

Highland Children's Ministry Vision & Strategy

CROSS-SHAPED VISION

The vision for Highland Children's Ministry is based on the CROSS-shaped community: Christ, Relationships, Outreach, Service, and Study.

CHRIST

We want children to know how to worship and to understand the importance of worship. We want children to be involved in age-appropriate worship experiences. We want children to be a part of the corporate worship experience. We want to provide opportunities for children to worship.

Strategy

- Provide age-appropriate worship through Kingdom Kids.
- Provide opportunities for children to be a part of corporate worship.
 - Up front with adult leading discussion
 - Sons assisting dads with Lord's Supper
 - Children welcoming children at Lord's Supper services
- Engage children more in corporate worship.
 - Song selection
 - Stories

RELATIONSHIPS

We want children to feel that they are a part of God's family. We want children to build relationships with people their own ages and to also build relationships with teens and senior members.

Strategy

- Build relationships with children their own age through Kingdom Kids, Children's Ministry Events, and Bible Classes.
- Build relationships with teens through VBS and SOAK.
- Build relationships with senior adults through Valentine Dinner, Prayer Partners, and Adopt A Class.

OUTREACH

We want children to tell others about Jesus. We want children to invite their friends and neighbors to church activities.

Strategy

- We will provide opportunities for children and their parents to invite friends to family-friendly events.
 - VBS
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Breakfast with Santa
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Wonderful Wednesdays
 - Parenting Seminars
 - SOAK
 - Special Events (Mother/Son Olympics, Father/Son Fish-a-Rama, Daddy/Daughter Valentine, etc.)

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SERVICE

We want children to reach others through service. We want children to put others before themselves as Jesus exemplified. We want to offer opportunities for children to practice service and sacrifice.

Strategy

- We will provide opportunities for parents to serve just like Jesus served.
 - Community Valentine Event (providing valentines for seniors at retirement homes)
 - Quarterly Service Project serving FIT, MUM, Belize, Missionaries
 - Family Mission Trips
 - Services around the building (raking leaves, picking up communion, etc.)

STUDY

We want children to follow the right path. We want children to have a strong foundation upon which to build their spiritual lives. We want each opportunity for study to be utilized to its fullest. We want children to learn to pray and rely on God. We want children to understand the Bible is the map of life.

Strategy

- We will provide Bible classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights for all ages.
- We will provide special classes on Sunday nights.
- We will partner with parents.
 - Blessings for babies
 - Provide literature for parents
 - Provide seminars and classes for parents
 - Provide specialty classes for children