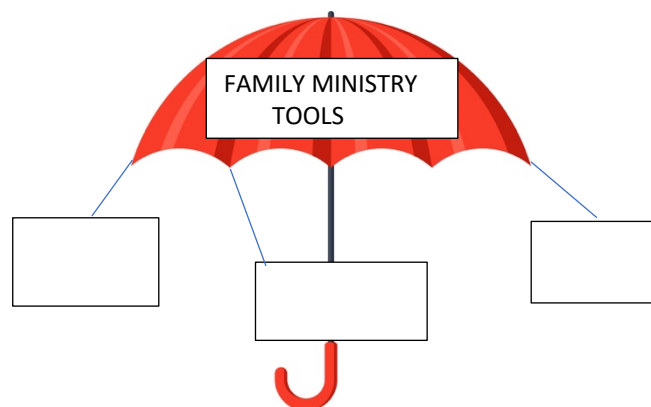
The Children/Family Ministries pastor's *number one goal* and mission:
 For the family as a whole to be _____
 and _____
 to raise the awareness of the parents' _____ to be the primary
 _____ for the spiritual formation of their children.

HOW to accomplish *the goal*?

We _____,
 We _____,
 We _____,
 We _____.

Scriptural *basis*?

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)
Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.





#1. PROVIDE _____ FOR PARENTS. (Goal – assisting in spiritual formation of the child)



PRO TIP: *Lessons for kids are prepared with families in mind.*

Instead of just thinking about how children will relate to the lesson, teachers think about how the children can apply what's learned in the context of family relationships. A great tool for parents includes take-home papers to connect the lesson to home. Choose a curriculum that provides information about lessons and includes activities for families to do together to reinforce lessons. You can even create your own!

#2. _____ OF THE PARENT (Goal - Relationship Building)

#3. ASK YOUR PARENTS _____. (Goal - Relationship Building)



PRO TIP: It's imperative to discuss this with your pastor or leader

You want to develop your church culture to include this mindset, but you must ask/present this with humility to your pastor/leader. Ask if he/she will cast this vision to the church and promote from the pulpit this mindset for your church to adopt: *"If you are actively being ministered to through a ministry of the church you should also serve it."* (this can be done in various levels of commitment and service)



#1. "CATCH _____" (Goal - Evangelism)

#2. _____ THE FAMILIES (Goal - Relationship Building)

#3. FAMILIES SERVE _____ (Goal - Spiritual Formation)



#1. SPIRITUAL _____

#2. FAMILY _____

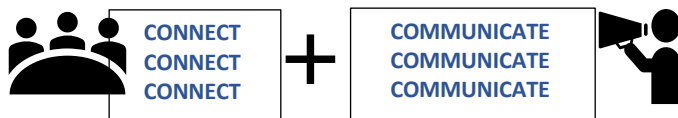
 **PRO TIP:** *Encourage parents to do these simple faith-building activities with their children.*

- Pray daily with and for your children.
- Memorize one verse together as a family each week.
- Review Sunday school take-home papers. Do the activities together. Talk through the recommended discussion questions.
- Be with your children daily—talking, listening, and applying Bible truths to your lives and theirs.
- Read Scripture together. It doesn't have to be much, but it has to be clear that God's Word is an important resource and part of daily life.




#3. INTENTIONAL _____

PRO TIP: *Have a quarterly Parent lunch after church (child care provided)*

- Communicate vision of the Children's Ministry and upcoming events.
- Welcome new families
- Have FUN! Play a game or have a fun activity! Have food!
- Provide literature like family devotions, parenting articles, etc....



The NEXT STEP

-  Analyze your ministry and yourself / strengths and weaknesses to go to next level of excellence and professionalism.
-  What one thing can you add to your ministry to intentionally connect with parents.
-  Present to your pastor or leader your vision and ideas for adopting a "Family Ministries" mindset