

## Childhood Ministry Purpose Statement

The Childhood Ministry at Red House Baptist Church is based on Psalm 78:4-7.

*“We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands.”*

In these verses, we find the following purposes of our Childhood Ministry:

1. Guide children to know the awesomeness of Jehovah God, His deeds, His power, His wonders. This includes helping them participate in worship and prayer.
2. Provide foundations on which children may develop a personal saving relationship with Jesus Christ. This includes providing an environment which demonstrates Christ-like love, providing opportunities to share the plan of salvation, and providing follow-up to those children who are seeking to become a Christian.
3. Guide children to learn to honor and know God’s word; To know what the Bible says, To know how to use their Bibles; To develop a regular habit of Bible reading and Bible study; To understand that the Bible is relevant to their lives.
4. Guide children to develop a willingness and desire to share Christ with others.
5. Guide children to develop a lifestyle that would follow God’s commands and Christ’s plan for their lives.
6. Provide opportunities to reach children who do not yet know the “praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.”
7. Provide encouragement, resources, and training to enable and empower parents to guide their children’s spiritual development.