

How to Do



1. Prepare your sermon for the children, not the adults. Keep concepts and vocabulary simple. Do not use this vehicle for saying something to the adults under the guise of speaking to the children.
2. Do not make it a performance of the children for the adults. Do not ask "cute" questions to elicit "cute" answers but it should not be just a monologue either. Ask meaningful questions which require thought.
3. Do not put the microphone up to the children rather paraphrase their answers back to them.
4. Use any means at your disposal to get your message across, i.e., pictures, songs, stories, object lessons.
5. Sit on the stairs with the children. If you stand, their necks will become tired from looking then you have lost eye contact.
6. Look at the children when you talk to them.

7. Keep it short—about five minutes. ★
That means you will plan carefully what you will say. Do not over-explain.
8. Use facial and vocal expressions when telling the story. It may seem exaggerated to you, but not to the children.
9. Check the bulletin to see when the children's sermon is located in the liturgy.
10. Get the children's bulletins before the service from the ushers and pass them out to the children after the children's sermon.
11. If at all possible, use the Gospel of the day as your main text. Try not to moralize, but pass on the story of faith to the children.
12. Have fun, smile, and have fun!

Here are some websites to help you in your journey. These are to serve only as a springboard for your children's sermon. Use them as you would use any other web source, with much thought and care.

www.sermons4kids.com

www.higherpraise.com/illustrations/a.htm

www.kiskipby.org/children/childser.htm

www.childrensermons.com/index.html

www.webspawner.com/users/ChildPage/