



MEET A NEW MINISTRY— "KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP"

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Do you love to dream? God does! God has BIG dreams for children living in these last days. God says, "I will pour out My Spirit on all people, your sons and daughters will prophecy, your young men will have visions and your old men will dream dreams." Joel 2:27

God has dreamed throughout eternity of the experience children will

have right before Jesus comes again. God plans to pour out His Spirit upon everyone...that includes children! God plans to give His children dreams of how they can be a pivotal part of this last day mission. God plans to lead our children to be active in sharing their talents and gifts in the worship, ministry and mission of their church.

Kids in Discipleship equips parents to mentor their children as empowered disciples of Jesus NOW! **K.I.D.** supports parents in becoming the primary spiritual mentor of their children according to the Biblical model of Deuteronomy 6. **K.I.D.** takes the family on an intentional discipleship journey with Jesus Christ through a small group experience.

How do you get **K.I.D.** going in your church? You send a team of three lay-leaders along with their pastor to **K.I.D.** University. **K.I.D.** University is a three-day intensive training that equips the team to lead **K.I.D.** ministry in their church.

When the team has completed this training, they implement a three-step process to make the discipleship of children through the family an integral part of the congregation.

The First Step: Prepare the church to support the family in discipling the children. The team shares the **K.I.D.** Vision with the congregation through a four-part sermon series. The congregation is recruited to be prayer partners for the children and their families as well as mentors for children who are without a willing parent mentor. **K.I.D.** requires the support of the congregation in involving the children in the worship, ministry and mission of their local church.

The Second Step: Equip the parents and other committed mentors to be disciple-makers of their children. Parents, grandparents and any other willing mentors join a *Footprints in the Sand* small group. This 12-week small group equips the mentors to be disciples first and then to be disciple-makers of their children. A mentor cannot disciple a child to Christ without being a disciple first.



The Third Step: Mentor the children to be empowered disciples of Jesus NOW! The mentors invite their children to

join them and other families in *Footprints for Kids*, a 32-week discipleship adventure with Jesus. The curriculum is designed for Primary and Junior age children, but some families bring younger and older children. These families meet once a week for a highly interactive Bible study in a small group setting. The children and their mentors experience the following seven steps of discipleship:

1. Build Your Relationship with Jesus.
2. Crown Jesus as Lord.
3. Know the Truth of Jesus.
4. Discover Jesus' Vision for You.
5. Share Jesus with Your Friends.
6. Lead like Jesus.
7. Become a Friend Like Jesus.

At the conclusion of each small group session of *Footprints for Kids*, mentors are provided with *Mentoring Moments*, a spiritual mentoring resource to follow up with the child outside of class time. This resource is a tool to facilitate spiritual dialogue between student and mentor as well as to experience further application of the lesson for the week.

Over the last 3 ½ years we have seen the following results in families involved in **K.I.D.**:

- Families becoming closer together spiritually.
- Families worshipping God in their homes.
- Children and their parents forming a daily, growing friendship with God through prayer and Bible discovery.
- Children, as well as parents, discovering the assurance of salvation and being sure of the Biblical foundation of their faith.
- Families discovering their spiritual gifts and using them in the worship, ministry and mission of their church.
- Children leading others kids to Christ.

Jesus is coming soon! God dreams of children everywhere experiencing His grace, His friendship and His Spirit as they use their talents to make a difference NOW in their neighborhood, schools, churches and homes!

K.I.D. University is held each spring and fall at Southern Adventist University. You will learn more about this at the 2006 World Advisory.