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“G. L. A. D.”

Are you G.L.A.D. to be working in Children's Ministries? Ministering to children is a calling we have from the Lord. But even with a calling, ministry can become burdensome and overwhelming at times. However, I believe we can be fulfilled in our ministry endeavors and be G.L.A.D. about giving our best to the Lord. One of the great joys in working with children is *Growing Leaders And Disciples*. In our weekly ministry, it is easy to lose perspective. We may become too focused on individual lessons or activities. Instead, we need to step back and look at the big picture. What are we trying to accomplish in Children's Ministries?

I feel our sole responsibility is to train our children to be disciples of Jesus. What is a disciple? A disciple is a follower. When Jesus called His very first disciples by the Sea of Galilee, He said to them, “Follow Me” (Matthew 4:19). Our central focus should be on Jesus and becoming more like Him. We need to train our children to read and study the Bible. It is important for them to memorize the Scriptures. By studying and committing Scripture to memory, children will learn to apply the Word to their daily lives. As they begin growing in the Word, they will become fishermen. Jesus told Peter and Andrew, “I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). When a true relationship is established with Christ, children will want to share their experience with others. They will have a desire to see their family and friends come to Christ.

As disciples of Jesus, children also enjoy ministry opportunities. They need to pray, sing, testify, witness, and visit. When children have the opportunity to participate in real ministry, they are learning to

become tomorrow's church leaders. As children grow in their knowledge of the Word and begin applying it to their daily lives, they will become mature disciples of Jesus and leaders of His church. Through Children's Ministries, we are Growing Leaders and Disciples. What can be more fulfilling to a Children's Minister? Now, doesn't that make you G.L.A.D.?

Children's Ministry Update

The *Kidz Konvention* at the General Assembly was a great success. There were 30 children (12 and under) who attended these services. We had a dedicated staff of 13 individuals who taught the classes. During the Assembly, we introduced *Young Disciples*, the name for Children's Ministries in Zion Assembly Church of God. T-shirts with our new logo also were introduced. The *Kidz Konvention* concluded with an encouraging and exciting children's program on Sunday morning.

Children's Day 2009

Sunday, June 7, 2009 will be the 2nd Annual Children's Day in Zion Assembly Church of God. Let's begin praying and planning now for this special event. Our theme will be “Building on the Rock” (Mt. 7:24-27).

Chalk Talk:

Let's Talk! If you are involved in Children's Ministries in Zion Assembly Church of God, I want to hear from you. Also, to subscribe to this newsletter, please send your request for “The Chalkboard” to youngdisciples@att.net.

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