
HCSF Survey findings in collaboration with Barna
Analysis of survey results suggest the following ‘positive’ indicators
of effective Children and Youth Ministries:



ENGAGEMENT/ATTENDANCE.

- Building strong relationships with parents and children
- Building relationships with diverse groups; single parents economically challenged
 - Updated/fresh topics and lessons
- Relevance and applicability of curriculum to everyday life
- Connecting children and youth to overall church congregation



LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY GOALS

- Public articulation of mission/visions for children and youth
 - Building Strong relationships with parents
 - Building Strong relationships with volunteers
- Discipling/shepherding students in their spiritual growth



VOLUNTEERS

- Team building to reinforce relationship between staff and volunteer
 - Recognize and reward them for their efforts.



CURRICULUM AND APPROACH

- Flexible enough to address emerging issues
- Interactive, incorporating a variety of arts, drama and music for (K-5)
- More service opportunities are incorporated for grades (6-12)
- Multimedia is a must – even if churches are still using paper materials



Children’s Survey Findings (Age 6-12)

Results from a simple survey for children indicated the following as the most important elements of their time in church (in order of importance)

1. Learning about the Bible/Jesus/Gospel
2. Connecting with teachers and friends
3. Worship and Praise
4. Snacks! 😊