

## Family Events

One way Four Mile Church helps strengthen a family unit is by regularly offering fun stuff to do together as a family! On a quarterly basis, Four Mile Church offers family events as a way to get the whole family involved.

In 2013 we started our 'Family Date Night' series,

- Daddy-Daughter Date Night: February 2013
- Mother-Son Date-Night: October 2013
- Mother-Daughter Date-Night: February 2014
- Father-Son Date-Night: October 2014
- And the plan is to start the rotation all over again in February 2015!

The Date Nights cover our **SPRING** and **FALL** quarterly events.

In the **SUMMER**, we hold Kidz Blast, which is a week-long event, similar to a VBS, but at Four Mile we do things family-style! We share dinner, break into age-appropriate classes, then finish with all-family worship! Plan now for the week of June 16-20, 2014 to join us!

And don't miss our **WINTER** event: Candyland! Candyland, a tour through a wonderous land, aimed at ages 1-11 and their families, began in December 2012 and returned in 2013. Mark your calendars, it's the first Saturday in December each year at Four Mile Church.

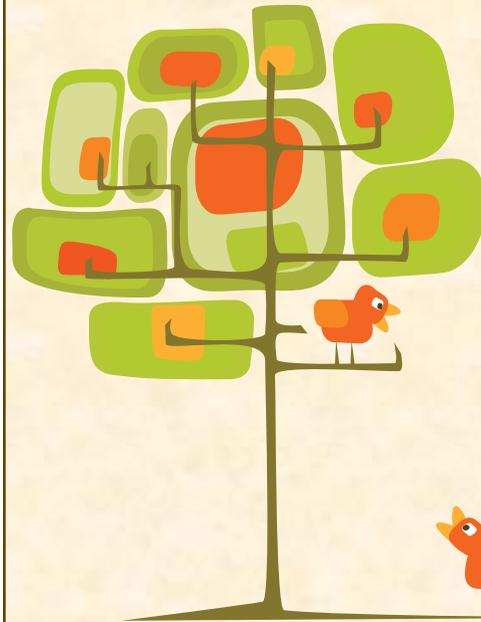
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## Kidz Ministry Vision



Four Mile's children's ministry exists to partner with parents in helping their children discover and take the next steps essential for them to become spiritual champions who live fully for Christ every day of their lives. There are many avenues through which this is accomplished; and you can read about them in this brochure.

**1. Partnership with Parents** – Partnering with parents is an essential aspect of raising kids who are spiritual champions. Did you know: At best, kids spend 40 hours a year in an organized church environment, but parents have over 2,000 hours with their children? We partner with parents to make their influence count. We introduce character values and provide tools to help parents build those values into their child's heart and life.

**2. Kidz Care: Sunday Mornings (Ages 0-3)** – This ministry enables parents to worship knowing their child is in a safe environment with loving caretakers who are demonstrating and teaching them through playing, singing, and storytelling that they matter to Jesus.

**3. Kidz Church Preschool: Sunday Mornings (Ages 3-4)** – In Kidz Church Preschool, we focus on three main ideas: God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. We also introduce kids to the large group/small group structure as well as introducing families to the partnership between parents and the church. When kids leave the preschool class they will know that God is real and that they can talk to Him at any time, at any place, and they will be ready to take their next step into Kidz Church. Parents are encouraged to serve in preschool so they can learn and grow with their child.

**4. Kidz Church: Sunday Mornings (K-4th Grade)** – In Kidz Church the goal is to equip kids to grow in knowing and living like Christ. They get an understanding of who He is by the virtues He demonstrated. By the time they leave Kidz Church, each child will have experienced and own three basic truths modeled by Jesus in Luke 2:52: I need to make the wise choice, I can trust God no matter what, and I should treat others the way I want to be treated, and they will be ready to take their next step into ROCK (5th-6th grade ministry). Like preschool, parents are encouraged to serve in Kidz Church.

**5. Family Events: Parents and Kids Together** – Family events are designed for parents and kids to spend time together. Because we believe in partnering with, not replacing parents, we invite parents to join in the fun with their kids. These events are centered around fun for the family and they are designed to be enjoyable to attend and easy to invite friends.



## Partnering with Parents

An essential aspect to raising kids who are spiritual champions is a partnership with parents. There are a number of ways that Four Mile Church partners with parents to help their kids take the next steps in becoming spiritual champions:

1. Children's ministry is a place where parents are encouraged to serve.
  - a. This provides an opportunity for them to learn and grow with their child.
  - b. There are many opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry requiring a wide variety of gifts and abilities. If you have a heart to serve and a passion for kids contact Joe Simonette.
2. Communication is key.
  - a. Each month parents receive a parent cue card that informs them what is being taught in the particular ministry that their child is a part of.
  - b. This card contains the virtue of the month along with the lesson that will be presented each week as well as activities for parents and kids to do together to reinforce the virtue learned at church.
3. Equipping parents is essential.
  - a. Four Mile Church offers classes and Sunday series on parenting, building marriages, etc. Our staff and volunteers are always here to support, encourage, and pray with you.
4. Family events.
  - a. One way to strengthen a family unit is to do stuff together as a family! On a quarterly basis, Four Mile Church offers family events as a way to get the whole family involved. These events range anywhere from a "Daddy-Daughter Date Night," to a "Mother-Daughter Night Out." and many more to come!



## Kidz Care Nursery [age 0-3]

Kidz Care Nursery is for newborns through age 3. This ministry enables parents to worship knowing their child is in a safe environment with loving caretakers who are demonstrating and teaching them through playing, singing, and storytelling that they matter to Jesus.

1. Ensure a safe environment.
  - a. Each volunteer submits an application and must clear a background check.
  - b. A check-in process is in place to ensure that only the appropriate person is dropping off and picking up the child.
  - c. The nursery is inspected to make sure everything is baby safe.
2. Ensure a clean environment.
  - a. The nursery is cleaned before and after each service; the room itself is cleaned as well as the toys and playing equipment.
3. Build Trust
  - a. To give parents peace of mind about their children in the nursery, each parent is given a pager, which will alert them if there is a problem with their child in the nursery. Additionally, parents are encouraged to leave their cell phone number, in case of emergency.



## Kidz Church Preschool [age 3-4]

Kidz Church Preschool is for children ages 3-4 years old. In Kidz Church Preschool, kids are introduced to the large group/small group structure and families are introduced to a partnership between the church and the family. Preschool focuses on three main themes: God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

1. Consistency
  - a. In Kidz Church Preschool we want to provide a church experience that is familiar and exciting from week to week.
2. Preschool consists of three main parts: worship, large group, and small group.
  - a. Worship: fun songs with motions designed to foster a heart of worship
  - b. Bible Teaching: an exciting teaching of a Bible story.
  - c. Group Experience: generally include three activities, one movement-oriented activity, one sitting-oriented activity, and one coloring activity.
3. Each family is provided a family take home resource called a "Small Talk Card."
  - a. A small talk card is a resource designed for preschoolers that helps parents create a rhythm at home with ideas for incorporating faith into playtime, drive time, bath time, and cuddle time. Small talk cards are distributed weekly.

## Kidz Church [Kindergarten - 4th grade]

In Kidz Church, Kindergarteners to 4th graders learn to be more like Christ through an understanding of who He is and the virtues He demonstrated. By the time they leave Kidz Church, each child will have experienced and own three basic truths modeled by Jesus in Luke 2:52: I need to make the wise choice, I can trust God no matter what, and I should treat others the way I want to be treated, and they will be ready to take their next step into ROCK, our 5th-6th grade ministry.

1. Consistency is crucial in Kidz Church. At Four Mile Church we want to provide a Kidz Church experience that is familiar and exciting from week to week.
2. Kidz Church is run by volunteers. Volunteers lead everything from large group teaching, to worship, to small groups. Each classroom, separated by grades, has at least 2 leaders in it, as well as student helpers.
3. Kidz Church is divided into three major parts: free play, large group, and small groups.
  - a. Free Play – This time is designed to be during check in. This time is a time for leaders to build relationships with the kids and for kids to build relationships with each other. Free play is designed to make kids look forward to coming to Kidz Church each week.
  - b. Large Group – In large group, kids learn Biblical truths through engaging worship, games, and storytelling. A worship leader leads worship along with a team of youth worship team members. Large group is designed to capture kids' attention and to teach God's word in a memorable way.
  - c. Small Groups – Small group time breaks down the Bible story presented in large group in an engaging, age-appropriate way. In Kidz Church we divide our elementary kids into three groups: K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th grade. When necessary, we also create a couple of small groups within the classroom. Age appropriate small group curriculum is provided for leaders to make Kidz Church an easy place to serve.

## Kidz Church (continued)

4. Each family is provided a take home resource, called a Parent Cue Card. These cue cards are designed to help parents reinforce stories and virtues at home. Parent Cue Cards are a monthly resource that are distributed to parents the first week of the month as they pick up their child.



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5. Kidz Church uses a check in system to ensure security. This is an electronic name tag system that provides a nametag for each child as well as a receipt for each parent. The person coming to pick up the child must have the appropriate receipt. The benefits of this system are:
  - a. Increased security. The only person to pick up a child is the person holding the receipt. This ensures that the right person picks up the child.
  - b. Better relationships between leaders and children. A nametag system helps leaders and children get to know each other on a first name basis.
  - c. Attendance tracking. This system tracks the attendance of families in Kidz Church helping to ensure that families do not slip through the cracks.
6. A Kidz Town Welcome Desk is where new families should go to help them feel welcome. This desk contains information about children's ministry at Four Mile and is staffed by someone tasked with the job of directing families where to go. Here, families can also get an overview of what happens in Kidz Church.