

# THE FOUNDATION FIVE

## THE “MUST-HAVES” IN YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SERVICE

Every children's church needs these elements, regardless of church size:

### 1.) Song Service.

- Brings the presence of God.
- Teaches kids to worship independently.

( 'Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’ ” ' Matthew 4:10 )

### 2.) Offering.

- Teaches obedience to God.
- Instills the habit of giving.

( “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ' Malachi 3:8-10)

### 3.) Word of God / Memory Verse.

- Helps children learn God's word and will.

( 'I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ' Psalm 119:11)

#### 4.) Sermon / Altar Call.

- Teaches children to hear from God and meet Him.

( 'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. ' Psalms 119:105 )

#### 5.) Have Fun.

- Keeps kids engaged.

(Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ' Philippians 4:4)

## THE REINFORCEMENTS

These elements are used to support and reinforce your teaching. Remember, they should complement, not replace, the core elements like the sermon or altar call.

### 1.) Puppets.

- Engage children with visual and interactive storytelling.
- Can be used to illustrate biblical principles or retell Bible stories.
- Allow for creative expression and different character voices.
- Help shy children feel more comfortable participating.

### 2.) Skits

- Bring Bible stories and moral lessons to life through drama.
- Encourage participation and teamwork among children.
- Can be adapted for various age groups and skill levels.
- Help children remember lessons through active involvement.

### 3.) Object Lessons

- Use tangible items to illustrate abstract concepts.
- Make complex ideas more understandable for children.
- Can be memorable and impactful, linking everyday objects to spiritual truths.
- Encourage critical thinking and application of lessons to daily life.

#### **4.) Stories.**

- Beyond Bible stories, include age-appropriate narratives that reinforce the lesson.
- Can be personal testimonies, missionary stories, or fictional tales with a moral.
- Help children relate to characters and situations.
- Improve listening skills and imagination.

#### **5.) Crafts.**

- Provide hands-on activities related to the lesson.
- Allow children to create tangible reminders of the teachings.
- Cater to different learning styles, especially kinesthetic learners.
- Can be taken home to share the lesson with family members.

#### **When using these reinforcements:**

- Ensure they directly support the main teaching point.
- Adapt them to suit different age groups within your children's church.
- Involve children in the preparation and presentation when possible.
- Use a variety of reinforcements to keep lessons fresh and engaging.
- Always tie the reinforcement back to the Bible and the core message.