

HOW TO START THE JOURNEY WELL: EQUIPPING PRESCHOOL PARENTS TO LOVE & LEAD THEIR FAMILIES

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Do your preschool parents feel that they are Team A or Team B when it comes to teaching their preschoolers about God? How do you empower your parents to be Team A? In this interactive class, Laura and Christy will be discussing how you can equip the parents in your church to love and lead their preschool families.

Discuss what it means for parents to be the primary faith trainer and how the preschool ministry is equipping the parents.

Evaluate your preschool ministry special events.

Here are some steps to help you figure out what team you are representing:

1. How does it fit with the mission of your church?
If it does not support your church's mission statement, then how much time and energy are you spending on this event and why?
2. How are parents seen in this event?
Are they involved? Do they just drop off their children for "childcare?"
3. How does the event flow into the home?
Is there a take-home? Does it stop when they leave the event?

Evaluate your Sundays, family events, and parent tools and resources.

When you get back to work on Monday, sit down and pick one event or program to evaluate. Becoming Plan B is not an overnight change. It will take time and energy. You have to start small, and then it will start to flow out of everything you do.