

The Heart of Westview's Children's Ministry

At Westview, the goal of our Children's Ministry is to cooperate with parents in setting the foundation for their child's journey with Christ, a grounding they will build upon through their adolescent years and beyond. We trust God to lead and empower us in delivering children's programming for ages 2 through grade 6 that is effective, relevant and meaningful.

With this aim, we have identified three key areas of focus in our program of spiritual formation. In each of these three areas the learning of the students is mirrored by the responsibilities of the teachers.

Children	Teachers
<p>Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing God and His attributes • Knowing God's word and the gospel message • Exploring their own spiritual gifts 	<p>Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing who God is • Helping children learn and understand scripture and the gospel message • Providing opportunities for each child to explore their spiritual gifts
<p>Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of a warm, inclusive community • Comfortable to be themselves, to share openly, and to have fun • Mentored by and connected with teachers • Supported by teachers and parents who are in contact with one another 	<p>Relating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging a warm sense of community and inclusion • Fostering an environment where children can be themselves, share openly and have fun • Mentoring and connecting with children • Communicating with parents
<p>Doing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying and Worshiping • Serving others • Applying God's Word to life situations • Connecting with others who don't yet follow Jesus 	<p>Modeling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying with and for the children • Worshiping with authenticity and enthusiasm • Sharing examples of applying God's Word to their life situations • Talking with children about their life situations • Sharing how they are interacting with people who don't know Jesus