



The 8 Goals of the National Children's Ministries Agency—

How Do You Know If Kids Are Growing Spiritually?

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Listed below are the eight goals of the National Children's Ministries Agency. Notice how these eight goals fall within three main categories designed to help children deepen their walk with God and prepare them should God call them to ministry. These categories are **discipleship**, **ministry**, and **vision**.

Discipleship

Deepening a child's spiritual walk happens through discipleship. Discipleship includes teaching them to pray, worship, know God's Word, be filled with His Spirit, and be baptized in water. All of these areas can tremendously deepen a child's relationship with God, his ability to hear God's voice, and his ability to recognize the biblical guidelines he should follow.

Ministry

Ministry creates a passion in a child to help others and to be used by God. Ministry occurs through involving children in service, in evangelism, and in giving to missions. Each of these areas stretches a child and allows him to realize his value in God's kingdom.

Vision

The vision of a child grows every time he sees the lost people of the world (through BGMC), or leads a friend to Jesus (through evangelism), or serves



as an usher or greeter (through ministry). As a child is used by God, his self-esteem grows. A confidence that God has a plan for his life emerges and his life becomes wide open to the call of God.

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Reaching kids here in America and around the world and raising them up to be:

Powerful in Prayer

We believe every child should be a powerful prayer warrior through regular opportunities of seeing God answer prayer.

Baptized in the Holy Spirit

We believe that every child should be endowed with power for his Christian walk by being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Radical in Worship

We believe every child should intimately worship God through well-chosen, age-appropriate songs, lifting their hands and worshipping Him.

Mobilized in Service

We believe every child should be taught his value of service in God's kingdom through opportunities to exercise his talents and abilities as he ministers to others.

Sacrificial in Giving

We believe that every child should be taught through BGMC to pray for and sacrificially give to help reach the lost people of the world.

Active in Evangelism

We believe that every child should be willing to be a bold witness for Christ and to allow

his life to be used to bring glory to God and salvation to others.

Knowledgeable in God's Word

We believe every child should be solidly knowledgeable of God's Word through systematic teachings by trained leaders using Pentecostal curriculums and resources.

Baptized in Water

We believe every child needs to follow God's command to be baptized in water and to boldly stand up and publicly proclaim his faith in Christ.

Questions for Further Study—

1. What is the main tool for deepening a child's spiritual walk?
2. What happens to a child when he becomes involved in ministry?
3. How can you help a child to have his own vision?
4. In what ways are you implementing (or can you implement) the eight goals in your children's ministry?