## Essentials of Children's Ministry

### **Create Community with Families**

- o Entry point for families to connect with church
- o Opportunity to learn about parenting
- o Engage parents to champion ministry

#### Create a Safe Place

- Adopt a plan to check in children and assure parents safety is priority
- Train teachers on procedures to reinforce commitment to child safety
- Emphasize to children that the environment is a place where they can be heard and encouraged

## Create Large Group Experience with Small Group engagement

- Choose curriculum that develops character and makes disciples
- Make experience engaging, fun, colorful appeal to wonder in kids
- o Drawing on senses to create interesting environment
- Use small group curriculum to assist children in personalizing learning and experience.

# Provide Opportunity to apply learning

- Serve the community in large group or small group experience
- Develop Gifts identify abilities and develop gifts in chidren
- Provide opportunity for kids to use their gifts
- Missions engage them in a bigger world