

# Top 10 Children's Ministry Builders

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Want a popping children's ministry? Want your children to become champions for God? Want more volunteers? These are tried and true steps to get where you want to be in your children's ministry.

**Ask:** Inviting people to join your team. Week in, week out, you've got to invite, invite, invite. You have not because you ask not. The best way to build a volunteer team is personal 1-on-1 invites.

**Pray for volunteers:** What did Jesus say to do when the "laborers are few?" He told us to, "pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers into His harvest fields. Spend time each day asking God to send you volunteers. Jesus wouldn't ask us to pray for something He didn't intend on giving us.

**Mingle:** You have to go where adults are if you want them to join your team. Get into the adult world. Show up for new member's class, visit adult Bible study groups, connect with the men's and women's ministry.

**Partner with the student ministry leaders:** Student volunteers are the BEST! You should have lots of student ministry volunteers serving in your children's ministry. If you don't, then reach out to your student ministry leaders and ask how you can partner with them to get students involved.

**Follow up with people who have served one time:** There are certain times of the year when people serve in children's ministry one time.

Normally this is during a church-wide push for an event or special services. Easter services....Christmas events...VBS...camps...fall festivals, etc.

Have a strategy to go after the people who sign up to serve that one time. You can turn one-time servers into full-time servers if you're intentional about looping back with them.

**Provide enough entry level positions:** More jobs = more volunteers. Especially entry level positions. Not everyone wants to start out teaching, leading worship, or overseeing a program. Provide lots of easy, entry level positions. You'll find that people start out in these entry level positions, but down the road gain enough confidence and experience to step into a bigger role.

**Culture of serving** Look around. If all the ministries in your church are lean on volunteers, you may be in a church where serving is not embedded in the DNA.

**Encourage your current volunteers to invite people to join them.** Encourage your current volunteers to invite people to serve with them. They know people you don't know and have influence you don't have.

**Concluding thoughts...** If you make this one of your priorities you will be able to minister in greater ways to your kids. With a good team you will be able to minister MORE (in every way) to the children God has given you, making them **Champions for God!** And.....have more fun doing it!