

Developing a Discipline Plan for Your Children's Ministry

Misconceptions about Discipline

1. Discipline = mean, harsh, strict
2. Kids don't like rules.
3. We can't discipline at church.
4. If we discipline kids won't like us.

Why discipline is necessary:

1. Because we love the kids (Hebrews 12:6)
2. We want kids to learn.
3. We want kids to be safe.
4. We want volunteers to stay.



Four basics of a plan . . .

Principles

- a. Our purpose is to *disciple*.
- b. Consistent throughout the ministry.
- c. Well-communicated

Step 1: Determine the Rules

- d. Just 3-4
- e. Keep them more general than specific.
- f. Make them memorable.
- g. Post them everywhere

Step 2: Determine Consequences

- h. Clear
- i. Progressive
- j. Define when parents will be involved and by who

Step 3: Communicating the plan

1. To volunteers
2. To parents
3. To kids

Step 4: Stick with it

1. Cultures don't change overnight
2. Kids will test limits.
3. Consistency and love win.

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