

Mission of Camelback Bible Church
*We are a family on a mission to the glory of God.
Extending the love of Jesus to every person
For the renewal of all things*

Statement of Mission
Children's Ministry

*As a "Family on a Mission for the Glory of God"
we extend the love of Christ to every child
that they might find renewal in Him.
(Every Child Made New in Christ)*

- *As a family* – that is, God's great design to redeem a fallen world involves the formation of a holy race, the family of God, inhabited by Christ, that puts on display the self-giving love characteristic of the Triune God. (Genesis 12:3, Ephesians 2:19-20, 5:1-2)
- *On a mission* – that is, God's purpose for this family extends beyond themselves. This family is to be the hands and feet, even the voice of the Lord calling the world, including its children, to find life in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 29:19-20, John 5:24, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
- *For the glory of God* – that is, the ultimate goal of all our living, labors and prayers is to be used of God to have His person and works known and praised by increasing numbers of people. We seek not to glorify any man, nor do we desire the applause of men. (Psalm 145, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 4:11, Revelation 1:6, 4:11)
- *Extend the love of Jesus* – that is, we will give of ourselves sacrificially to see each child come to an enduring faith. We will follow the example of Christ who "came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) We will consider ourselves bond-servants for the sake of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5) We will serve our children being "well pleased to impart to them not only the gospel but our own lives." (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- *Every child* – that is, our ministry will be broad in its outlook. We will seek to minister to every child within our ministry, neglecting none no matter how challenging, and we will seek to expand our witness to children beyond our walls.
- *That they find renewal in Him* – that is, we strive for the result of every child becoming like Christ in belief, character and lifestyle. A child who is becoming renewed in Christ is one who is *learning* to love the Lord, his God, with all his heart, mind, soul and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37). He is *learning* to put his whole confidence in God and is growing in obedience (Psalm 78:7). He is *learning* to live by the power of the resident Christ to sacrificially serve His church family as well as a needy world. (Mark 10:45, John 13:14, Matthew 9:36-38).