

Dear Children's Leaders,

When we say children's leaders we are saying those who work with the following ministries, Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, Children's Sunday School, Sunday Morning Children's Church, Nursery, Preschool, Junior Bible Quiz, Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge or should we say if you work with any area of the church and it involves children you are a children's leader. That's why this letter is being sent to you. As children's leaders your ability to reach more children for Christ is founded on two main ingredients, the power of God that operates in your life and also amount of training you receive. A trained leader is an effective leader.

Training is a very important part of what you do as a leader. Our goal in children's ministries when it comes to training is three fold:

- 1) Provide as much as possible
- 2) Bring it in close proximity to you and
- 3) Address the needs that you are asking about

That is why we are providing three additional children's ministries training this year. Our first is rapidly approaching on May 17th at Bethel Assembly in Temple and the material enclosed contains the topics and areas of ministry that will be taught based upon the input that was given. The other two dates and locations are August 9th at First Assembly of God in Longview and the other is October 25th at First Assembly of God in Stephenville.

I hope you will make every effort to attend one or more of these training sessions. If you have ideas or topics you feel are important to address or is a need in your local situation please e-mail me at dswanson@northtexas.org or call our offices at 817-284-4856. We want to make sure we are addressing the needs of the field.

Concerning the May 17th training day we will be combining our children's ministries training with the Annual Royal Ranger Commanders Conference. We want to thank Commander Jonathan Trower and his team for allowing us to join these events together. We look forward to seeing you on May 17th in Temple, Texas.

Reaching Children for Christ,

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