

**Teacher eNrichment Time (TNT) '14**  
**The Mission, Values and Vision of Children's Ministry**

**Introduction**

**Body**

1. Statement of Mission

*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.*

Everything starts with the glory of God.

**Numbers 14:21** But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD,...

**Isaiah 48:11** For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

**Romans 11:36** For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

And how is it we put on display the glory of God?

And what is the nature of that mission?

Our motto is: Every child made new in Christ.

2. The Values of Children's Ministry

- ◆ *All ministry must seek to promote a grand view of God.*
  
- ◆ *All ministry must be clearly Christ-centered.*
  
- ◆ *All ministry is to be rooted in Biblical truth.*  
2 Thessalonians 2:13 Paul says, "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."

- ◆ *All ministry must be conducted in an environment of love.*
- ◆ *All ministry must provide positive Christian role models.*
- ◆ *All ministry must promote practical Christian service.*
- ◆ *All ministry must hold in tension the importance of the family and the importance of the community.*
- ◆ *All ministry to children that desires to be effective must include ministry to the parents.*
- ◆ *All ministry must be conceived on a community model, not a consumer model.*

### **3. Vision Prayers**

Take time in groups of 4 and pray through these vision statements.

*A. Increasing numbers of children are drawn in through excellent ministry, periodic outreach events and mailings, and church families that are passionate about reaching their neighborhood and community.*

*B. Children grow up to be rooted in the Word, instructed through a God-centered, Christ-exalting, thoughtfully composed curriculum, challenged to not only know God but to submit to Him, enabled to think and speak in biblical and theological categories, practiced in the spiritual disciplines.*

*C. Children are so loved, cared for, and valued by the adults that they come to love being with God's people in worship, prayer, instruction and service.*

*D. Children are equipped to serve in their world as Christ served in His, given opportunities to use their gifts to build up the church, challenged to share their faith with the lost, led in missions of mercy and compassion, enflamed with a passion for God's glory to the nations.*