



A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Consider inviting another missional community to join you in any of these activities!

How are my children involved in my missional community?

Our children are a vital part of each missional community's success and they need to be around gospel-centered people. Missional Communities environments of life on life, life in community, and life on mission answer the question for our children, "How does the gospel impact my family and the city every day?" Children need to hear the gospel, see a genuine community, and experience dependency on the Spirit throughout the week. If gospel, community, and mission are what we want for our children what are ways we can involve them? This is a resource to get the wheels turning.

Recommendation: If your MC has children we encourage a person(s) to champion (core team) coordinating a few rhythms of children's spiritual formation with their parents/guardians of the MC. It is best not to see these activities/ideas as what should be pursued every time you gather as an MC but as means and areas to grow together over a period of time. We hope these ideas can also be a springboard to more.

Missional Communities Family Activities

Depending on the MC these are given a general scale from small to bigger coordination efforts.

Everyday Rhythms	START SMALL	GO BIG!!
EAT	<i>Have the kids choose the food options and have one or more pray for the meal.</i>	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and make the majority of the night about cooking together, having kids help prep, cook, and serve the MC with adults.</i>
Listen / Story	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and have children share their desires, dreams, concerns, hopes, and wishes. Have the adults share one or more things they see in the child that either blesses them or points them personally to Jesus</i>	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and take the majority of the time having the kids talk about their best or worst food stories then answering the question why do you think God made them?</i>
Bless	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and have children share their desires, dreams, concerns, hopes, and wishes. Have the adults share one or more things they see in the child that either blesses them or points them personally to Jesus</i>	<i>Give Sunday curriculum/activities to the parents and go over that with the children one night together: The First Voice sheet, Songs, Video, Activity sheets, and fun games.</i>
Celebration	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and take a night to listen to our kids share what they hear from other kids (at school, home, social media, sports, etc.) and seek for a way to bless those they share about.</i>	<i>Relieve the childcare volunteer and take time to teach our kids what financial stewardship looks like; giving to the LORD, others, saving, investing, and spending.</i>
Rest	<i>Use a family meal to celebrate one or more birthdays of our kids</i>	<i>Join a few of the kid activities like a school play, game, or match.</i>
Rest	<i>Exchange your weekday time and invite your children's friends and family to play a game, go bowling, or swim.</i>	<i>Use a holiday like Christmas to have the kids pick out presents for others and help wrap them during a MC family meal/gathering.</i>
Rest	<i>Have one family once a month lead the MC in their family worship time with their kids having all families participate in a family worship time together.</i>	<i>Take a daytrip outside the city together for a shared experience like, providence canyon or wild adventures</i>

If your missional community is looking for additional curriculum to use separate from the parents/guardians email info@greenbriarchurch.net

Here are a few suggestions to give to the coordinator.

- Provide the Sunday morning curriculum which includes The First Voice sheet, Songs, Video, Activity sheets, and fun games.
- Purchase "The Story of God" curriculum and have a person(s) walk through it with the children when the MC gathers and uses childcare.
- Have the MC meet at a park and allow an approved adult watch the children play during the discussion time.
- If you do not have a people group consider families with children and make the most of your gatherings efforts and activities to involve interaction with families.