

Shepherding The Hearts of Young Children  
(WORKSHOP FOR AGES 6-10)

I. \_\_\_\_\_

A. JOHN 10:11-16

JESUS SAYS " I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. BUT A HIRELING, HE WHO IS NOT THE SHEPHERD, ONE WHO DOES NOT OWN THE SHEEP, SEES THE WOLF COMING AND LEAVES THE SHEEP AND FLEES; AND THE WOLF CATCHES THE SHEEP AND SCATTERS THEM. THE HIRELING FLEES BECAUSE HE IS A HIRELING AND DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE SHEEP

B. Satan is after these children, not just our own children, but this entire generation of children. All throughout the scriptures you will see that the attack of the enemy has always been on the children.

If Satan attacks the children this much there must be something in them. Our children are \_\_\_\_\_ in the hands of God, and the enemy seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

As servants in the children's ministry, We are in a battle over the \_\_\_\_\_ of these children so we have to choose our role in this fight..

C. WHY DO YOU SERVE ( \_\_\_\_\_ VS \_\_\_\_\_ )  
SHEPHERD

- SERVES OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE SHEEP
- WILL LAY DOWN HIS LIFE TO PROTECT THOSE IN HIS FOLD

HIRELING

- SERVES TO BENEFIT \_\_\_\_\_
- WILL \_\_\_\_\_ THE SOULS OF THE SHEEP
- WILL \_\_\_\_\_ THE MINISTRY WHEN THINGS GET HARD

A hireling will see the war and flee, run the opposite way

But a shepherd wont run away from the battle, they will run into the battle and they will come out with scars

D. Our Youth need HOPE We have the answer (THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_)  
That is our purpose, to teach these children the word of God in a way that they will understand.

“One of the biggest mistakes I’ve seen among those who have a heart for the lost is that they don’t see the children in their own church as lost. Every child, even the cute ones in our Sunday schools, needs the gospel. Our goal is not just to get the children into church, but into Christ.”

“They pass so soon, the days of youth, the children change so fast, quickly they harden in the mold, and the shapable years are past, then shape the years while they are young, this be our prayer and our aim. That every child we meet shall bear the imprint of His name.”

Our desire should be to change the lives of these kids for \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Pastor Chuck says that “being a witness isn’t what you say, but it’s \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Your life is a witness for Christ without you saying a word”  
They are going to draw their opinions of Jesus based on what they see in you. This is a very serious matter, how are you representing Jesus?
- B. You don’t need fancy methods, the importance is in the Word of God.
- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrew 4:12
  - How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. Psalm 119:9
  - Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89
- C. Dwight L Moody Quotes
- Sunday School teachers are making a big mistake if they don’t take the whole Bible into their Sunday School classes. I don’t care how young children are; let them understand it is one book, don’t let them think that the Old Testament doesn’t come to us with the same authority as the New. It is a great thing for a boy or girl to know how to handle the Bible.
  - Many of our youth learn how to play at church, but not to pray. They are taught to be happy, but not to be holy. I believe we are to blame that they have been brought up in Sunday School with nice lessons but without knowing their Bibles. The result is that children are growing up knowing what they are told, but not knowing what the Bible says.

III. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tips for classroom application)

- A. Let the little children come to me -Jesus
1. Remember they are kids
  2. Be patient

B. The three things I tell my students every time we start class

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Read:

Proverbs 21 (read up to verse 8)

- Read, Define, Clarify, and discuss application

D. Tips:

- **Remember their** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Walk** \_\_\_\_\_ **the class**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **from your bible**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **your audience**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **the talkers**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **distractions**
- **Don't be afraid to ask** \_\_\_\_\_ **(you can't do it all, and God doesn't need you to do it all)**

IV. \_\_\_\_\_

**“We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth.” Andrew Murray**

If you don't have a \_\_\_\_\_ prayer life you won't have \_\_\_\_\_.  
All \_\_\_\_\_ things are birthed in \_\_\_\_\_.

AN EXHORTATION FROM 1 PETER 5:1-4

THE ELDERS WHO ARE AMONG YOU I EXHORT, I WHO AM A FELLOW ELDER AND A WITNESS OF THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, AND ALSO A PARTAKER OF THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED: SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD WHICH IS AMONG YOU, SERVING AS OVERSEERS, NOT BY COMPUSION BUT WILLINGLY, NOT FOR DISHONEST GAIN BUT EAGERLY, NOR AS BEING LORDS OVER THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, BUT BEING EXAMPLES TO THE FLOCK, AND WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF GLORY THAT DOES NOT FADE AWAY.