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### Welcome to Hillvue Heights Children's Ministry!!

Children are important to Hillvue Heights Church! Serious, top priority effort is given to ministry to children! Children's ministry takes commitment from all sides. At Hillvue, it is a cooperative endeavor between church and home to reach each child with the message of Christ. This means that ministry is in partnership with parents. God has appointed every parent as his or her child's primary spiritual instructor. Our ministry role is to assist and equip parents in that task.

Serving With You,

Pastor Angela Lasley Lasley@hillvue.com



It is our desire to:

- Impact Children with the message of Christ's love for them.
- Encourage children to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and to become a part of our church family.
- Facilitate the child's growth in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Foster building life skills and Christ-esteem through relevant biblical teaching and positive role modeling.
- Prepare children to discover their uniqueness and God's mission for their lives.

Our ministry focuses on transformation- spiritual, relational, physical, and mental. We believe that the more intentional and strategic we are in ministry, the more effective we will be in equipping children to grow into spiritual champions!

The children's ministry team is composed of men and women who work hard to help each child personally discover Christ's love. Lessons are designed to help children understand God's word and how to apply the truths to everyday life.

We believe that ministry to children is a responsibility that is shared by the children's team, pastors, parents, and the entire church community. The task is an exciting one- helps them grow "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52)

Children's Ministry at Hillvue Heights Church exists to partner with parents to help children grow into active, passionate followers of Christ.





Is about transformation......to help parents with the transformation of their children. We offer these opportunities for children to participate in "The Big 5".



### Tips for taking your children to Worship:

Make a "Worship Bag". Put special books, quiet toys (we do not recommend letting your child bring electronic toys such as game boys etc.), coloring books, crayons or markers and a snack in the bag. Don't allow your child to play with these special things any time other than in Worship. Talk to your children ahead of time each week and let them know what you expect from them during Worship (to sit and play quietly). Praise them; tell them what they did right (thank you for sitting quietly today). Explain to them what Worship is about. Be consistent in taking them to Worship.



<u>"The Big 5"</u> Bible Study Worship Prayer Service Fellowship

### Child Safety Policy:

We take seriously our responsibility to the children who attend Hillvue Heights Church. Our child protection policy mandates the completion of a detailed application, reference checks, and a criminal history check for sexual crimes.

In addition, parents must check children in and sign them out at pick-up. Safety First!

## Sunday Morning Bible Study for Children in Grades 1-6

Children's Bible Study for grades 1-6 meets at 9:30am or 11am. This includes large group assembly and instruction through bible story, memory verse, main point, drama, music, games and movement; and small group, where they experience activities and fun games that reinforce the main Bible point.

# Wednesday Night Activities For Children in Grades K-6



**AWANA** is a combination of large group time for worship and game time, small group time for scripture memorization! AWANA for kindergarten-grade 4 meets from 6:30-7:30. For more information contact Sally Tooley @ 842-0012 or stooley@hillvue.com

#### <u>Club56</u>

Preteens are looking for meaning and relevance. Club56gives them a chance to ask spiritual questions they are wondering about. Utilizing "Grapple" curriculum, they discover answers in God's work to questions like, "Why isn't 'being good' enough?" Club56 meets from 6:30-7:30. For more information contact Pastor Angela Lasley @ 842-0012 or lasley@hillvue.com







### **Children's Choir and Creative Arts:**

First through Sixth grade children learn praise and worship choruses as well as creative arts pieces. Children periodically perform at church services and present special events such as the Christmas Musical. Children's choir meets from 5:30-6:15. For more information please contact pastor Angela Lasley.



# **Recommended reading for parents and children:**

Children

Bibles: ◆ Adventure Bible NIV for children ages 8-12 by Zondervan ◆ Adventure Bible for Early Readers children ages 6-10 by Zondervan

Study Tools: ♦ What the Bible is all about for Young Explorers by Gospel Light ♦ International Children's Bible Dictionary by Word Publishing Parents

♦ Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions by George Barna

> These reading lists are not meant to be exhaustive or exclusive. They are simply suggestions in aiding parents in the spiritual development of their children. If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact Pastor Angela Lasley.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. Philippians 1:6

## Web Safety Tips and Recommendations:

Talk to you children ahead of time set-up user rules: how long they may be on-line, time of day, okay websites. Parent involvement and vigilance are musts.
Use a list of Kid Friendly Websites to determine what is appropriate for your children. <u>www.ala.org/greatsites</u> and <u>www.kidsites.com</u> specialize in finding good safe websites for kids. Also, <u>http://safekids.com</u> is a kid friendly search engine
Use parental controls and software. <u>KidZui</u> and <u>McGruff</u> Safeguard are two such programs.
Keep your computer in a public area of your home such as the kitchen or den.
Pay attention to what your children are looking at on the internet - look over their

shoulder, ask questions, dig-dig-dig.

• Have your children write down all user names and passwords so that you can have access to their emails etc.