

Five Things about a church nursery in a local church

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But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:14).

You should never have children in a nursery without singing songs in their worship hour, such as: This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..., He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole the world in His hands. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, And, a must for children's nursery, Zacchaeus was a wee little man, A wee little man was he...! A nursery should be a worship time for every child. Clapping their hands and jumping up and down is a good sign.

The nursery is what parents look for in a local church. All it takes at times is a peek inside the room with a welcome smile from a staff worker and Mom's and Dad's feel ok passing their little ones over the half open door or a walk through up to a six-year-old to enter.

The local church may never benefit from a church nursery until about 20 years thereafter! Up until that time, it calls for time, money, and dedication for a local church to have church a nursery. Then after they are all grown up, they will come back with their own spouses and children of the second generation to carry on the nursery ministry in a local church.

Needs to have background checks. This procedure is a way of life for any one making transition into another phase of work, and even more should be a must for nursery workers in a local church. A church nursery worker is no place for a recovering drunk or sex offender to serve, period! *That ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere without offence till the day of Jesus Christ* (Philippians 1:10).

Needs at least two workers who are Christians. There are always two babies in a local church nursery crying at the same time! Christians are always better than anyone else in anything they do; because what they do, they do it as unto the Lord. Two or more workers in a local church nursery gives credibility if a fault develops. *Two are better than one...*(Ecclesiastes 4:9).

Needs to have furnishings for children. Many times, when Jesus was teaching for breaking bread, he asked them to sit down. Little tables, little chairs are important for little children for a local church nursery. *See that you do not despise one of these little ones* (Matthew 18:10).

Needs to have Bible stories about Jesus Christ. *He called a little child to come unto him* (Matt 18:2). Children need to know more about Jesus, and should know about Him in a

church nursery. Stories of how he was born and lying in a manger, how he was found in church at 12 years of age, how he walked on water and fed thousands with a few fish, and most important how he suffered, how he died on a cross, and raised from the dead. If such stories are not heard in a local church nursery, do not leave your children there.

Needs to be a time for coloring. Simple, but so important for children to color. They will be a take-home and wall hanger for their bed room. See Deuteronomy 6:9.

*It seems to me...*a nursery in a local church is a God anointed place.

Christ suffered and died for our sin on the cross;
He was buried and arose from the dead on the third day.
Many witnessed his resurrection.
Believe it, Receive it, Live it, and Give it!