**GCCHM Leadership Certification**

**Level IV, Course #8**

**ENTERING THE WORLD OF KIDS**

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**(Presenter’s Notes)**

**Slide 1 Entering the World of Kids**

**Slide 2 Want to be Effective in Your Ministry with Children?**

* It’s essential that you make the effort to learn and understand the world of kids.

**Slide 3 Why Be Interested in the Kids’ World?**

* As kids see that you are interested in what interests them, they will in turn become interested in what interests you, namely, God and His Word!
* Provides you with a pathway right into their hearts.
* It’s a lot of fun too!

**Slide 4 Principle #1**

1. You must realize that you are always a student

**Slide 5 Always Learning**

* You must always be learning.
* Never think that you know enough to be effective.
* Remember that what you know now is always becoming outdated.

**Slide 6 Principle #2**

1. You must be involved with kids

**Slide 7 Be Involved with Kids**

* Spend time with children outside of instruction time.
* You must be relational, not merely informational.
* Notice the children around you in hallways, parking lot, restaurant, store, etc.
* Acknowledge them and play with them.

**Slide 8 Principle #3**

1. You must be actively involved in things that will help you know the world of

Kids

**Slide 9 Interested in Kids’ Things**

* Know what cereal they eat, what TV shows they watch, what toys they play with, what popular actors or athletes they admire.
* If what is important to them is important to you, then the opposite will also be true! God & the Bible?
* Make a survey and pass it out to the children at least annually to find out what they are currently into!

**Slide 10 Practical Ideas That Can Help You Enter The World Of Kids**

**Slide 11 a) Never pass a toy store without going in!**

**Slide 12 b) Buy something in that toy store**

* Ask about the “frequent buyer” discount

**Slide 13 c) Check out the Kids’ Section At Your Christian Book Store**

* Buy some kids’ tunes to play in your car!

**Slide 14 d) Carry Small Toys Or Gadgets In Your Pockets**

* You never know when a kid will cross your path!

**Slide 15 e) Display Children’s Toys**

* Display toys in your office, car, home, or anywhere else!

**Slide 16 f) Order a Kid’s Meal and Try It**

* Plus an extra sandwich so you don’t starve!

**Slide 17 g) Watch Kids’ Movies and Read Kids’ Books/Comics**

* Great conversation starters! Then get to the Book!

**Slide 18 h) Wear Colorful Child-friendly Accessories**

* Men: wear some goofy ties kids will like!
* Women: wear some kid-friendly scarves.

**Slide 19 i) Read Kids’ Joke Books and Memorize a Few**

* Don’t bother with the ones that make you laugh.
* Look for the ones that are pointless and goofy – those will be the winners!

**Slide 20 j) Play with the kids on your block, not just your own kids**

* Welcome the kids who come to ask if you can come out and play!

**Slide 21 k) Watch Cartoons and Other Shows That Are Popular With Children**

* Take Note of the Commercials

**Slide 22 So Should We Learn the World of Kids? YES!**

* Make the effort to learn the world of kids and you will see how it transforms your relationships with children you minister to!
* Start where they are at, and then lead them to where you want them to be. If you fail to start where they are at, you will have a hard time leading them.