

## Chapter 2

### MISSION OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The mission of the Children's Ministries Department is to nurture children into a loving, serving relationship with Jesus. We seek to fulfill this mission by developing:



**Grace-oriented ministries**, in which all children will experience the unconditional love of Jesus, find assurance of acceptance and forgiveness, and make a commitment to Him.

**Inclusive ministries**, in which the volunteers who minister and the children to whom they minister will be valued and involved regardless of race, color, language, gender, age, abilities, or socio-economic circumstances.

**Leadership ministries**, in which volunteers are empowered, trained, and equipped for effective ministry to children.

**Service-oriented ministries**, in which children are given opportunity for hands-on service to people in their neighborhood or city, thus, establish a pattern of outreach to others that may well continue through life.

**Cooperative ministries**, in which the department work with other ministries, such as family ministries, Sabbath School, stewardship, and others to further our shared goals.

**Safe ministries**, whereby our churches: a.) choose volunteers with high spiritual and moral backgrounds; and, b.) adopt safeguards to protect children from physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse and the church from liability.

**Evangelistic ministries**, in which children who are not enfolded in the church will be introduced to the love of Jesus through outreach programs such as: Vacation Bible Schools, children's Branch Sabbath Schools, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, and Story Hours.