

Core Convictions of GB:Kids

1. The Great Commission mandate to make disciples applies directly to children as well as adults.
2. Parents are the primary disciplers (Deut 6)
3. The Gospel Community is the secondary disciplers (Eph 4)
4. Anything we do on Sunday morning, should serve to enable the parents and Gospel Community to disciple the kids.
5. We will actively battle against the Religion/Moralism Lens every opportunity we have.
6. We are more concerned that children learn the story and stories of Scripture than that they learn moral truths.
7. Wherever possible, we want the teaching to strategically utilize language common to MDC (Identities, Rhythms, True Story).

Sunday morning time with kids should be:

1. **Safe.** We want parents to know that their kids will be safe and cared for. We do this by background checks, prepared teachers, and teachers who communicate with parents before and after the service.
2. **Engaged.** Ideally each Sunday would include: (1) Teaching the same story that is taught to the adults, (2) A craft or creative activity to make the story memorable, and (3) time to play with the kids where the teachers demonstrate the love of the gospel to the kids.
3. **Prepared.** We don't expect Kevin to show up on Sunday morning without a plan and without having studied for his sermon. Just as Kevin is teaching the gospel to the adults in our family, so the GB:Kids teachers are teaching the gospel to the kids in our family. Please take seriously the call to disciple and preach to the kids of GBGF. Be prepared.