

The subject of children attending Church services – some suggested topics to discuss

1 Cor 1:13 **Is Christ divided?** No, neither will we be if we are submissive and neutral.

1. Should all children attend all services regardless of their detracting behavior?

2. Should a particular child attend one or more services? Should it depend on this?

The two parents taking time to sit down with their child to discerningly explore:

(a) Does their child want to attend, for the right motive (is discernment needed)?

(b) Does the child have even a little understanding of what the primary purpose of our meetings is? Isn't It for God to impart Himself to any hearing heart through living Bible words He speaks, either directly or through someone? Would it be good for a child to recognize that just one word so spoken by God that someone hears could change their life and contribute to saving their soul?

James 1:21 **...Receive with meekness (a hearing undistracted heart) the implanted word, which has all the power needed to save your souls.**

(c) Does the child recognize that if they are a distraction at a service it could seriously hinder that life changing purpose of hearing God: for them, for their parents, for others around them and for any visitors? And that it may have been the only opportunity for that person to hear that life changing word?

Heb 4:2 **Indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them...**(because of distractions)

(d) Should the child be taught that when someone speaks with an anointing of the Holy Spirit (several in Living Stones do) then it is actually God the Father speaking? And that if this is so, and it is, shouldn't we all be listening to Him, whenever He speaks, through whomever, so that it will be well with us?

Matt 10:20 **For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.**

Prov 1:33 **Whoever listens to Me will live safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."**

3. If a child wants to come to our services, not to play but to listen, and begins to understand the whole purpose, then wouldn't it be so in God's will for them to come?

Matt 19:14 (Jesus) **Direct little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**

Isa 54:13 **All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace (the salvation of their wills from disobedience) of your children.**