

**GCCHM Leadership Certification
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**ENTERING THE WORLD OF KIDS
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(Presenter's Notes)**

Want to be Effective in Your Ministry with Children?

- It's essential that you make the effort to learn and understand the world of kids.

Why Be Interested in the Kids' World?

- As kids see that you are interested in what interests them, they will in turn become interested in what interests you, namely, God and His Word!
- Provides you with a pathway right into their hearts.
- It's a lot of fun too!

Principle #1

1. You must realize that you are always a student

Always Learning

- You must always be learning.
- Never think that you know enough to be effective.
- Remember that what you know now is always becoming outdated.

Principle #2

2. You must be involved with kids

Be Involved with Kids

- Spend time with children outside of instruction time.
- You must be relational, not merely informational.
- Notice the children around you in hallways, parking lot, restaurant, store, etc.
- Acknowledge them and play with them.

Principle #3

3. You must be actively involved in things that will help you know the world of Kids

Interested in Kids' Things

- Know what cereal they eat, what TV shows they watch, what toys they play with, what popular actors or athletes they admire.
- If what is important to them is important to you, then the opposite will also be true! God & the Bible?
- Make a survey and pass it out to the children at least annually to find out what they are currently into!

Practical Ideas That Can Help You Enter The World Of Kids

a) Never pass a toy store without going in!

b) Buy something in that toy store

- Ask about the “frequent buyer” discount

c) Check out the Kids’ Section At Your Christian Book Store

- Buy some kids’ tunes to play in your car!

d) Carry Small Toys Or Gadgets In Your Pockets

- You never know when a kid will cross your path!

e) Display Children’s Toys

- Display toys in your office, car, home, or anywhere else!

f) Order a Kid’s Meal and Try It

- Plus an extra sandwich so you don’t starve!

g) Watch Kids’ Movies and Read Kids’ Books/Comics

- Great conversation starters! Then get to the Book!

h) Wear Colorful Child-friendly Accessories

- Men: wear some goofy ties kids will like!
- Women: wear some kid-friendly scarves.

i) Read Kids’ Joke Books and Memorize a Few

- Don’t bother with the ones that make you laugh.
- Look for the ones that are pointless and goofy – those will be the winners!

j) Play with the kids on your block, not just your own kids

- Welcome the kids who come to ask if you can come out and play!

k) Watch Cartoons and Other Shows That Are Popular With Children

- Take Note of the Commercials

So Should We Learn the World of Kids? YES!

- Make the effort to learn the world of kids and you will see how it transforms your relationships with children you minister to!
- Start where they are at, and then lead them to where you want them to be. If you fail to start where they are at, you will have a hard time leading them.