

Corinth Kid's Ministry

THEOLOGY OF PLAY

Play is the primary context for which kids learn
Play is not just the thing until the "real ministry work begins"
PLAY IS THE REAL MINISTRY WORK
One of the primary ways we minister to young kids is through play

The Biblical Foundations of Play:

[Reflects God's character and shapes our faith]
Creativity: God the creator (Genesis 1)
Joy: reflects God's delight and rejoicing in His works (Psalm 104:31)
Rest: Rest for kids includes play! (Genesis 2)
Play flourishes when children feel safe, loved, and cared for
Formation: Through play, children practice love, compassion, and community (Ephesians 4:32)

The Ministry of Play:

[Don't just supervise play. Shepherd children through it]
Prepare the Environment: spaces that invite curiosity, creativity, and connection
Enter their World: Join in their play and let them lead.
Ask thoughtful questions and encourage wonder.
Shepherd their Hearts: Respond to emotions and conflicts with patience, compassion, and care.



"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." **- Mark 10: 13-16**