

Early Bird Questions

...just for kicks and giggles

-  What has been one of your craziest and wackiest experiences in children's ministry?
-  If you were a flavor of ice cream, which one would you like to be, and why?
-  Who do you consider your hero?



A white teddy bear is sitting on a blue blanket, reading an open book. The bear is looking down at the pages of the book. The background is a blue and white checkered pattern.

Children's Ministry in the Small Church

Big **IMPACT** in the small church community

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FYI – This is being recorded.



Just For **You!**



Handouts for this session: (as pdf's)

1. Tips For Serving In A **Smaller** Ministry
(two pages)

2. Special Webinar **Discounts!**

Children's ministry resources

****Contact Bob McLeary to place an order****

Contact info on the bottom of the handout

NEXT WEEK: We'll announce the five churches selected to receive **free** Fall 2019 Quarter of Deep Blue One Room Sunday School curriculum kit.

Dreaming **vs.** Reality



Do you ever find yourself

Dreaming of a full class, volunteers to help, and curriculum with fun learning activities?

Versus

Adapting to the class of three or four kids?

Working to prepare a lesson even with a very busy work and family life?

Versus

Only to discover that 2 families went out of town and there are no children?

No worries about enough money for curriculum, craft supplies, plenty of volunteers?

Versus

“IF ONLY” we had enough craft supplies, money, volunteers, kids to attend...

Start **S.M.A.L.L.**

Start with a Plan

-  Know your average attendance for 3 months and plan accordingly
-  Recruit for the classes you'll offer
-  Prepare materials and space no matter what
-  Start with what you have



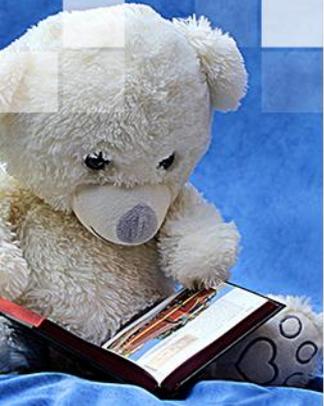
Start **S.M.A.L.L.**

Move to Plan B

 Plan A is in place, then if things change, move to plan B

 Being prepared for possible changes

 More about being the imperfect person who is present, who listens and cares about them



Start **S.M.A.L.L.**

Always focus on relationships

-  Ministry happens best through relationships
-  Relationships greatly impact the life of a child for Jesus
-  Greater impact in small numbers
-  Celebrate more time and energy



Start **S.M.A.L.L.**



Let kids engage

 So many ways to let kids participate

 Teaching – Mentoring – Clarification

 Mobility – Service

 Engaged = involved, interested and engrossed

 Engage your church



Start **S.M.A.L.L.**

L laugh!

 Have fun!

 When kids and adults have fun together, everyone is engaged in the learning

 Enjoy and focus on the kids who are present

 Flexibility, relationships, engaged kids and laughter



BIG things about SMALL



Remember:

Being small is not an excuse, but a basis for quality.

Being small is not a limitation for ministry, but an opportunity for nurturing and equipping.



Positives of ministry in smaller church:

- Significant impact
- Parent ministry
- Family ties
- Service avenues
- Exploration

Thank *You!*



Next Time Together: Thursday, May 2nd, 11:30 am

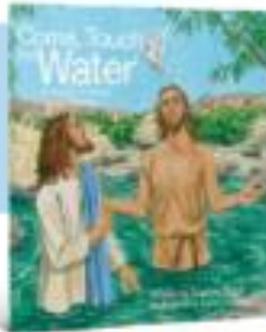
-  Top ten things parents would like to see in your children's ministry (survey of parents)
-  Curriculum: why is it important, how to research, what to look for, & how to pick the right one
-  Resource ideas: discussion and how to use, & best practices
-  These webinars will be saved and available for replay on the conference website

<https://www.flumc.org/webinarresources>

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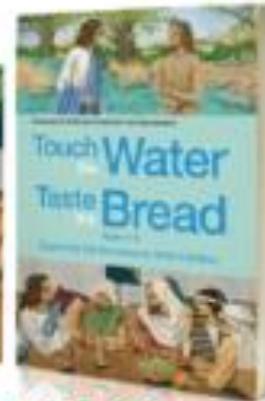
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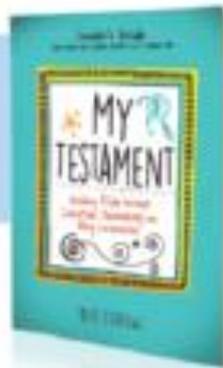


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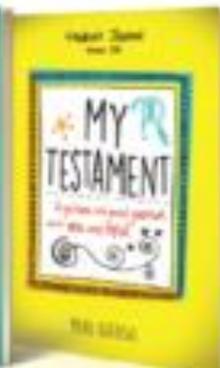


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PRAYER for us all



Loving Father,

We place into Your hands all the work we do with our wonderful children.
Please lead us by Your Spirit to guide and care for each one of them.

Help us to release the energetic ones to engage with Your adventures.
Help us to encourage the quiet sensitive ones to dwell on Your goodness.
Help us to protect those with trouble or difficulty in their lives.

May they find You and rest in Your safety.

And show us the way with those who are angry or frustrated.

May we help them manage their feelings.

Lord, these children are all such treasured members of our church family,
We know You have good plans and purposes for their lives.
And we thank You for blessing us with these little ones.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

A white, fluffy teddy bear is sitting and reading an open book. The bear is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking down at the pages. The book is open, showing a colorful illustration of a building or structure on the left page and text on the right page. The background is a blue surface with a grid pattern of light blue and white squares. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Deep Dive' with a stylized wave and arrow graphic.

Do you have
any **questions?**



See **You**
Real Soon!

Remember:

To place an order for the special discounted resources, contact, call, email Bob.

*Have A Super Duper **Week!***

