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Summary of Philosophy of Ministry for Children's Ministry at WSBC

What: To present Jesus Christ and His saving grace as the only hope of salvation; to present discipleship opportunities which further spiritual growth and to prepare our children to love God, know His Word and be prepared to serve in practical ministry.

How: This is accomplished through prayer, Biblically based curriculum and committed leaders with additional support from the WSBC family. The Children's Ministry at Western Springs Baptist Church strives to encourage and enable every child to nurture a strong, growing Christian Faith. Therefore in their Christian learning opportunities, they will meet God in worship through Scripture that leads to the cross and Christ's salvation. They will have positive, age appropriate experiences in worship and prayer, in ministry opportunities, and in relationships. Our children should feel respected for their uniqueness in gifts and individuality in learning styles. Therefore, there will be a variety of experiences for them to connect to the ministries. So that they are not just passive observers, their learning environment shall nurture the learning of all children. Our children are accepted as part of our church family, not just connected to a children's ministry. Therefore they will have opportunities to meet, worship, and minister with the whole church community. The ministry leaders and the church family will help to make that connection by praying for the children's ministries regularly.