

## How YOU Can Help

Here are some ways that YOU can help with Children's Church and the other Children's Ministries:

1. The new Rewards Program needs some extra help as bookkeepers and store keepers. Please contact us if this is something you could help us with.
2. If you have a business or access to items which could be used in our store, we would love to talk to you. Anything we can come up with at no cost or reduced cost would be a blessing.
3. There is ALWAYS a need for additional teachers, helpers, and substitutes. As our church continues to grow, we need to plan ahead and prepare for the need of additional teachers.



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## Children's Church Student Rewards Program



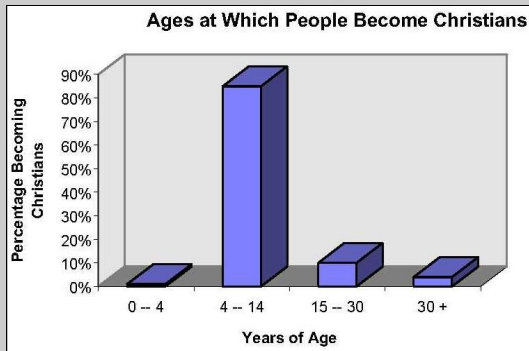
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- Matthew 19:14

## **How Important is our Mission in Children's Ministries?**

Some may not be aware of the critical and eternal importance of teaching the Bible to our children.

Some years ago, Dr. Bryant Myers, Director of World Vision's MARC Ministries, made a presentation at an EFMA Executive Retreat. The most significant portion of his presentation was the stunning graph below referred to as the "4/14 Window".



This graph shows that in the United States, nearly 85 percent of people who make a decision for Christ, do so between the ages of 4 and 14!

As one can see from this graph, we all have a vital and important task to make sure our children are provided a solid foundation in God's truth and love. A large part of our children are the ones represented by this "4/14 Window". Our best opportunity to make an eternal difference in the lives of these children is **NOW!**

## **Current Incentives**

Currently in Children's Church, the children are routinely given rewards for such things as learning their memory verse, achieving a certain offering level, and bringing their Bibles on a regular basis.

## **New Rewards Program**

It was felt that more could be done to encourage our children during Children's Church. This new rewards program will be all inclusive and will enable the teachers to provide incentives for such things as:

- Attendance
- Being on time.
- Monthly memory verse.
- Bringing visitors.
- Memorizing the books of the Bible.
- Bringing their Bibles.
- Completing take home sheets.
- Teacher discretion for exceptional behavior and participation.

## **How it will Work**

Each week, every child will have the opportunity to earn "Farm Bucks" for the different incentive items. Some items (such as the monthly memory verse) will be worth more than others.



Each week, a tally sheet will be kept to keep track of what each child has earned. Then, on a quarterly basis (the first Sunday of February, May, August, and November) the children will be given their Farm Bucks and will be allowed to visit a store with a wide variety of items at different price levels which can be purchased with the Farm Bucks they have earned.

At the current time, the store will take place during the transition time between the first and second service.

If a child is absent and misses one of the quarterly stores, their Farm Bucks can be held over for one quarter.

## **What are our Goals?**

Our goals are simply for the children to learn more from the Bible, bring their friends and neighbors to church, develop habits of regular attendance, and have a fun time doing it!

We ask that you, as parents, encourage your children to participate and take advantage of this new program.

## **Questions or Comments?**

If you have any questions or comments, or if you need some additional information, please contact Mel or Susan Peterson, or any of the Children's Church teachers.