

GOALS FOR THE NURSERY MINISTRY AT CFBC.

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During the period when the parents drop off their children in the nursery till the time they pick up their children, the local church — specifically, those serving in the nursery — have responsibility to protect, care for, and love the children. This brief write-up provides five simple goals that CFBC has for the nursery ministry at CFBC.

1. PRAY

It is understood, expected, and asked of all the teachers and helpers in the CFBC nursery that they pray ahead of time for the blessing of the Lord as they serve the little ones in the nursery. Power in the ministry comes with prayer. The teachers should entreat the Lord for strength, help, patience, wisdom, clarity in communication, and diligence in pointing to Christ *before* and *during* their time in the nursery.

2. PREPARE

The curriculum that CFBC works through for the children is *Generations of Grace*. It is a gospel-centered, Christ-exalting curriculum that endeavors to teach children *through* the entirety of the Word of God little by little. Thus, rather than picking and choosing a few of the popular, well-known stories *only* for the teaching time, CFBC has at its very philosophy, the teaching and instructing of the children in the entirety of the Word of God — even when they are so young.

3. PRESENT

CFBC affirms that all children must come to personally trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The young ones must learn about God, understand their own sin, behold Christ and His death and resurrection, and the need for turning from sin and believing in Christ. We ask the teachers and volunteers to diligently pray for and take advantage of every possible opportunity to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to the children. Everything can be turned into a gospel illustration. With prayer, diligence, intentionality, and work, teachers and helpers together can present the gospel and proclaim a glorious Christ to big sinners in a way that they can understand the truth and be called to faith in Christ!

4. PLAY

It is expected that the nursery workers will provide leadership and oversight during the nursery time as they care for the children entrusted to their care. Nursery workers can have fun with the children and enjoy playing with them and show them the love, compassion, care, and nurture of Christ.

5. PROTECT

CFBC commits to actively, intentionally and fervently doing all that is possible to protect the children while they are entrusted to the care of the nursery workers. By the grace of God and with some specific measures and some deliberate guidelines, the nursery workers can seek to protect the children from harm, injury, abuse and predators. CFBC commits to doing all that is possible to care for, love, instruct, and protect the little ones that God brings to CFBC.