

CROSSWAY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PURPOSE

To make maturing followers of Jesus by assisting parents in training their children in sound doctrine and Biblical literacy.

ASSISTING FAMILIES

There are 168 hours in a week. Your child will spend less than one hour of that time with us (and that assumes you're in attendance every week). The primary venue for your child's discipleship is not a less-than hour-long class on Sunday mornings. It's the home. And their primary disciplers are you, the parents.

Our children's ministry, therefore, is not intended to replace what needs to be occurring in the home. Rather, we view our role as coming alongside parents and equipping them with content to reinforce with their children throughout the week.

With this in mind, we long to see each and every one of our parents practicing regular in-home discipleship with their children through things like family worship. Our children's ministry schedules and content are made available online so that you can use this same material throughout the week to reinforce it with your children. We want to be an aid in helping you disciple your kids.

CURRICULUM

The Gospel Story Bible lessons

Every week the children will cover a new lesson from our curriculum, *The Gospel Story*. This curriculum surveys the entirety of scripture, helping instill a gospel-centered Biblical literacy.

New City Catechism

The New City Catechism is a collection of 52 questions and answers (one for each week of the year) covering the key doctrines in the Christian faith. Each week our kids will learn about and discuss a new catechism question as we seek to see our children firmly rooted in Christian doctrine.

Memory verse of the month

Every month the children will learn a new memory verse. Our children's brains are sponges. And we want to see them absorb scripture, shaping their minds and hearts.

Hymn of the month

Each month the children will learn one of the historic hymns of the faith, reviewing it each Sunday of the given month. We want to expose our children to the great hymns because of (1) their rich, theological lyrics, (2) their "catholicity" (songs commonly known and used across churches), (3) their historicity (they connect us to past generations of Christians).