

POWER HOUR IS A ROLLER COASTER

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Kid's Church

The purpose of kid's church is to teach kids how to behave in a church setting, and to exercise their talents and abilities in a church service so it is not foreign when they're older. Don't expect young people in the youth group to be comfortable involving themselves in church if they weren't exposed to it as children.

Key Words: High-Energy! (because they're kids...)

- Don't let church be boring. Praise and worship is desirable. Hearing preaching should not be mundane. We don't have kids church to babysit so the adults can focus on preaching; we are bringing the gospel and messages to life on a child's level.
- Singing action songs is a great way to teach kids to be active during church, but even if it's a "fun" song teach the kids to praise and worship after every song (compliment Jesus/praise words).
- Allow for and encourage children to "back-up the preacher" during exhortations and sermons.
- Allow children to preach mini-services, play an instrument, sing a special, work the altars...

Different parts of Power Hour:

- **Welcome!** Open with prayer (just like a regular service would) and teach them pre-service prayer (be long-suffering).
- **Give expectations and rules** (let the kids know what they can expect in kids church, and then let them know what YOU expect). Be creative with rules and keep them simple so they can be easily referenced when needed.
- **Praise and Worship** (Includes songs AND offering) Be creative about taking up offering to get kids excited about the concept of giving (contests, special allocations, creative offering containers, etc).

- **Skits** (Can include puppets – make sure it is flowing with your Bible Point. What do you want the kids to learn in the service?)
- **Prayer Requests, Testimonies, and Mini-Sermons**
- **Bible Verse Memorization (Optional)**
- **High Energy Games (Optional)**
- **Object Lessons and Illustrated Sermons**
- **Altar Call**

Prayer and Expectations always comes first. Sermon and Altar Call always wrap up the kids church service. Everything else in the middle can be written on pieces of paper and put in a bucket to be drawn at random each week to determine the order of service. You don't want kid's church to become routine to the kids. Keep them guessing what is going to happen next just as we in adult church should always anticipate what God is going to do next!

Don't feel married to your schedule. Be sensitive to the Holy Ghost in any given area of kid's church.

Praying With Children

Don't "Pop the Clutch" – this happens when a child isn't ready to let go, but we force them to way too fast while pressing on the gas way too hard. Let the children grow in prayer and in their walk with God. As children's ministers, we are to train them patiently to pray and be sensitive to what God wants to do in any given circumstance.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE! We produce what we are – the ancient and everlasting principle of sowing and reaping. We will produce "after our own kind."

Be careful of hand placement and voice volume when praying with children.

Ask the children what they want to pray for. Don't assume! Show you care for their burden and desires.

The Lift Kit of Prayer:

- **Close your eyes** – God is a Spirit, you can't see Him anyway. If we look around we will be distracted from communicating with the only person who can give us the Holy Ghost. Focus on Jesus!
- **Lift up your head** – Psalm 24:7 and Luke 21:28
- **Lift up your hands** – Lamentations 3:41

➤ **Lift up your voice** – Isiah 40: 9 and Acts 2

Ask kids if they got the Holy Ghost. Don't tell.

When training kids to pray we don't say "You need to pray." When we need to train our kids how to tie their shoes do we say "You need to tie your shoes"? NO! WE *SHOW THEM HOW* 800 TIMES!

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