

# What CapKids Offers

You want the best for your kids. This probably means you have some hopes for your kid's participation in our KidsChurch. Here's a list outlining what we believe KidsChurch offers:

## **A Spiritual Dimension**

Even non-Christian parents express a remarkably consistent desire for their children to have exposure to teaching about moral and religious values. They sense that kids need a "spiritual dimension" in life to help them develop character and personality.

## **Positive Influences**

Parents want their children to be protected from negative influences of media and social trends that devalue morals, to have healthy friendships and peer groups, and to have strong adult models.

## **Socialization**

Learning how to get along with others, resolving conflicts without violence, and respecting legitimate authority are major concerns. Parents want help with relating to teenagers, understanding them, and keeping their respect.

## **Caring, Sharing, and Giving**

The popular magazines devote many pages to raising kind, caring kids, encouraging empathy, and discouraging selfishness. Parents ask how to get young children and teenagers to appreciate what they have and be willing to share with others.

## **Responsibility**

Responsibility is a major topic in parenting literature. Parents want their children to be responsible for their own actions and learn to take the consequences for their choices. They agonize over questions of how to set limits and teach principles of right and wrong. They recognize that children are confused by too many temptations, that they need structure.

## **Discovery and Development of Talents**

Children and young persons need opportunities for self-expression. Parents want them to use their natural talents and gifts in ways that contribute to healthy self esteem and afford pleasure to others.

## **Safe and Uplifting Recreation**

Parents want a safe environment where kids, especially teenagers, can have fun without being pulled into temptations involving alcohol, drugs and sex. They ask about how to provide wholesome entertainment and social events. A good Sunday School provides support and direction in each of these categories, and also offers parents what they need for themselves.

## **Support for Their Values**

Parents need the outside reinforcement of having their children hear from others what the parents teach at home. No one can provide better support for parents than a respected Sunday School teacher.

## **Sharing With Other Parents**

A major benefit of parenting classes is the exchange of experiences and ideas. Regular Sunday School classes can give parents this opportunity.

## **Parenting Helps in the Curriculum**

Every teacher of adults should be aware of parents' needs and look for opportunities to make lesson applications that are helpful to parents. Every teacher should pray for parents in the class and encourage them to express needs and ideas.

## **Prayer and Support in All Situations**

Teachers should keep parents aware of the Sunday School as a partner. Be alert and sensitive to the needs of single parents and those with particular problems.

For this to happen, we look to you for some assistance. Psalm 145:4 *"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."* We are not all gifted as teachers but all Christians are gifted to give something of value to the next generation. What will you give?