

What can I do to maintain discipline and a positive environment throughout our ministries to children?

<p>If you are a Parent</p>	<p>Pray for your child and the children’s workers. Attend a conference or other Biblical based training so you can implement discipline at home. Meet with your child’s church worker during the year to review the progress and behavior of your child. Review goals and priorities for the year. Be consistent at home; work together with the church to guide your child.</p>
<p>If you are a Pastor</p>	<p>Provide Biblical based parenting classes through your church. Review the standards of conduct for church programs with your ministry directors and workers. Send a letter to parents explaining your discipline system. Announce achievements and incentive activities to the church through the bulletin or newsletter.</p>
<p>If you are a Children’s Ministry Director</p>	<p>Publish your expectations (rules) or conduct standards in written form. (On a poster or in a booklet.) Hang a poster where it can be seen by everyone. Start each meeting on time, in an orderly and disciplined manner. Establish a system of positive rewards to reinforce desired behavior. Conduct a meeting during the summer to plan the ministry year. Create a positive atmosphere with our attitude, positive reinforcement, and special awards. Create a poster with your discipline system outlined, and hang it where everyone can see it. Schedule pre-meeting activities which are supervised by adults.</p>
<p>If you are a Children’s Ministry Worker</p>	<p>Help with pre-meeting activities. Interact with your kids before the session starts. Arrive at church before any children do. Award sportsmanship points, behavior points, and achievement points. Praise each child every week for attendance, achievement and behavior. Establish goals for individual kids, with appropriate recognition.</p>