

LEADERS

“The problem of the local church is that we see kids as future leaders but not **CURRENT LEADERS!” – Tom Toney**

Many see kids as future leaders but kids are leading their generation, their friends, in their schools and we cannot neglect to teach our kids in the church .

Who are we training?

- Current Leaders

Why are we training?

- A Stronger Generation
- Who better to minister to children than children themselves!
- *1 Timothy 4:12 - Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **example** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

“Kids can, and should be, taught to serve and lead as kids.” Tom Toney

Our purpose must be equipping kids to lead!¹

Children’s church is not a babysitting service or entertainment but teaching a child to become a leader. We are training this current generation who are going to preachers, pastors, missionaries, teachers, mothers, fathers, police officers, nurses, factory workers, cooks, doctors, lawyers, bankers, librarians, soldiers – we are training them to be **LEADERS!**

“Great leaders are not born, they are built.” – Pastor Tom Toney

¹ Tom Toney, *Kuest-Kids Leadership Training*, <http://www.kuestkids.com/how-it-works.html>

Quotes are from Pastors Tom and Kathy Toney who pastor at Family Life Church and who founded Kuest

“Overall church attendance in kid’s ministry is 50%. For Kuest Kids, their attendance is 99% according to data. This means their families attendance usually moves to 99%. It literally increases the attendance and involvement of their entire family!” Pastor Kathy Toney

Your church’s purpose must be training kids to be current leaders in excellence, honesty, integrity, teamwork, faithfulness,

Servants

When kids are given a chance to serve, they are so excited to come to church! Teaching children to be leaders also means we are teaching them to serve! There is nothing more meaningful to a child when they are involved in whatever is going on!

“Let the Heart of Service be instilled in those who follow you.” – Courtney Johnston

Involve the kids!

“When children are planting in the house of God they flourish.” Pastor Kathy Toney

Involve your children now! They can be puppeteers today, worship leaders today, sound system controllers today, door greeters today! One of the greatest characteristics we can teach the children is the joy of serving others!

Many times kids have a naturally hard time sharing and letting other kids be first, but we can train them how it is more blessed to give than to receive! Teach them the benefit of the Golden Rule - Treat others how you would want to be treated!

The best opportunity we can give to our children is to give the opportunity to serve! Invite them to work alongside you! Then as you go along, teach them more than the mere skills of service, but the heart of service². Encourage them how pleasant it is to help one another!

² Lisa Jacobson, *Teaching Our Children the Joy of Serving*, <http://forthefamily.org/teaching-children-joy-serving-others>

We are training current leaders! They are leading now! So let's train them to be greater leaders with greater faith than us!

Leading is a journey! It's not about growing numbers but about growing leaders/disciples!

- **So who are we training – CURRENT LEADERS!**
- **Why are we training – STRONGER GENERATION!**