

“Children’s Church”
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NOTE: This service was a praise and worship service, with no sermon per se. Instead, Joe Ramirez and the bright, smiling children of Christian Fellowship Great Lakes gave us a taste of what the children do on Sunday mornings when the rest of us are taking in a sermon.

Joe opened up with a prayer, and then drilled the children on two of the memory verse for this month:

2 Timothy 3:16 ...instruction in righteousness.

Psalms 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

He had two of the children recite these verses, and then he had the congregation recite them once together, and then he picked people from the congregation to recite them individually.

Then he asked the children to explain how to go about finding a book in the Bible, if one didn’t know where it was. One of the children explained that the Bible has a Table of Contents. Then he asked if there was a way to find Psalms without using the Table of Contents. One of the young people explained that Psalms is the middle book of the Bible, so, if you open the Bible up to its approximate middle, you will probably open it up to Psalms (it helps that Psalms also happens to be a particularly large book). Then he asked how is the Bible divided, and the youths responded, Old and New Testament. So what is a testament? an agreement or pact; a set of promises. So what are some of the promises in the Bible? Life, He will never flood the earth again, if you seek Him with a whole heart you will find Him, if you get baptized in Jesus’ name you will receive the gift of salvation, mercy, life after death. What are the different divisions of the Old Testament? Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets. What are the divisions of the New Testament? Gospels, History, Epistles to churches, Epistles to individuals, General Epistles, and Prophecy. What does ‘Gospel’ mean? Good news. How many books of history are there in the New Testament? One, the Book of Acts. What are the Epistles for? They teach us how to live the life of a Christian. How many books of prophecy are there in the New Testament? One, the Book of Revelation.

There are five pieces of punctuation used in the reference system for the Bible:

The colon (:) is used to separate chapter and verse, as in, 2 Timothy 3:16.

The comma (,) is used to separate chapters in the same book, or verses in the same chapter, as in, John 1:1, 14.

The semicolon (;) is used to separate different chapters and verses within the same book, as in, Acts 2:38; 4:12.

The dash (-) is used to indicate a range of verses which should be read from the first verse listed to the last verse listed without stopping, as in, Ephesians 6:10-18.

The hyphen (-) is used to indicate a range of verses which should also be read from the first verse to the last verse without stopping, the difference is that the two indicated verses are not in the same chapter, as in, Romans 5:19-6:2.

