

Dunwoody Community Church
Children's Ministry Core Competencies

These are the concepts, practices, relationships, and connections we hope our kids have by the time they leave Children's Ministry and head to Youth Ministry.

The Dunwoody Community Church Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents in raising children to be disciples who make disciples.

Our goal is to help children encounter God in an authentic way, engage with Him on an age-appropriate level, and embrace Him more deeply with each passing year. To accomplish this goal, we strive to teach the Gospel, instill Christian disciplines, and build relationships within our classrooms each Sunday morning.

We pray that as a result, students will graduate to youth group with a firm foundation of knowledge about who God is and what He has done for them. We pray that students will become disciples who make disciples in our surrounding communities and neighborhoods, to the glory of God.

Core Concepts

Our Core Concepts are achieved through our curriculum.

Our kids know God's story of redemption.

- God is three in one: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. (As much as is appropriate for their age.)
- God created the world and everything in it, and it was good.
- Man sinned by disobeying God, and all people are born into sin. The consequence of sin is death.
- God loves the world deeply.
- Jesus came to earth as fully God and fully man.
- Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for the sins of the world, and rose again to defeat death.
- Jesus will return and make all things new.

Our kids know where to find God's story.

- The Bible is inspired by God.
- The Bible is our foundation for truth.
- The Bible is trustworthy.
- The Bible is all about Jesus.

Our kids know where they fit in to God's story.

- God knows them intimately.
- God loves them deeply and desires to know them personally.
- God has given them gifts and talents to serve His Kingdom.
- God wants them to spread the Good News of His story to everyone.

Core Practices

Our Core Practices are achieved through classroom practices.

Our kids PRAY.

- God is always listening, God is powerful, and God answers us.
- We pray every Sunday in our classrooms.

Our kids WORSHIP.

- Worship involves a whole life devoted to God, which includes both singing and obedience to God.
- We sing in our classrooms or take kids to worship, and we talk about obedience in the normal course of lessons.

Our kids READ THEIR BIBLES.

- God speaks to us in His Word.
- We read the Bible every Sunday, and to practice memory verses.

Core Relationships

Our Core Relationships are achieved through our volunteers and the atmosphere between peers in the classroom.

Our kids know they are loved and respected by their teachers.

- Teachers greet children warmly.
- Teachers call out good character traits and growth in children.

Our kids know that our classrooms are safe and fun places.

- Teachers discipline gently and with kindness.
- Teachers offer grace, and many chances to try again.
- Teachers use directed play (when appropriate) to enforce and enrich lessons.

Our kids know they should love and respect their peers.

- Teachers treat children with kindness and set an example to all.
- Children are expected to meet behavioral expectations to the best of their abilities.

Core Connections

Our Core Connections are achieved through continued growth in bringing the Children's Ministry into the eye of DCC at large.

Our kids know that they are valued by their church family.

- Children are celebrated by the church as they grow up.
- Milestones such as baptism are recognized and celebrated by the church.