

What Children's Ministers at OPC do:

Children's Ministry at OPC seeks to combine the critical influences of church and home in building the faith of our children. We believe that God revealed himself to us through the stories and writings contained in the Bible. We also believe he continues to reveal himself through the lives of followers today. That is why we capitalize on each opportunity families give us with their kids to cast a vision of God's Big Story that started at creation and continues in them. From Nursery for the babies to Thursday night Cross Devos at Summer In The Son for 6th graders, we want them to understand God's unwavering desire for relationship with them and his unique plan for using them in the fulfillment of His Kingdom purposes.

We operate a ministry that relies heavily on volunteers to do the heavy lifting of building relationships and the experiential part of the learning process. When kids are "in the building", you can find us:

- Teaching and leading worship in the large group settings on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings in the elementary wing.
- Leading worship during KidsChurch.
- Greeting kids and families during transition times on Sunday and Wednesday.
- Filling in holes in the Security and Nursery schedules or filling in in a classroom as available when volunteers are not able to show up.
- Greeting and welcoming families at camps and VBS.
- Teaching and leading worship during Summer In The Son.

When Kids are not "in the building" we are planning for the lessons we will be teaching. We are restocking rooms. We are reading and staying on top of current thought leadership. We are planning activities that will communicate the idea of the lesson through a different experience. We are planning for IT changes that will affect how we check kids in and out during transition times. We are writing policy regarding teenagers helping and reevaluating how our adult background checking is done. This is a brief breakdown to display the depth of what it means to be a Children's Minister at OPC.