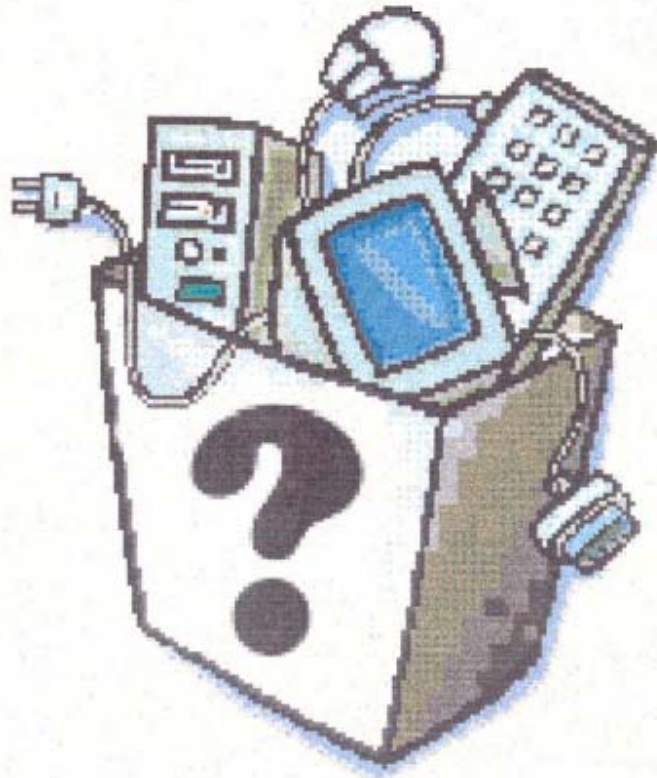# The Technological Revolution in Children's Ministry

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Description of Study	This research study was conducted to collect data and analyze, "The Technological Revolution in Children's Ministry." 117 responses were received between February 1, 2000 and March 15, 2000. The data received addresses the following questions: • Have the technological advances of our society over the past century affected the way we minister to children? Why or why not? How? • If technology has affected children's ministry, how? • Have children's learning styles changed because of advances in technology? • How is technology being utilized in ministry to children? • Should the A/G develop a web site for kids? • Should the A/G develop a web site for children's ministry leaders? This study DOES NOT attempt to draw any conclusions as to the percentage of children's ministers using technology. This study is by no means scientific. Rather, it's purpose was to receive feedback as to how technology is being utilized in children's ministry.
Method of Study	In an attempt to receive responses from primarily children's ministers who were familiar with technology, this study was conducted solely in an online format via the Internet. You will note that a printed copy of the study is found later in this analysis, as well as online at www.JasonRhode.org/cmtechstudy.html Prospective respondents were notified via several electronic means: • Rev. David Boyd included participation info in his e-mail newsletter to all the children's workers in his database. • All children's pastors on childrensminsitry.org's "Pastors network" invited to participate This study was composed primarily of Assemblies of God affiliated respondents. A non-denominational version of this study was also conducted, but due to the overwhelming response the results of that study have not yet been compiled.
Study Segments	The research study was comprised of three main segments: **1. Demographic info** ➢ Demographic questions were included to get a sampling of what type of nationwide sampling was received. Questions included: • Name • Community size • Email address • Church size • Primary ministry function • Average kids attendance • Church name, city, state (Sun A.M., Wed. P.M.) • Denominational affiliation **2. Objective responses** ➢ Objective questions were asked to receive a consistent sampling of some very specific questions. These questions dealt mostly with how technology was being utilized. Questions included: • How long have you been involved in children's ministry? • "Tech" items used in ministry? • What is your preferred audio player in your kids church?

Study Segments (cont.)	• On what format do you prefer to receive computer software?
	• Do you make use of the Internet for service preparation? How often?
	• Do you have any type of e-mail newsletter that you send to kids in your ministry?
	• Do you have a computerized check-in system?
	• What do you use for parent notification in your nursery department?
	• Do you have any type of surveillance system in place in your kids area?
	• Does your kids ministry have a web site? If yes, what's the address?
	• Does your church have a web site? If yes, what's the address?
	• Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry?
	• Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for kids?
	• Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for children's leaders?

3. **Subjective responses**
    These were opinion-based questions which allowed respondents to share their views as to the affects of technology on children's ministry. The bulk of the data for this study can be found in this portion. Due to the electronic format of the study, responses given were pasted directly into the results. Therefore, the possibility exists for punctuation and spelling errors. Please be understanding if you note any such errors. Responses are listed in the order they were received. Questions included:
    • What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?
    • What is the most valuable piece of technological equipment you use?
    • How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?
    • Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?
    • Explain your views on the use of technology in kids church?
    • Are technological advances beneficial to children's ministry?
    • Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in children's ministry?
    • What actual technological advances do you forsee in the next 100 years in children's ministry?
    • How will these technological advances affect the way you minister to children?
    • In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? How?
    • What kinds of things should be on a web site for kids? Leaders?
    • What is the single most important piece of advice you could give to a person graduating from college and beginning full-time ministry to children?

All respondents quoted gave their permission to be quoted for this study. You will note that the format of this analysis reflects the above denoted segments of the study.

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Technology & Children's Ministry--Research Study

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This study is research for my Senior Project entitled, **"The Technological Revolution in Children's Ministry"**
in cooperation with Rev. David Boyd and the Children's Ministry Agency of the Assemblies of God, Springfield,
MO. Your results may also be utilized by *Children's Ministry Magazine.*

Thank you for your input, as the results will be utilized to help evaluate possible future trends in Children's
Ministry.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following survey. Please remember to answer every question, and then click
"Submit" below.

*NOTE--*The optional questions are designated as such--but please be sure to answer all the rest.*

Thanks again for your input!!

First Name: [   ]   **Last Name:** [   ]

E-mail address: [   ]   **Primary Ministry Function:** [select... ▼]

Church Name: [   ]   **City:** [   ]   **State:** [   ] **Country:**
[   ]

Community size: [select... ▼]   **Church size:** [select... ▼]

Average kids attendance (Sun. A.M.) [select... ▼] **(Wed. P.M.)** [select... ▼]

Denominational Affiliation: [   ]

May I quote you in my paper, citing you as a source? [yes ▼]

Q.1. How long have you been involved in children's ministry? [select... ▼]

*Q.2. What were the most valuable ministry resources/props/illustrative methods you owned when
you first began in children's ministry?*
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Q.3. What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?

Q.4. Do you think the increase in technology has had an affect on any of these changes? y/n?

Q.5. Do you currently use any of the following in your kids church/evangelism?

1. **Mindisc player/recorder** y/n?
2. **Multimedia presentations** y/n?
3. **Video (either live or recorded)** y/n?
4. **Sound system** y/n?
5. **Overhead projector** y/n?
6. **Video projector** y/n?
7. **V.C.R.** y/n?
8. **CD player** y/n?
9. **Tape deck** y/n?
10. **Stage lighting** y/n?
11. **Fog machine** y/n?
12. **Strobe/blacklighting** y/n?
13. **Computer** y/n?
14. **Video mixer/editor** y/n?
15. **Digital camera** y/n?
16. **Digital video camera** y/n?

Q.6. What is the preferred audio player in your kids church? select ...

Q.7. On what format do you prefer to receive computer software? select...

Q.8. What is the most valuable piece of technological equipment you use?

Q.9. How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?

Q.10. Do you make use of the Internet for service preparation? [y/n? ▼]

Q.11. How often? [select... ▼]

Q.12. Do you have any type of e-mail newsletter that you send to kids in your ministry? [y/n? ▼]

Q.13. Do you have a computerized check-in system? [y/n? ▼]

Q.14. What do you use for parent notification in your nursery dept? [select... ▼]

Q.15. Do you require your workers to go through an application process? [y/n? ▼]

Q.16. Does this process include a background check? [y/n? ▼]

Q.17. Do you have any type of surveilance system in place in your kids area? [y/n? ▼]

Q.18. Does your kids' ministry have a webpage? [y/n? ▼]

If yes, what's the address? [_____] (optional)

Q.19. Does your church have a webpage? [y/n? ▼]

If yes, what's the address? [_____] (optional)

Q.20. Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?

Q.21. Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.

Q.22. Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? y/n? ▼

Please explain why below:

Q.23. Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in kids' ministry?

Q.24. What ACTUAL technological advances do you forsee in the next 100 years in children's ministry?

Q.25. How will these technological advances affect the way you will minister to children?

Q.26. How do you view the affect technology has had on children's ministry? |select... ▾|

Q.27. In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? |y/n? ▾| *If yes, how?*

Q.28. Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for kids? |y/n? ▾|

a. What kinds of things should be on this type of web site?

b. Which web sites currently in existence are similar to what this site could be like?

Q.29. Should the Assemblies of God develop a website for leaders involved in children's ministry? |y/n? ▾|

a. What kinds of things should be on these websites?

Q.30. What is the single most important piece of advice you could give to a person graduating from college and beginning full-time ministry to children?

Please be sure to answer each question above.

If you have any other *COMMENTS* you would like to make, especially in regards to the affect technology has had or will have on children's ministry or any other feedback you would like to give to Rev. Dave Boyd and the Children's Ministry Agency of the A/G, please feel free to enter them in the box below. (optional)

Submit ****CLICK "SUBMIT" TO COMPLETE SURVEY****

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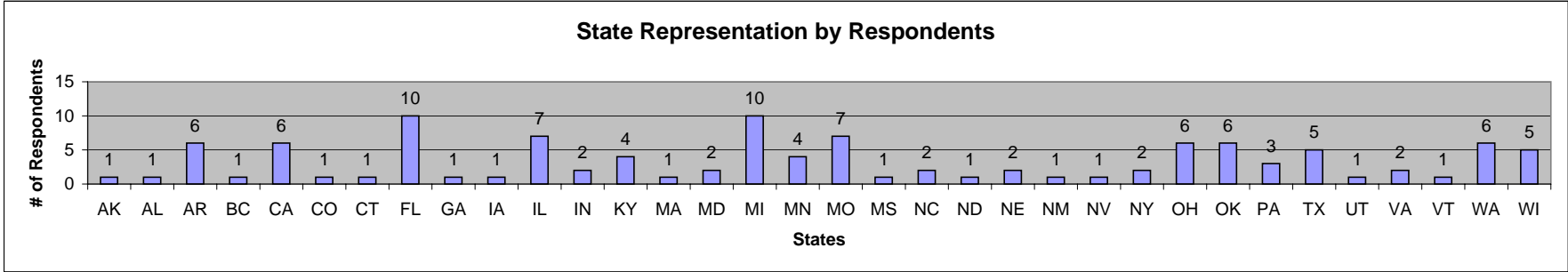
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Total # of states represented   35
Total # or respondents   117

Community Population

Church Size

■	less than 50
■	50-75
□	75-100
□	100-200
■	200-500
■	500-1,000
■	1,000-2,500
■	more than 2,500

12% 5% 1% 20%
19% 5%
25% 13%

Primary Ministry Function

75%

5%

1%

5%

3%

4%

1%

2%

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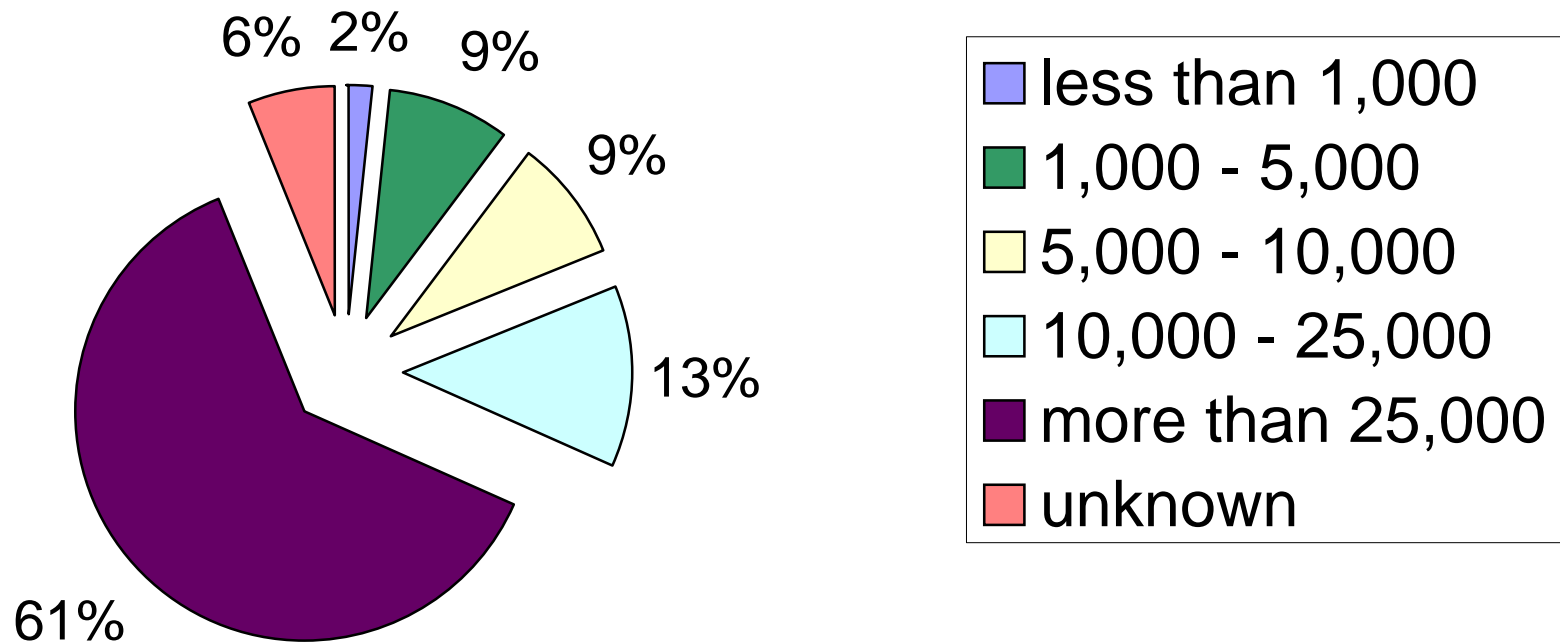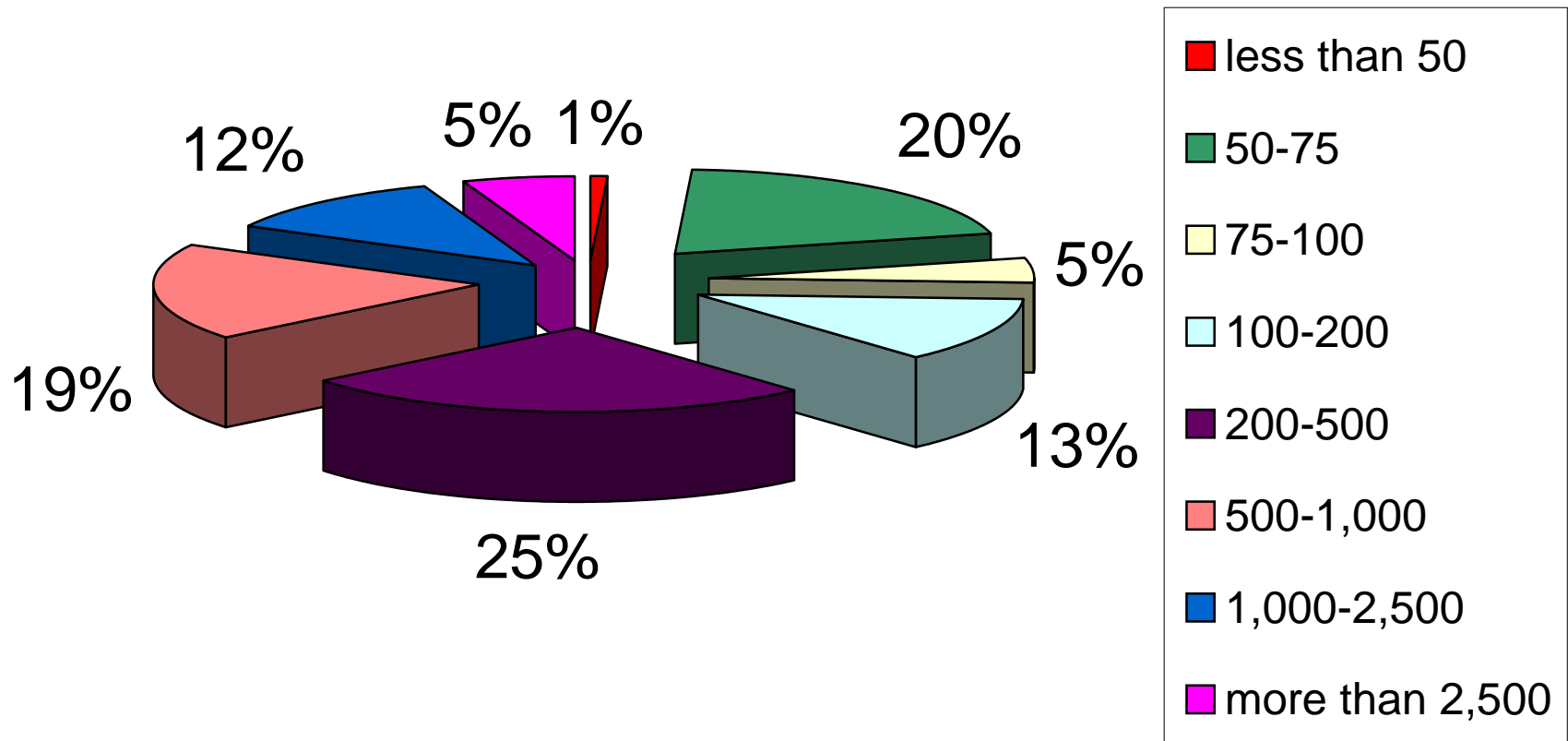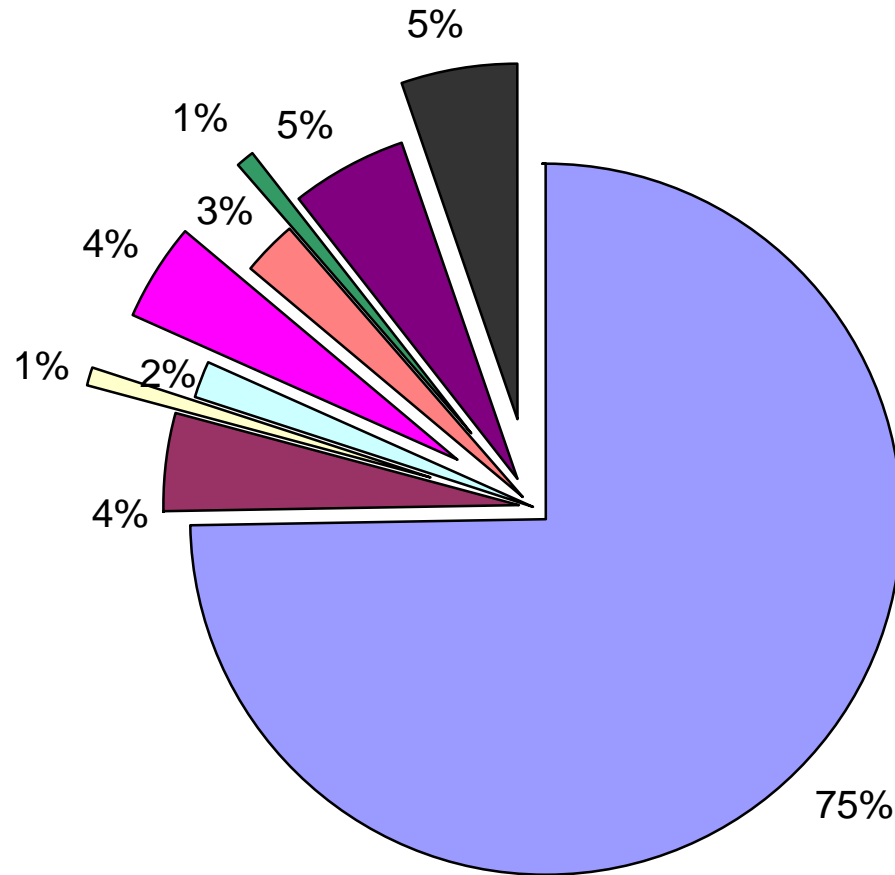
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- Children's Evangelist
- College Professor
- Missionary
- Assoc./Assistant Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Senior Pastor
- Layperson
- Other

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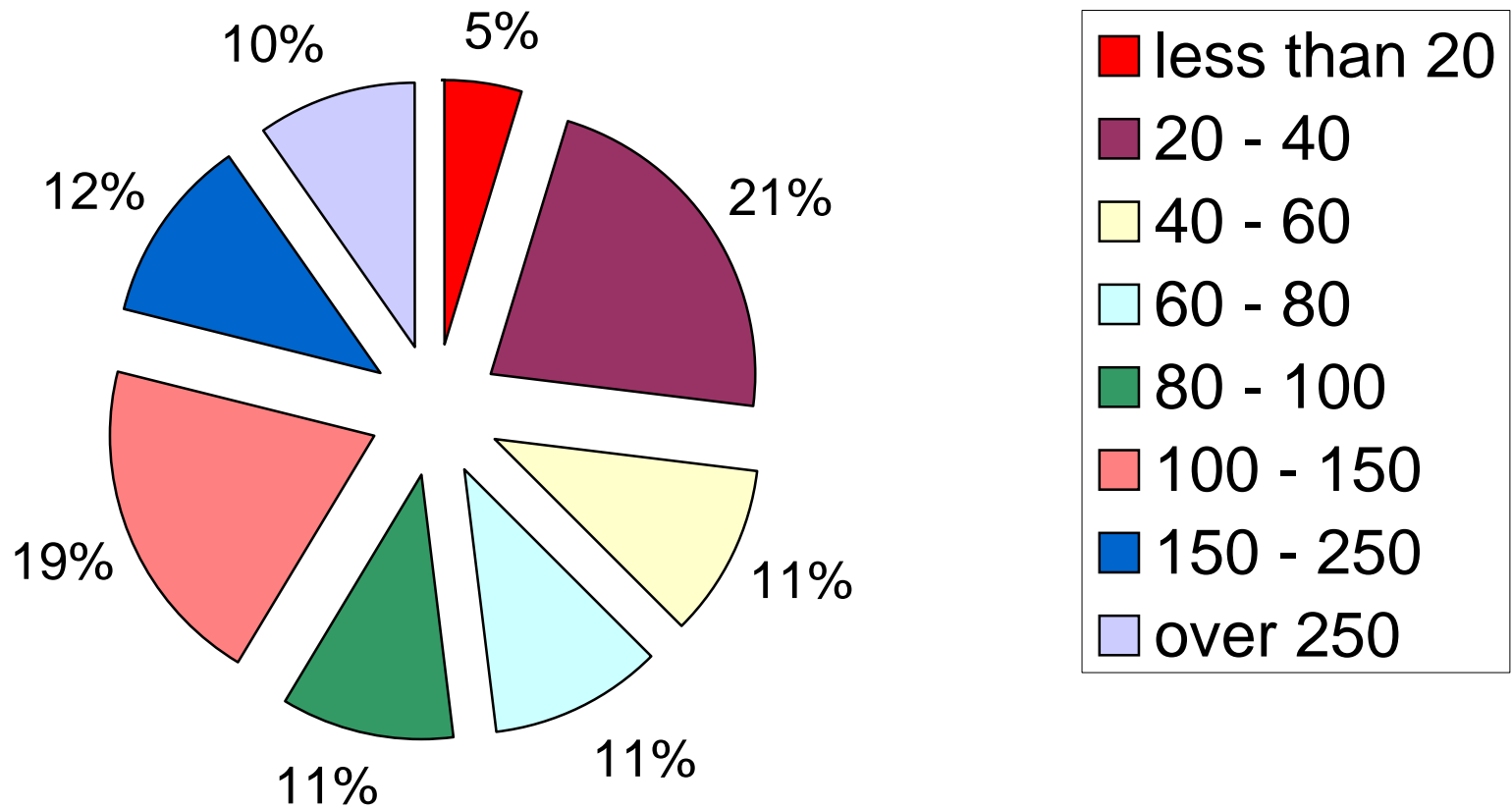
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- 20 - 40
- 40 - 60
- 60 - 80
- 80 - 100
- 100 - 150
- 150 - 250
- over 250

Values: 5%, 21%, 11%, 11%, 11%, 19%, 12%, 10%

How long have you been involved in children's ministry?

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33%
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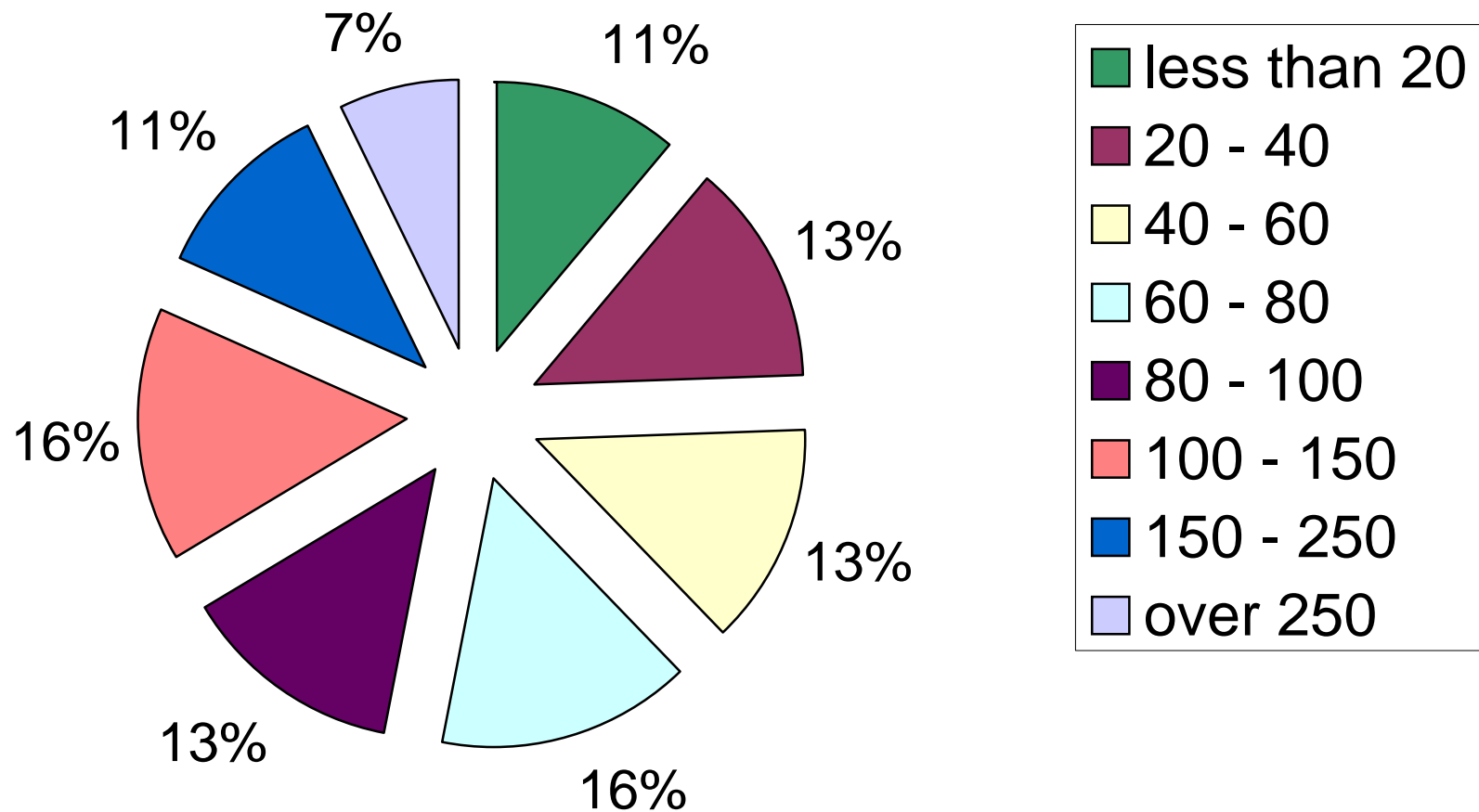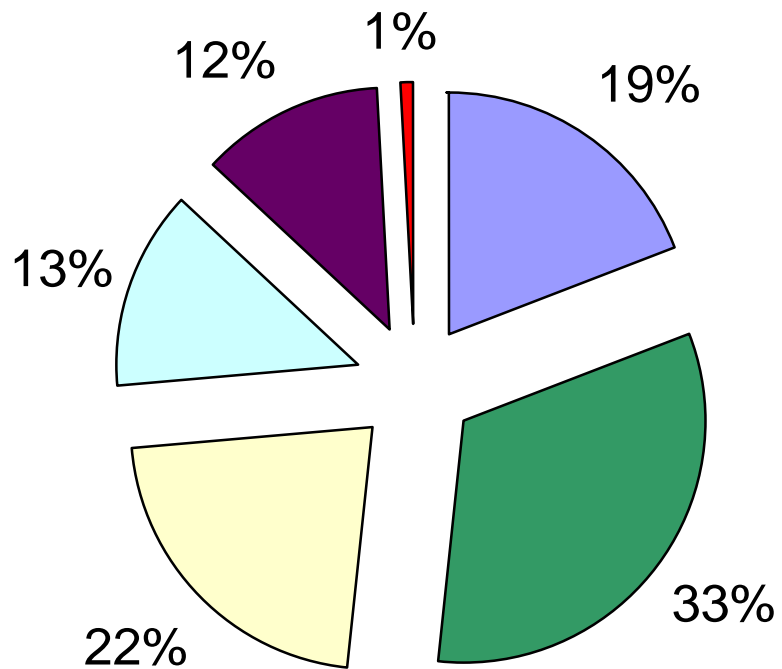
less than 5 years
5 - 10 years
11 - 15 years
16 - 20 years
21 - 30 years
30+ years!

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

"There is a definite trend towards using more multi-media. Technology is advancing very quickly and the church must utilize the latest means to reach the next generation." -- Dick Gruber

"The idea that Children's Ministry is a viable and even one of the foremost ministries of today's church. There has been a real movement towards Worship and Discipleship in Children's Ministry in the last ten years I have been involved with it as well." -- Brian Dollar

"I have seen a bunch of "hype" added to Children's Church in the last 10 years. However, in the last 2-3 years I have seen some pastors and churches moving children into the deeper things of the Lord." -- Sharon Jackson

"People are beginning to see the importance of Children's ministry and are getting involved in ways like never before. I see a real hunger in kids and youth to touch the heart of God." -- Greg Phillips

"There has been a move toward multi-media and a larger variety of methods. The use of video has become more prevalent. More and more lay people are becoming Children's Pastors due to increased demand. A concern for children to be involved in ministry has developed. -- Jeff Smith

"I think children's pastors have to work a little harder in the areas of method and relationship. Kids are used to seeing bright lights and flashing, 5-minute segments (except at school), so we need to be more creative as we structure our children's churches to be inviting and as "un-school" as possible. Sometimes that means adopting the latest technological tool or method (or finding someone who can do it for you) or restructuring your service to accommodate the resulting shrinking of attention spans. But I think the biggest area in which we have to work harder is the area of relationship-building. I don't remember it being as hard for me to trust an adult as it seems to be for my kids now. Kids are so used to 5-minute program segments and being bustled off to babysitters that they don't always understand how to build relationships. I find myself making a conscious effort to ask the kind of questions that will get kids talking. I find that if they really believe that I love them and I care what they have to say, they will be more likely to listen to what my leaders and I have to say. I also find that I have to make specific opportunities for them to build relationships with each other. That's when they really want to come back." -- Abby Sauter

" There is a lack of good use of technology. So few children's pastors understand the options. There is the danger of course that someone would become focus on the method and not the message, but the method can greatly enhance the presentation of the message. Also kids are learning more and more about their computers each day. Wouldn't it be something if kids could create and submit ideas for web prayer pages, puppet scripts, human videos and choreography and other fun ministry minded pages which they could submit to a network? Kids helping reaching the lost." -- Bryan Braithwaite

"Children are becoming less responsive and more entertainment driven. They have become more "soaker" mentality...meaning that the communication is to them, they receive it without responding outwardly. This make it more difficult to lead children in worship, in altar response, into the infilling of the Holy Spirit, etc., because they are passive, rather than active participants." -- Randy Christensen

"As a writer of curriculum we have replaced flannel stories with animation & video interactive segments. I minister to over 5000 kids a weekend & rely on computers & bar coding to keep up with all our kids." -- Jim Wideman

"1. Kids don't come to Sunday School or Home Bible Studies. In short, they don't get into the Word of God
2. Workers don't volunteer for long periods of time. The will rotate in and out.
3. Workers don't come to traditional training times. If they do, it has to be good. So, alternate sources of training have to be used like sending newsletters, tapes, etc. The information, inspiration, and vision has to get to them in ways other than traditional meetings.
4. Kids have a lot of say in where the family goes to church. If they don't like a ministry, they don't come and their parents struggle with whether or not to come.
5. We use a lot more drama, computers, stage sets, etc. in Kids' Ministries.
6. Sunday School is out at our church due to decline in enrollment and lack of teachers. See #2 above. Now we do 2 complete Kids' Church services.
7. Trend to think that traditional programs are doing what their philosophy says they are supposed to do. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY. Our church is becoming more "Purpose driven" instead of traditional program driven. The decline in Royal Rangers and Missionettes. Missionettes is now on in the increase; Rangers hasn't increased." -- Mike Reuter

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

"The need for visual stimulation." -- Matthew Leighty

"Kids are more difficult to hold these days. We have had to employ more high tech methods and a much faster pace, to reinforce our lesson content in a way that won't lose them but will still instruct them. Parents seem much less involved. That is very disturbing to me." -- Michael Adams

"Movement to intentional, purposeful ministry, and away from "just because" activities" -- Ed Deming

" Issues around single parenting and affects on kids; younger and younger children are hungry for God; there is an incredible prayer anointing on our children right now; the trend to have "flashy programs" in the past is turning back to relationships with kids and their families." -- Bill Clarkson

"I was fortunate to work with a children's pastor as a teenager. It was about 1980 and we were already using a church worship model for children's church and it almost seemed that we were the only ones. From that time on more and more churches have left the extended Sunday school idea and began a worship approach. I have grown more worship driven. My dependence on things has changed to a dependence on God. We still use the newest tech. stuff, but God is first." -- Gary Davis

"children's attention span is much shorter, more variety is needed in program" -- anonymous

"I believe kids today are having to make difficult decisions about life at an earlier age as never before. The days of a cute little simple presentation are over. They are making real decisions and we need to give them real answers. Our services should be used to bring each child to a place of decision concerning the message of the day. (example: Will I allow myself to become clay in the potter's hands?)" -- David Spiegel

"The biggest change is that all of a sudden children's ministry is "it." Always before everything was youth, youth, youth, but now it is children. This is hard, because it is as if everyone wants to get involved. But their involvement is not because they have a heart for children, as much as they see children's ministry as the new hot topic, and a great stepping stone for their future. Children's ministry if not careful, will become nothing more than a trend." -- Shantel Young

"Use of more video technology; More concern for a safe environment; prioritize relationships; variety of ministry approaches a must: video, puppets, drama, praise and worship, object lessons, stories, games, human videos,etc." -- Petey Tellez

"In our Children, we are seeing a hunger for service. We have children coming to us on a regular basis who want to be involved in our service. We accommodate them." -- Richard Noble

"Using the children in the ministry. Equipping the children to minister to their world." -- Tracey Roberts

"Changes that I have seen take place are allowing the children to be actively participating in the service, not just watching but allowing them to minister and to know that the Lord today has a plan and anointing for them this Day. I have seen kid's step up to the challenge and take the Lord serious and have begun to see Him move in there lives." -- Jason Dunn

"Kid culture has become more video intensive. A puppet show no longer holds my kid's attention, unless it is on a TV screen. I have been doing more integrating video, drama, video-puppets, and Power Point into every service. There is also a more important trend to more significant spiritual experiences. Kids are being encouraged now more than in my lifetime to worship and intesely devote their lives to God." -- Chris Hooten

"Not a lot, I've only been doing this a few years, but kids still want the same thing: love, acceptance, and a lot of fun. If anything the changes I've seen have been that these guys grow up a lot faster. You really have to stay in touch as much as possible." -- Bryan King

"Everything has to be bigger, better and more expensive, but the kids really want to develop meaningful relationships more than anything." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"We have been through a down swing in children's ministry in the late 80's and early 90's but we are now seeing alot more emphasis on children's ministry. There seems to be a new awakening to the importance of reaching children. Churches seem to be more willing to devote a greater part of their budget to reaching children." -- Trent Fiorino

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

"There are a lot more resource books and curriculums to choose from. Videos have brought the outside world to our rural area. Some publishing companies have turned from teaching the word to entertaining the child without real substance." -- Barbara Chevalier

"Slow move towards organized discipleship programs away from a stricktlu evangelistic approach." -- James Dennis

"Major changes, first if you don't have a computer you might as well give up. Video projectors, Minidisk players, sound systems, lighting systems, videos and much much more are common place and almost standard equipment now for childrens ministry." -- Grant Foster

"Releasing Children into ministry as opposed to "greenhousing" them. Using children's ministry as a tool for church growth and health A new view that children's ministry is meant to aid the parents in raising their children instead of kid's ministry being the primary means of child discipleship." -- Andrew Bracht

"More Openness to Kid's Pastor. I started in 1975 and not many out there then. I I think the Kids are much more alert, wiser, seen everything in Tech. so that our job is one that we must be excellent, quick, to the point, interesting and anointed." -- Dean Bohl

"Kids are more progressive in culture than ever before. Computers and Video have mad a vital impact on the way children react and learn. Although many of the items are still valuable today in ministry to kids, there must be a healthy balance in creative technology and the use of Computers, Video and Involving Children in Helps Ministry." -- Jamie Doyle

"I have noticed a big change in the resources that are available to children's pastors, not only from the normal publishing houses, but a large increase in internet resources." -- Paul Guerin

"More emphasis put on seeking the Holy Spirit, equipping kids to do ministry, using multimedia" -- Scooter Carson

"The biggest change I have seen is the mood swing of a lot of senior pastors that have realized we can reach a mom and dad if we hook their kiddos. The realization that the bait has changed. Also the level of excellence and quality has risen. We realized that we were competing with Disney and M.T.V. so we all got a lot more risky and creative." -- Pam McNett

"Gone to more tech. equipment. videos have replaced flannelgraph and overheads. Because of the abuse problems we have to be more careful when dealing with children." -- Roy Augburn

"Are you kidding? The transition has been awesome. People have put more value in their children. Parents- while looking for a church- are now looking FIRST at the children's department. As for materials, "Christian" children's videos have outdone themselves. AV equipment has filtered it's way into the Children's department (finally). High tech... baby.... High tech!!! Kids of today need more to stimulate them into learning." -- Keith Applegarth

"I have seen an influx of hurting people come to the church looking for "good" programs for their kids. What they are really seeking is the Lord of course, but they dont know that yet." -- Bryan Matherly

"I see children who are interested in truly experiencing the presence of God. They desire to know God in an intimate way. Maybe it is my attitude that has changed. I don't want to entertain kids and my kids don't seem to want to be
entertained. They want to be led into the presence of God." -- Sharon Daniel

"When I first began, Sunday School Superintendent was the highest "rank" commonly available in CM. Now Children's Pastors are in high demand. CM has become a "market". There are more resources made available every day, and rather than snapping up everything, as I did when resources first began hitting the market, it now takes a little discernment to determine whether the product is actually going to meet your needs. It's possible to get so enamored of new methods, activities, and materials that the Gospel takes a back seat! As with any organization that deals with children, today we are expected to do more than teach Sunday School; we need to be sources of information and encouragement on all kinds of spiritual and social issues that affect our families. I probably get more questions about ADHD than I do about spiritual issues. We also compete with a very glitzy, high-tech entertainment industry that dictates what attracts children and families, and so a lot of time and money go into technology to get their attention." -- Nancy Carefoot

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

"Visuals have progressed from felt and words written on the board to color ink jet transparencies, and power point presentations. Video projection systems have replaced slides and filmstrips. Worship styles have progressed thanks to CD's, now all of us can worship with the sound we choose." -- Larry Sauter

"I have seen resources go from telling a story on flannel graph to puppets, to exciting music and skits with puppets, to videos and computers.   The puppets have even improved over the last 10 years. I know because i make puppets and do puppet shows." -- Charlotte Reed

"Children's ministry is much more intense. Issues like single parent families, absent fathers, child abuse, violence, have put the needs of children in hyper-speed." -- Gene Roncone

"Many. Kid's church has went from more a child care program to acutal mini adult church services." -- Jana McCalip

"More acknowledgment as an important part of church ministry. More single parents; kids exposed to more violence and sex; Less children's evangelists, due to financial needs not being met." -- Mary McGuire

"Seems harder to find volunteers to work in children's ministry than it was years ago. Far more video resources now available. Sometimes it seems we are unsuccessfully competing with modern technology in schools and in modern living rooms." -- Bruce Dravneek

"It has become very fast paced, in order to compete with today's tech. kids. Flannel boards and story books really don't cut it any more." -- Michelle Blackburn

"Flannelgraph just doesn't cut it any more. You need to have constantly changing and updated methods of presenting the lessons. Also, the trend has strongly moved away from "lecture" teaching to inter-active lessons." -- Pam Inman

"The Lord has been Pouring out his spirit and changing Childrens Lives weekly,I believe Childrens pastors are starting to a revival in the childrens church!" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

"More hands on learning. I don't know if that's changed globally, but that's how we've changed internally." -- Markus Wolf

"I'm concerned that we are becoming too high tech and losing the direct contact with kids. We see to get caught up in "ministry" and not in the lives of our 'flock.'" -- John Cosmos

"There are so many things out there for ministers to use. Books, Videos, Skits, Puppets, and Bibles for children's ministry." -- Kevin Shirley

"The move from many small, isolated classes to larger group ministry enhanced by small group time. Definitely a move to more technology (PowerPoint, videos, CDs). More recognition of value of long-term, full-time children's workers, as opposed to rotating "helpers"." -- Maureen Small

"Move away from entertainment and baby sitting to ministry; Praise and worship more important; using children in ministry thru a practical discipleship training; Seeing adults accept the children's ministry." -- John Ellison

" the baptism of the Holy Spirit I have seen many children being very effective in witnessing and they become more aware of sinful practices so as to boldly say no to them." -- Glorious Shoo

"Children's ministry has seen that we are now competing for our children's attention in the secular world with it's visual graphics and upbeat music. Our children are visual kids. They need to have the same in church to even begin to be interested in what you have to tell them." -- Keith Jenkins

"Children are no longer satisfied with flannels and a Bible story. They desire to have faster paced and more colorful services." -- Evelyn Brown

_Q.03_ _What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?_

"Children's Ministry is no longer "Father Abraham" and "I am a C". Our kids today are growing up much faster than 10 years ago. These kids need one on one relationships with someone who cares. Our children are coming from broken homes, abused families, and they need us to show them love like Jesus did." -- Jessica Scolforo

"There is greater demand on our children's ministry to be responsive and to keep up with our media driven culture.
There for we must adapt our methods to reach these needs." -- Jeffrey McAtee

"The developement of affordable high tech equipment has allowed small to medium church groups to use avenues of teaching which make the minstry of children more competitive with what the children are use to seeing everyday, the television." -- Jorge Gautier

"There is a definite shift in the thinking of Children's Pastors and Workers toward a more spiritual, less game/high energy emphasis. There has been a recent move away from the heavy use of videos and mulitmedia displays and more time spent in Praise and Worship, Prayer and Altar time. About two years ago the kids of our church asked US if we could append more time in this vein! There still does seem to be a national problem in many denomiantions of the majority of churches still regarding Children's Ministry as a glorified baby-sitting service. However, there are pockets which cross denominational lines where the Senior Pastor has also caught the vision of children as spiritual beings." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

"Ministry to children needs to increasingly be one where you are genuine and authentic with the kidz. I feel that if that element is missing, all the technology and props in the world will not connect the truth with a kidz life. Small groups for children is also a significant trend in my opinion." -- Stephen Gill

"My love for children turned out to be the call the Lord had on my life. After I realized the call then the revelation of what He wanted began to pour forth. My job as I see it is to equip the children for the work of the gospel and to heal the broken hearts of so many children that are abandoned or from single parent homes." -- Bob Brigham

"1.Become more technical - good and bad 2.We have in many cases tried to copy the emulate society (our culture) and it's trends. We do not have to compete with the gospel of Christ, it stands alone. Technical, fast past games, lights, sounds, space videos, lazers, etc... etc... have a wonderful place, but we should never compromise the message of the Gospel. These should never replace the old fashion altar, where children are called, healed, saved.... 3.Children's Ministry should NEVER be viewed as or treated by any church leader as a baby sitting service or something similiar. Our precious moments with these children must count... they must be filled with an outlook on life that says "YES!" and not doubt, fear, judgement, Not view God as a big man upstairs with a ball bat ready to hit you after first mistake. 4.We must start teaching and training our children as disciples and not just little johnny! 5.We must began to expect more out of children than ever before... kid's these days can produce!" -- Vint Norris

"Todays child has become alot more entertainment oriented and media saturated. This is also a generation where many children have had no exposure to the gospel or church, either formally or informally. Tha breakdown of the family as well as new educational philosophies and focus have also made ministry to these children a challenge. The individual needs are wide and varied and require a very hands-on and relatiuonal approach to working with them." -- Tim Ryder

"Higher priority on technology such as web sites for kids, more video usage, etc." -- Jeff Emmett

"more tec stuff, lights, fog,cool sets" -- Vance Free

"More visible in the church world; More hi tech (computer graphics,pyro, sound systems." -- George Krebs

" I have seen this ministry turn the corner in new technology -- getting up to date. I have also noticed the flood of curriculum and other resources now available for children's ministry. Many churches are now hiring a children's pastor before a youth pastor (realizing where the most foundational focus should be). I have seen this ministry turn from an afterthought to a "purpose-driven" ministry." -- Kelly Dufour

"I have seen that children really do have a desire to worship. The trend that I have noticed in my ministry is, the younger I involve them in ministry the longer they stay in it and more dedicated to it." -- Greg Smith

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

"A move to connect with the kids with a Nickelodeon style. Instead of one person leading the entire service, Teams have become a necessity to incorporate a variety of methods to present the Gospel." -- Timothy Koetitz

"Christian videos have had a large impact. I use a variety of methods and resources what seems old to some, is brand new to others. I still use fillmstrips and the younger children ask what is that. There is nothing to take the place of the love of the children. I wish I had more time to visit each home, etc." -- Malcolm Mire

"The role of the "professional" minister to children has gained a lot of respect in the last decade." -- Brian Bopp

"More video, fast pace service than the old flannel graph, sit down and be queit stuff." -- Todd Jones

"The Children are growing spiritually, and some have caught the vision and running with it." -- Ray Richardson

"Grand parents are now bringing the children. Also, more churches are seeing the need for a solid children's program, verses a babysitting service. " -- Norm Oberlin

"Music has always been the biggest trend setter. Styles of music change then come back again. Worship is a vital part of the ministry not only to children but to all believers." -- Duane Smith

"I have more information to give to the kids and it's provided excellent resources for training the teachers. I also have access to the National Office, too." -- Kerri York

"It is much harder to get commitments out of people for SS and Mid-week ministry. People are much busier and therefore their time is that much more valuable. In my own ministry I place much higher value and priority on training of the leaders. If they are properly trained we have a much higher success ratio in working with the kids. Also, church activities rate right up there with soccer, baseball, football, etc. Sometimes church gets placed on the backshelf in favor of the above." -- Mark Walberg

"I am excited to see children being taught to minister and be involved in ministry. It is no longer viewed as glorified baby-sitting. Kids are entering into worship and seeking God at the alter." -- Marci Batty

"I think that the church has finally begun to wake-up and see that childrens ministry is more that just baby sitting and is very vital part of ministry in the church." -- Les White

"1. Children's ministry has been validated by the body of Christ in general. Oh, it always was a part, but it more the "baby-sitting" mentality than ministry. I'm not saying we're there...but we're closer. 2. Technology has changed. This has forced (unless one refuses to budge) us to step up to new techniques. My biggest pet peeve is the teacher who still uses rinky dink, cheesey methods of bringing a powerful point across when children are immersed in a world of fantastic graphics, larger than life media and are more internet savvy than most of us. The new technology has allowed us to "enhance" our presentation. 3. Children today, although much remains the same developmentally, are getting older faster. Twenty years ago the 6th grader was still a child. Now the 4th grader is in that last phase of childhood. I have noticed that that truth is more evident on the east and west coasts of the USA than in the middle of the country. 4. There are more children's pastors and evangelists than there ever were before. May it continue in that direction." -- Judy Mensch

"There is a trend toward using many technological blessings, such as black light, etc. For our small church these things aren't readily accessible. The most important thing to use to reach children for Jesus Christ remains the same thing it was when Jesus walked this earth. Loving hearts reaching out and touching children and meeting their needs. I hope that as we use new methods to present the gospel, we never lose track of the fact that 'suffering the little children' to come to Him is STILL the most important thing. Our hands reaching out to them as His hands, our mouths speaking gentleness, grace, love
and mercy, and keeping our promises to them is still the most important presentation we can make of the gospel of Jesus Christ." -- Rita Neve

"Children now-a-days are very "media" oriented and in to videos and such when 10 years ago, it wasn't such a huge thing. Now the technology available is amazing." -- Michele Groseclose

_Q.03_ _What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?_

"More men involved since PK influence; More recognition as an important emphasis of the church; Recognized more for its being a gateway for families to incorporate in the church; More safety emphasis, legal as well as physical safety.
Lots of marketing of ministry "goods"; Trend towards making more techno. ins." -- Andy Robinson

"Attention spans,Visual ministry has gone deeper. Children's spiritual hunger has become greater." -- Duane Swanson

"The trends I see are a sharper focus on active learning and more children involved in actual ministry." -- Michael Lowder

"Songs, the importance of worship, The change of more high teck stuff being used, Kids Videos." -- Barry Jorris

"Multimedia is becoming more important every year." -- Eric Munson

"Children need something stable. Most come from broken homes in which they may or may not live with one of their parents. Home life consists of anger. School life consists of anger and a threat of danger. A solid children's ministry and youth ministry is so vitally important in these days. The kids need to know that there is something stable at church. The kids need to know that there is someone there that loves them. We pick up some of the worst kids in the community. Kids that the schools kick out. They get on the bus kicking and fighting, they are a hand full. People ask why we do it since they are so bad. My answer is always the same, "These kids may never show a change in the time that we have to spend with them, but at some point in their life, they will find themselves in a destitute place. It is then that they will remember some people at a church that showed them the love of Christ. It is at that time that they will find Jesus." -- Karla Brogen

" Puppets and that sort of thing used to be what kept children's attention. Now they want movement and action. Games used for learning and coreographed music is what really gets my kids attention. When they get so involved in the music it is easy to teach them how to worship. From a worshipful heart comes much opportunity to teach God's principles." -- Kimberly Moraghan

"I love the video worship songs (power point), my cool sound equipment, cordless head set mic. The list goes on and on." -- Lana Tilley

"Increased use of technology, decline in traditional Sunday School ministries." -- Kathy Jingling

"The entire culture in children's ministry has changed as the "Millenial Generation" has come of age in our elementary departments. These kids want to know you are for real, that they can make a difference in their world, and that God wants to use them. I have seen a transformation from the traditional Sunday School to Children's Church. Kids want what their older siblings are getting in youth service and their parent's are getting in the adult service. They don't want to be spoken to, they want an opportunity to share." -- Juli Luckett

"I have seen more churches evaluating the needs for children and the ability to minister to them via childrens pastors and childrens leaders. I have seen a rise in conferences in childrens ministry. Media is one of the most incredible tools available to kids. You can use the internet and email to help pastor kids, even when you're not there. A phone tree can be used for short communications bytes over the phone...saving time yet giving substantive communication updates. With all the technology and methods......there is still a move of God that supersedes any communications tool. I believe that this is what this generation of kids wants more than anything. A God of power, not a God of cognition. I also see more specialized classes to meet the needs of kids of divorce, and abuse." -- Curt Zastrow

"There seems to be a widening gap between churched and unchurched kids. There are more kids who have never heard the "old" Bible stories. Eg David & Goliath, Creation, Moses." -- Tessie LaLonde

"Music has improved, video generation has arrived, computer-driven presentations are coming in, and in the year 2000 there has never been a higher demand for children's ministry professionals." -- Bob Hahn

"Greater emphasis on children. Children being used more in ministry. Children having a greater hunger and interest in spiritual things." -- Duane Swanson

Q.03 *What changes or trends have you seen take place in children's ministry?*

" Technological advancements in ministering to kids, via computer, projection units, etc. I have seen a necessity to shorten the time frames of segments in each children's church service due to shortened attention spans. More than ever before I see churches hiring full-time Children's Pastors. I see a greater emphasis on getting children involved in ministry. I also see a greater emphasis on teaching children about World Missions." -- Joey Ellis

"I see people treating these kids like they are today's church (not "the church of tomorrow"). These have the ability to walk with Jesus and use their spiritual gifts now. WE are not just a babysitting service any longer. Praise God!" -- Linda Fischer

" WE have changed our philosophy from simply teaching children to ministering to them. Our services have become tools that the Holy Spirit has used to touch the hearts and lives of children." -- Carl Redding

"There is a lot more attention given to discipling kids rather than entertaining them or just giving them Bible knowledge. Hands-on teaching methods are more important. Ministry is directed by a children's pastor rather than volunteers. Involving kids in ministry rather than simply ministering to them. Media pervasiveness has exploded." -- Mark Minaker

"I try to stay away from the trends and concentrate on the bible." -- David Collier

"The music has changed a lot since I first began in children's ministry. Childlike choir tapes have been replaced by rock & roll, rap, salsa, etc. cds. The kids get so much high tech exposure that film strips and slide shows have to be replaced by multi media presentaions and black lights, laser lights, etc." -- Angel Rodgers

"Greater use of high tech electronics to compete with the entertainment style of the world." -- Douglas Brantley

"Not only has more technology become available, but because the children are exposed to it on a regular basis it is necessary to use it to be relevant to their experiece and daily lives." -- Debi Leake

"Children's ministry is receiving more status in the last few years." -- Peggy Williams
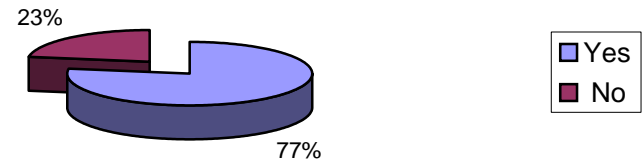
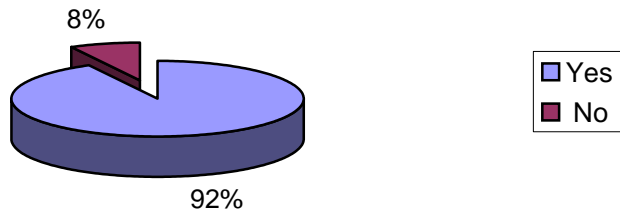# Do you think the increase in technology has had an affect on any of these changes?

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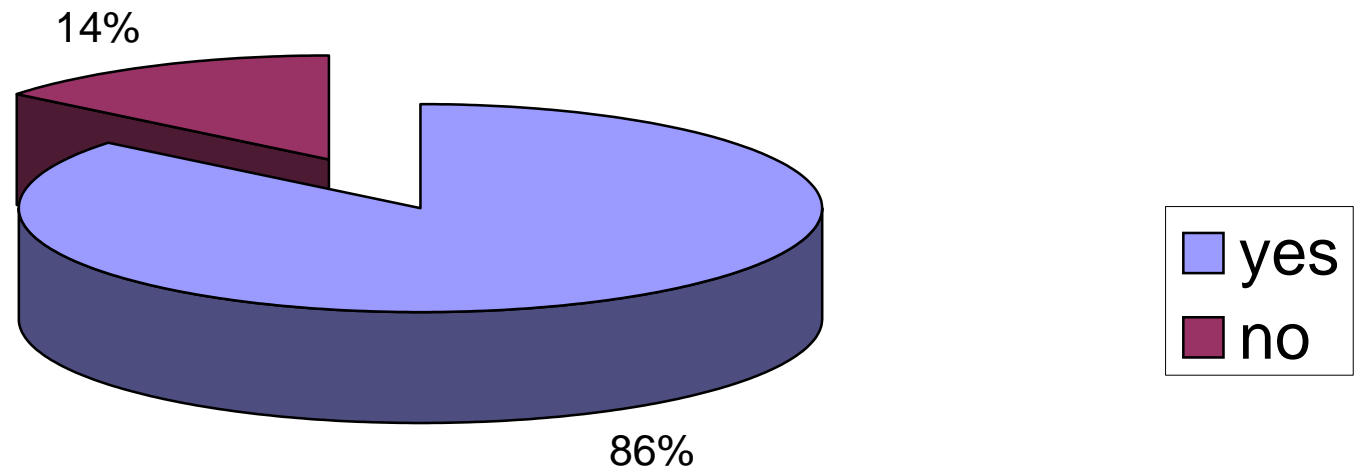
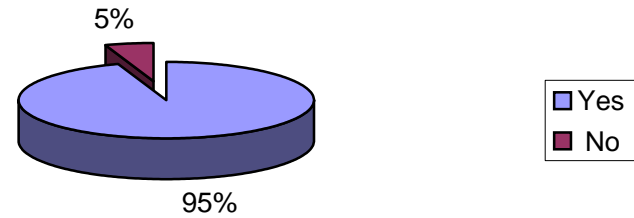**Do you currently use a minidisc player/recorder in your kids ministry?**

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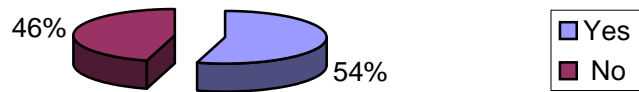
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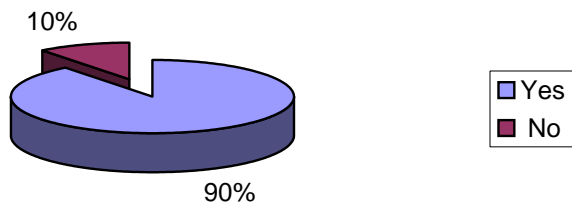
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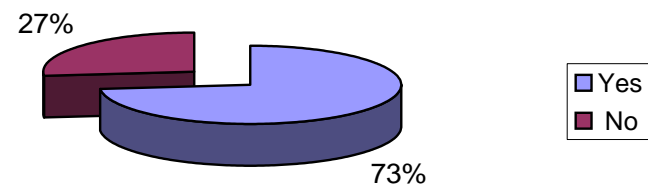**Do you currently use video (either live or recorded) in your kids ministry?**

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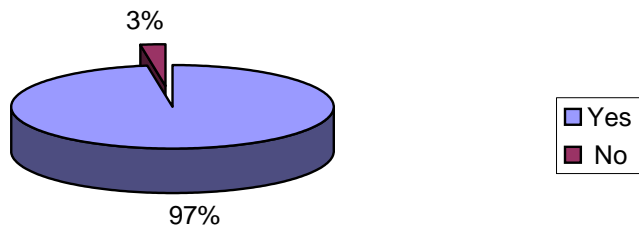
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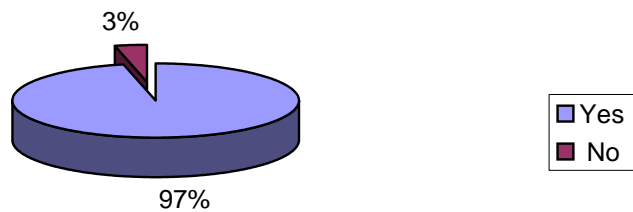**Do you currently use a video projector in your kids ministry?**

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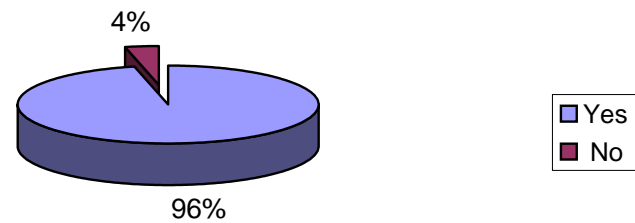
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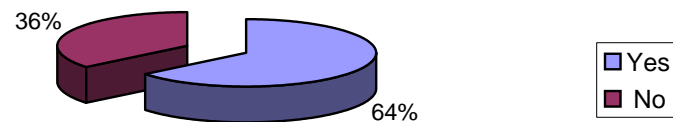
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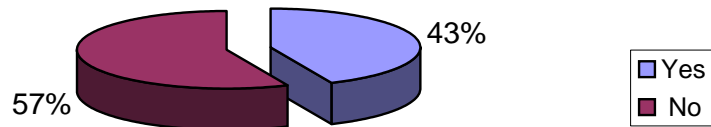
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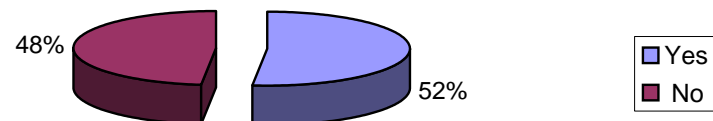
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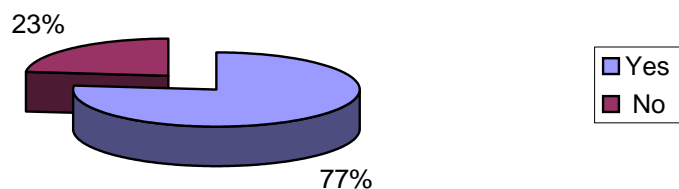
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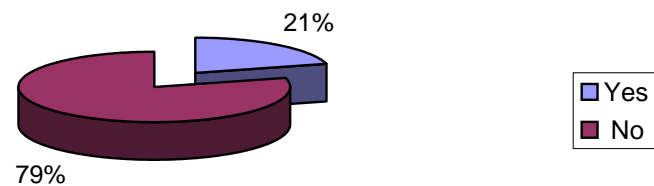
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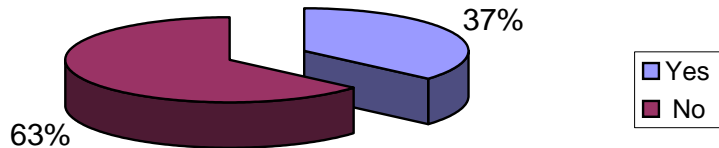
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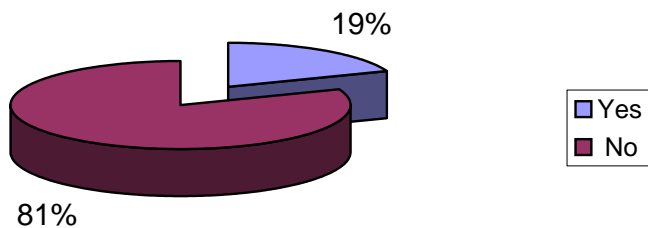
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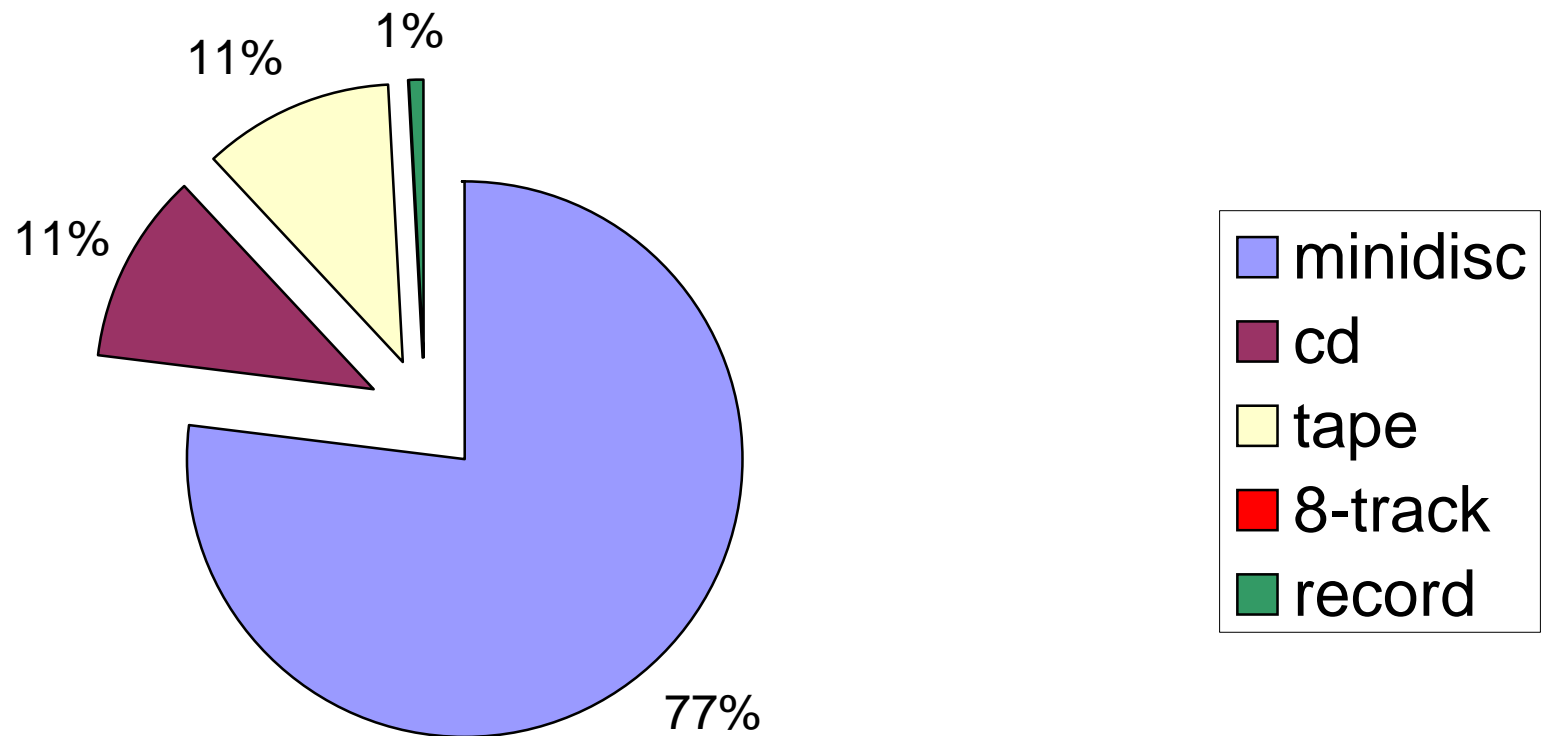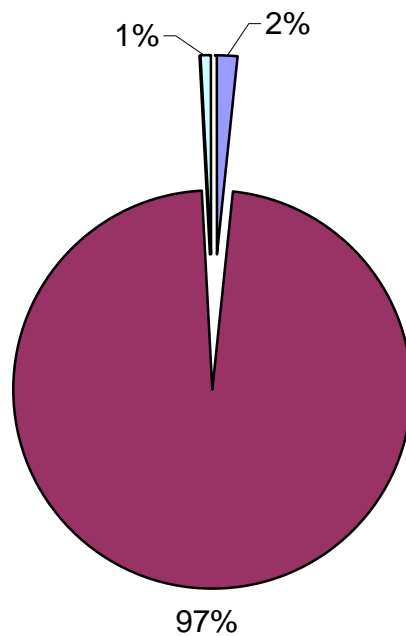
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_Q.09_ _How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?_

"Kids expect some high tech input in their children's church. If I ignore this, I will miss reaching some children. Like anything else, technical gadgetry must be used in balance with other methods." -- Dick Gruber

"We have a web site totally for kids, as well as the addition of the above-mentioned technological advancements. The fact that the kids are bombarded and stimulated and even trained to learn by way of using these technological tools in school and on TV, has directly affected the way we present the lessons!" -- Brian Dollar

"Greatly. When I take my ministry trailer out to the streets, it is imperative to be loud." -- Sharon Jackson

"We need to be on the cutting edge of technology. The world can do it so much better. We need to educate ourselves so that we don't look or continue to look "Cheesy." -- Greg Phillips

"Technology has helped bring more variety to the table. It has not replaced traditional methods but, enhanced my children's programs. We have reconstructed the area leading into our kids church area into a multimedia welcome center. This is proving o be a draw for new families. We also use N64 and Playstations for visitors to help them get to know our regular attenders. It brings an immediate common interest for many kids and make them feel comfortable immediately." -- Jeff Smith

"Well, I use Power Point now and I scan pictures of the kids into my presentation to highlight a kid of week. However, I still use my trusted overhead projector and broom puppets. I still find that the most effective teaching takes place when kids are involved instead of when lots of lights and colors are involved. Kids like the bright, flashy stuff, but it effects their self esteem and attention level most when they or their friends are involved in the action or teaching somehow. I still find a well-told, compelling story more effective that a music video (no matter how cool the music is)." -- Abby Sauter

"I find that I can captivate and excite kids to listen to the message if the method is interesting. This is true from vent figures to multi-media" -- Bryan Braithwaite

"I've had to break my services into "sound bytes" in order for them to remember concepts and hold their attention while teaching. These kids have been raised on the Sesame Street (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,NINE, ...10) rapid fire visuals. I use a multiplicity of methods, continuing to change every three to seven minutes. The positives are the ability to have a quality sound to provide an atmosphere for worship during singing, prayer and praise. We also now have the ability to truly show missions outreaches in action, nursing home ministries, etc., via video. This is incredible for vision casting. The use of visualized Biblical stories and illustrations are impacting." -- Randy Christensen

"If you don't change with the times you will not be able to relate to kids of today. The Holy Spirit asked me 7 years ago "Why should the Lord give you any more kids if you can't keep up with the ones you already have?" That's when I developed a system that can track thousands of kids" -- Jim Wideman

"We now put our notes on computer to show on Power Point presentations. We have a web page (www.kidforce.com)
We use video cameras, CD and tape players all the time." -- Mike Reuter

"As stated above, we have to employ more high tech methods to hold their attention. These kids are much more technology savy than previous years. The expect and demand more. I guess they have been over-sensitized. That can make our job as children's ministers much more challenging, but also gives motivation for greater creativity. The biggest challenge is in meeting the needs of the kids in this area without having the flash overpower the message." -- Michael Adams

"More options; more in touch with kids' expectations; better use of "people resources" -- Ed Deming

" The ability to connect with parents/volunteers/workers over the internet, through e-mail has significantly changed the way I work." -- Bill Clarkson

"The church must stay aware that we live in a tech-driven society with children who expect a lot to keep their attention." -- Gary Davis

" When you look at what we are competing against for their attention, we had better use tools that appeal to their sense of fun and excitement." -- David Spiegel

Q.09 How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?

"The internet. It aids me in studying for the children's service, V.B.S., sunday school, etc. The computer helps me prepare to teach the children, and the adults on how to teach the children. It also helps me feel connected with other children's ministers. We can share ideas, and encourage each other." -- Shantel Young

"Helps you to connect with kids; Forces us to be relevant with the way kids learn today; Provides interesting and creative ways to minister to kids; These new methods help reach kids around the world" -- Petey Tellez

"Helps us compete with TV and VIDEOS and movies. Kid's don't see us as behind or not relevant." -- Richard Noble

"We are a multi media culture. The children expect a change in the format every 3 minutes. It is hard to keep the attention of the children without some of the technology." -- Tracey Roberts

"In the way that you have to do your best to meet the kid's where they are at." -- Jason Dunn

"It is continually keeping me cutting edge. (note in the perfered audio player I record to MP3 on my hard drive and use that as my primary audio source.)" -- Chris Hooten

"It really makes a difference keeping role on who is here and who is gone. Also, in literature like fliers for crusades and so on." -- Bryan King

"I use technology to augment how we do things. Our sound, lighting and special fx are very valuable to us. However, we use video and other things on special occasions." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"We have to more cutting edge in our presentation in order to hold kids attention. The world does a great job entertaining our children. We need to do an even better job" -- Trent Fiorino

"Kids get bored very easily. Children's workers have to be up on all the latest things." -- Barbara Chevalier

"Technology gives us more ways to present the message, as well as allowing us to be more creative in how we utilize any given message. eg. A well illustrated story can now have it's illustrations scanned and presented via "Power Point" to much larger audiences." -- James Dennis

"I think it has enhanced the way I minister and kept me on the cutting edge with the culture that our kids are involved in every day. We live in a visual generation and we need to view this world as they do and use these tools to our advantage to win MORE to Jesus Christ." -- Grant Foster

"Voice mail systems allow me to record messages for kids to listen to any time. Email lets me send out instant personal notes. Computers allow me to publish attractive posters, forms, and flyers." -- Andrew Bracht

"I use everything I can and have the whole morning changing with repeated emphasis on my theme but through different means. Whether Puppets, Video, Blacklight, Balloons, etc. Things change and move fast." -- Dean Bohl

"Kids are more face-paced as already described. Kids also want to be involved in technology... (most kids are more involved in the newest stuff... even more than most children's pastors)." -- Jamie Doyle

"It has open up a whole new world of opportunities." -- Paul Guerin

"More exciting and able to accomplish more" -- Scooter Carson

"It has given me the ability to glitz things up. Make it look nicer. Make it sound better. It's funner and easier to draw people in because we need "Teckie" and puppet." -- Pam McNett

"I can draw from a larger resource through the internet when preparing my lessons. videos make the story more realistic than overheads." -- Roy Augburn

" It saves time "sometimes" it also encourages me to be more creative. It has made it just plain more FUN!!" -- Keith Applegarth

_Q.09_ _How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?_

"I can get jobs done in less time" -- Bryan Matherly

" I think it has made me realize that I cannot compete with the technology in our society. Most churches are small and have limited resources. We need to be aware of the technology and do what we can. But, it isn't realistic to think that most churches are going to be able do Power Point presentations for their children. Even though we use Power Point in the
sanctuary, it is not available to use in childrens' services where I am. I have to be able to creatively use the resources available to me. I see my kids as my greatest resource." -- Sharon Daniel

"Kids expect a lot of "flash". Our classes and services move faster, are louder, change activities more often." -- Nancy Carefoot

"attention spans seem to be stretched when hi-tec effects are intoduced. The unexpected is always welcomed in children's ministry. The basics however remain the same, involvement and showing application will hook the kids." -- Larry Sauter

"It helps the church and the ministry keep up with the times and share the gospel in a more effective and positive way." -- Charlotte Reed

" Boys & girls are smarter, they are learning faster and at an earlier age than when I grew up. Television, Videos, etc have enhanced or dulled our kids. Children's workers today, must have God's anointing, be entertaining, and not offend anyone." -- Scott Roley

"it has forced us to stay relevant in the implementation of technology in ministry." -- Gene Roncone

"We are currently in the process of using Multi media presentations. It will become a very effective tool in Kid's Ministry." -- Jana McCalip

"I use sound tracks rather then live music in our worship services and when I do kid's crusades. I use my computer to make take home papers and publcity flyers, schedule services, etc. I can use my time much more effectively." -- Mary McGuire

"I believe it has stepped up the presentations. We no longer can get by with black and white pictures; chalk board drawings; flannel boards for older children; one handed keyboard playing for music and much more." -- Michelle Blackburn

"It's made it much easier to have visual presentations in different formats." -- Pam Inman

"We are better able to keep up with what the "world" is using to try to distract them and gain the attention of their minds. You can do lots of "cool" effects and the Kids like that kind of thing." -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

"You have to communicate in ways that are culturally relevant. Live productions are cooler if possible, because then the kids are right there in the middle of it. But if you need a particular location, you have to use video." -- Markus Wolf

"Having worked for over 20 years in the computer industry I tend to focus on relationships not technology." -- John Cosmos

"My schedules are placed on the computer, videos get a point across quicker because children can see it live for themselves. Clip-art on the computer makes things look more eye-catching." -- Kevin Shirley

"We absolutely MUST make our children's ministry concurrent with the media/technological input kids receive in schools, at home, and in their entertainment choices. Our choice is either advance technologically, or risk portraying Christianity and boring and irrelevant to their culture." -- Maureen Small

"Use it but don't depend on it. Prayer, intercession, preparation, expectation, and Holy Spirit need to be in place or all the special stuff means NOTHING." -- John Ellison

Q.09 How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?

" When we realy use any technological equipment we see a greater result. Here in Africa the increase of technology if used for the purpose of advancing the kingdom of God the results would be very high. Most of the chidren are not yet affected so much because of economical problems, If the churches could only be well equiped technologically here in Africa the results would be great.Since their minds are not polluted yet with the junk from the media and technology." -- Glorious Shoo

""Enables me to compete with secular presentations" -- Daniel Bourcier

"We now use lighting effects, smoke, music, etc. to minister. In times past, we told a Bible story, put up flannels and on a really exciting day would have black light drawings." -- Evelyn Brown

"Kids are more adapt to the things of today. We as Children's Pastors and Evangelists must keep up with this or else we will loose our children." -- Jessica Scolforo

"It has made it easer to prepare for classes, yet it harder to keep and maintain there intrest. this is forcing us to change our methods in which we minister to children." -- Jeffrey Scolforo

"Because of the explosion of numberous media technology, children today are mor visual than 10 years ago. With schools and the homes incorporating more computers and all the other services connected with this technology, children have become more aware of the world outside of their immediate environment. Therefore, I have to develop lessons which take into consideration the information that these children bring to the church ministry/children's church time. I don't think of this as something negative since I use their exposure to the world to develop learning experiences that touch children in other parts of the world like hunger, war, and famine. Or to be positive, I bring up issues like culture, different foods, or games children play in other countries." -- Jorge Gautier

"The increase in technology has effected our ministry by feeding kids a non-stop diet of top quality productions. The kids have seen the latest and greatest on TV, videos, and computers.Anything presented to them must be done well and to the highest level possible. Kids are no longer satisfied with the worker who just sticks a puppet on their hand and moves the mouth poorly to a "kiddie" song. They would rather you didn't do it at all. I think it has also made kids realize that the things of this world are just not satisfying the way they promised. There is a great spiritual hunger growing in the children of America and it is our responsiblity as Christian Workers to stand up and introduce them to the need meeter, Jesus Christ." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

" It definitely has cause me and my leadership team to strech ourselves in creative means. The thing that has been the biggest source of creativity and help has been the computer (and all the purposes for its use) and more specifically, the internet." -- Stephen Gill

"We have to be very aware of the way these items become idols for our children. We are constently preaching and praying about these idols." -- Bob Brigham

"Kid's are turned on by the lights, sounds, videos, lazers etc. We simply use these as tools to reach this generation.
The Methods by which we reach children changes, but the message of the cross does not!" -- Vint Norris

"Just as vinyl records and 8 track tapes are a thing of the past, flannel story boards and chalk drawings are a rare thing to see in classrooms today. Though we still use them in a small room setting, teachers still find themselves using videos as well as other visual object lessons to supplement their curriculum. There is definitely more equipment required in preparation and set up for weekly lessons. It has made more tools available for ministry and also the need for more hands to help with running them." -- Tim Ryder

"We have gone from using overheads in worship to video slides. We use a lot of video for announcements." -- Jeff Emmett

"Yes we are now able to not only put up the information the B.G.M.C sends us but to look that area up on the 'net and show them "first hand" what's going on." -- Melinda Henderson

"other than what i use on sundays...not a lot it all comes down to realionships" -- Vance Free

"I believe I must continue to raise the bar in presentations to children. They receive hi-tech from worldly input, and I want to hold their attention long enough for the Holy Spirit to grab their hearts." -- George Krebs

Q.09 *How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?*

"Yes. I have been using microsoft PowerPoint for almost 2 years. I also have all of my pre-recorded praise and worship on 7 music CD's (a compilation of over 50 tapes & CDs) and use a multi-CD player to program all the praise ahead of the service. I also use a Korg i-series keyboard to lead worship. I have an instant band at the touch of a chord or button." -- Kelly Dufour

"Kids love high tech so therefore I love high tech. They love to see it, they love to work it, and they love to play with it. I use power point all the time. It helps them and it helps me become more efficient. Technology has helped me change my youth services and children's services from a mediocre presentation to a presentation that will move and motivate." -- Greg Smith

"Kids spend a great deal of time with technology for education, leisure and social interations. Church ministries need to be aware of their current engagement with technology and expectations with a program designed for kids. I believe the Gospel should never be compromised, but the methods should be flexible to incorporate current technological advances." -- Timothy Koetitz

"It has been another tool to reach and teach." -- Malcolm Mire

" It has given me a broader range of musical backgrounds to use within the context of ministry. Computer visuals have replaced overhead transparencies in many cases. The use of digital video makes it much easier for the kids to "see themselves" in a multitude of formats." -- Brian Bopp

"faster pace service. 5-10 minutes spent on each fragment of the lesson. Use video's. Try to keep the service moving at good pace." -- Todd Jones

"Well we all know that this is the video generation and it's a can used as a good tool to teach children." -- Ray Richardson

"In a way it makes it easier. We presently use all canned music (very little live music) and the CD makes it easy to que up, plus it's a cleaner sound than we used to get with tapes. We also use videos that incorporate current Christian music with computer graphics and video clips put to that music. They are well received by our children. I even preach/teach from my lap-top computer on occasion. The kids think this is pretty neat." -- Norm Oberlin

"added a new dimension to the effective use of systems. For instance you can press a button and select any song on the cd player. Can't do that with tape." -- Duane Smith

"They have my e-mail address. Also, am able to contact them." -- Mark Walberg

"Kids love video, so we use a variety of computer animation and video. But I also feel that sometimes they don't need to be around the things they do all the time such as play video games. We regularly use drama, skits, and puppets because kids still love this medium. Technoledgy must be good quality if it is to be used efectivly." -- Marci Batty

"The increase in technology and media has caused me as a children's pastor and evangilist to strive for excellence. Our programs must be fast moving and interesting because of the short attention span that the television/video game era has made. The use of video and powerpoint and other multi-media technology has become neccessary. However, because of the lack of money and time that churches have put into the cm, there is not a lot of high-tech equipment in the cm deptartment (especially in smaller churches). In order to move ahead in a technology-dependent world, you need money. Children's ministry will remain low-budget and behind the times b/c the church won't put the money into it." -- Les White

"The presentation is beautiful. Technology also affords us the capability of ministering to more children...or should I say reaching more of the children you minister to. As you know, different children have different learning styles. With an increased variety of mediums you increase your odds of actually "teaching" more children. Of course I believe that any technique, whether it is technology or not, should only enhance your message...brighten up the color if you will. It should never take the place of real people ministering to real people." -- Judy Mensch

"Sometimes it can be challenging to keep their attention without lights, music, videos, etc." -- Michele Groseclose

Q.09 *How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?*

"greater convience in developing resources and communication." -- Andy Robinson

"We have had to become more creative and technological to "compete" in todays market." -- Duane Swanson

"It has decreased the attention span for children and increased the need to be more visual." -- Michael Lowder

"The use of computer as to what they watch with easy added pictures." -- Barry Jorris

"Their creativity is enormous. Because of the easy access to computers, they can do most things on computers that adults can. Also, they are targeted for most video games and software that are being released today." -- Eric Munson

"The kids are going to go to what "looks" the best. If our church programs are a thing of the past, the kids will not be interested. Let's face it, the kids don't come in non-materialistic." -- Karla Brogen

" It has made it both harder and easier. Hard because they want more entertainment and it is hard for a church our size to afford all the computer equiptment it takes to make that happen. In some ways it is easier though because things come so easy to do and premade that you don't have to have as much talent as you used to." -- Kimberly Moraghan

"You have to keep current to appeal to the kids." -- Lana Tilley

"You have to be sharp and up to date with the kids or they will not listen. You have to be up on the music they like. Some of the tapes that are put out now are out of date. The kids relate better to contemporary music than any of the "kids" tapes." -- Jim Bungard

"Greater ability to develop ministry tools." -- Kathy Jingling

"We can no longer rely on the technology of days gone by. We have to meet our kids where they are - on-line, video, music, etc. Kids who are technologically advanced (using, Game-boy, computer games, internet, etc.) will not be drawn to church by a flannelboard and filmstrip Jesus." -- Juli Luckett

"I use media in the form of bytes, not full meals. The message is primary....as is the anointing of the messenger. It is difficult for the media to participate in "the laying on of hands. Gary Smalley in his book, "The Language of Love" says that the best way to communicate with individuals is through emotional word pictures. He sights the example of "Bambi". When the movie came out, deer hunting was cut in half in one year. What happened was that no facts were changed, but emotions were brought to bear with the facts. I have seen this effect happen through movies and animated Bible classics such as Nest video's." -- Curt Zastrow

"I love the internet with all the available resources and information on line. But it also takes time away from other things." -- Tessie LaLonde

"The year 2000 audience has acquired a taste for quality presentations. (3D video games, computer-animated entertainment, animatronics, virtual reality...) In other words; "The days of flannel graph and the auto harp are gone."
I TRY TO ADD SOMETHING NEW AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. (dramatic presentations, songs, visual technology, better sound...)" -- Bob Hahn

"It has become more visual and more activity oriented to some degree." -- Duane Swanson

"It has made what we do much more visually appealing to the kids, therefore holding their attention better. It has made the church seem very relevant. In other words, the kids didn't come to church and see outdated forms of communication being used." -- Joey Ellis

" We will be starting to use power point in church soon. This will make things more visually exciting." -- Linda Fischer

"they need to see things moving, so our services are motion from beginning to end." -- Carl Redding

_Q.09_ _How has the increase of technology in our society affected the way you minister to kids?_

"Children are more technologically educated than ever before and have grown up with visual media out the wazoo! It's not so much trying to compete with "Hollywood" or TV but being relevant." -- Mark Minaker

"Makes it easier for me to give the children handouts for memory work. Gives me some ideas that I may not have thought of before." -- David Collier
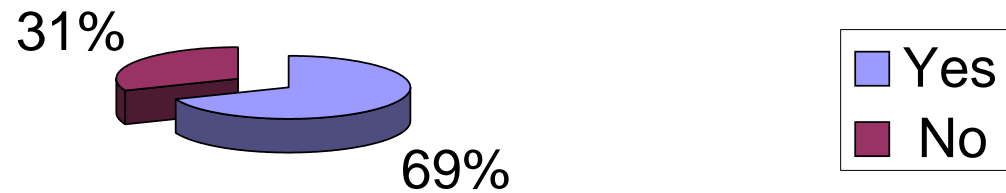
"I have to stay on my toes. The children get bored a lot easier now than they used to so I have to always look for new methods to make the lesson "stick"" -- Angel Rodgers

"Increased technology has made it easier and more efficient for us to present/use prerecorded music in our services." -- Douglas Brantley

"You know you have to present the lesson through various media to make at least as much impact as what they are exposed to daily." -- Debi Leake

"The smaller church has more options available to them. They are no longer limited if they cannot have a live band because they have use of quality music through techonology." -- Peggy Williams

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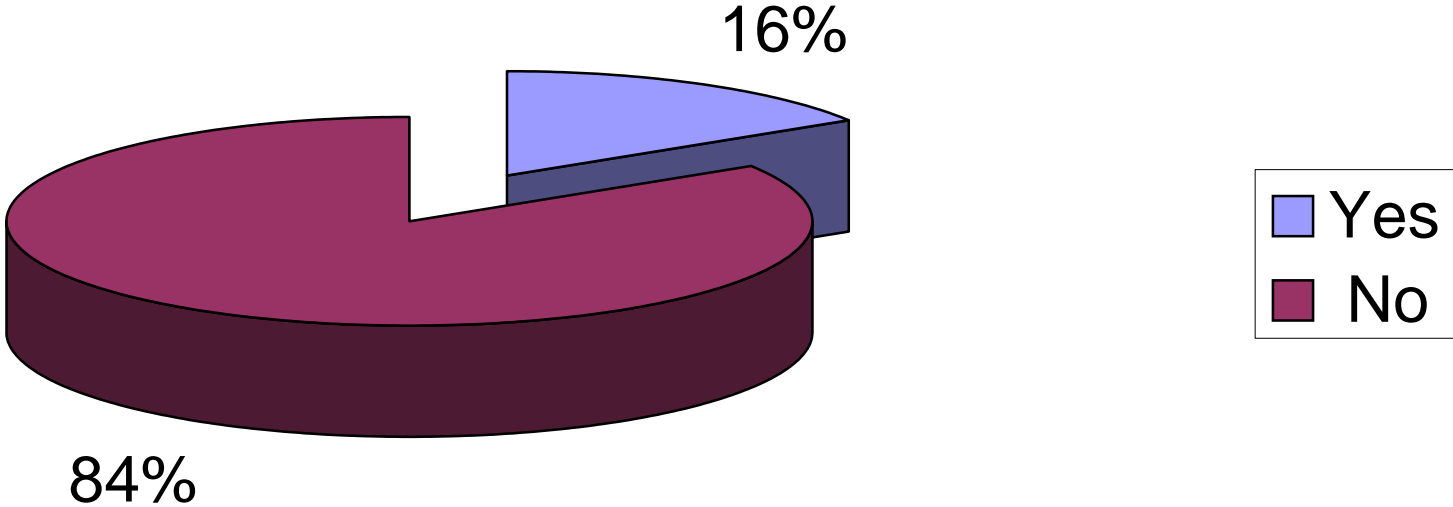
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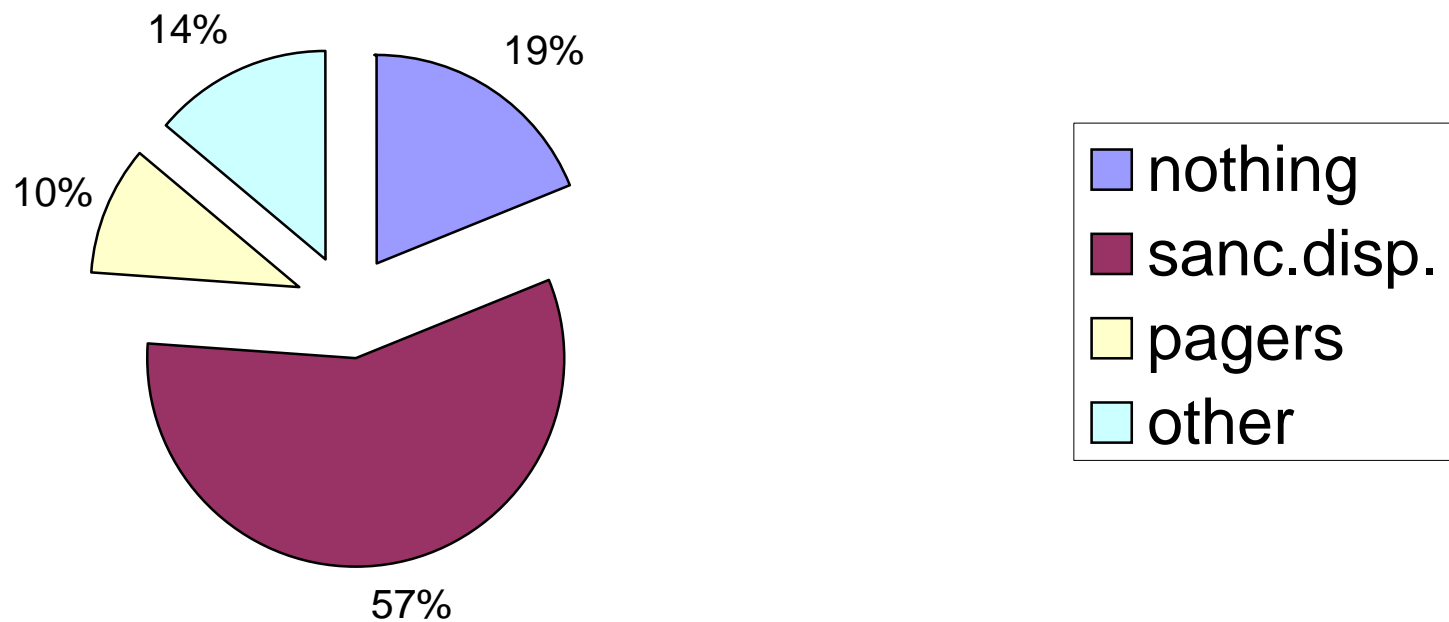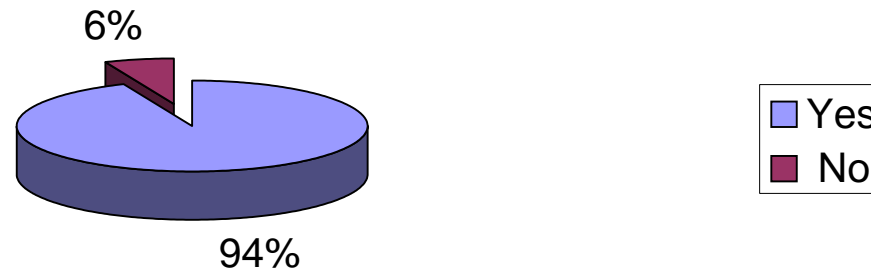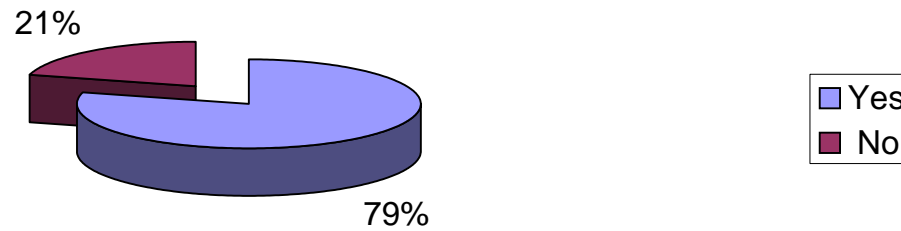
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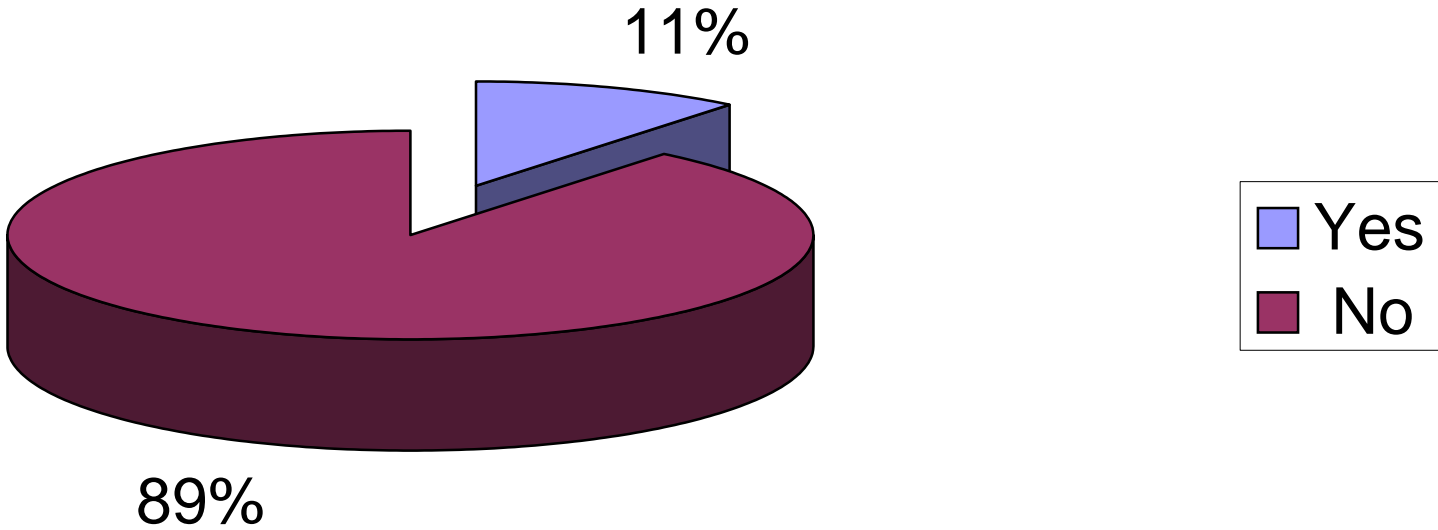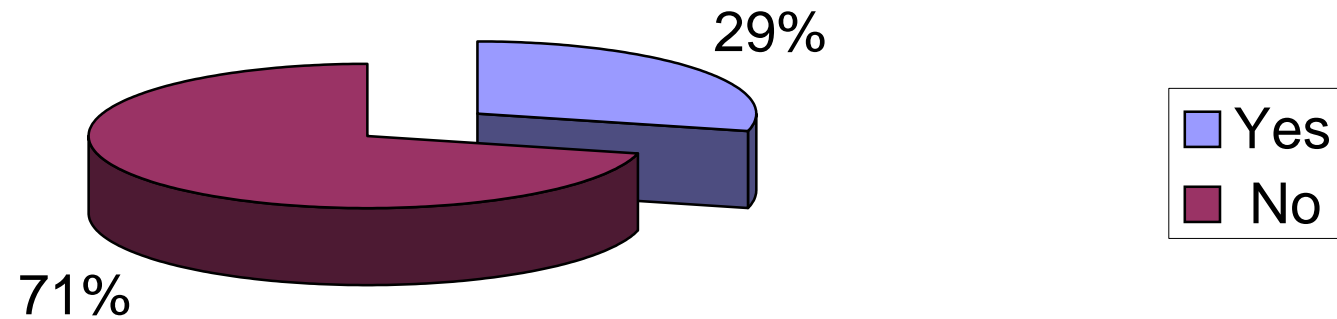
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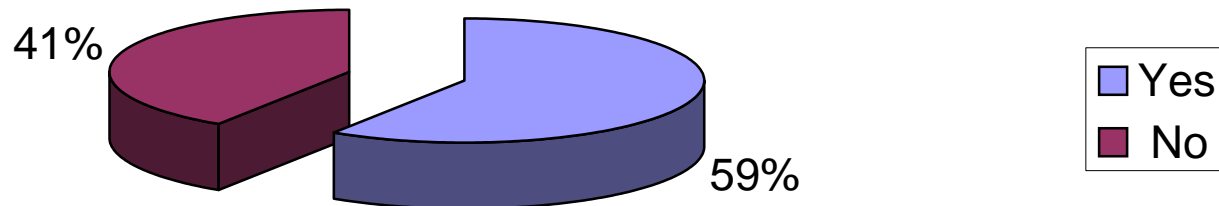
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Q.20 Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?

"The pace is faster." -- Dick Gruber

"More fast-paced; less dead space; takes MUCH more preparation to get things together; takes a literal tech team to pull off just one Sunday Morning" -- Brian Dollar

"Personally, for me it has not changed." -- Sharon Jackson

"I am learning new things through my kids involvement. I have the kids showing me what needs to be done." -- Greg Phillips

"More and more resources are becoming available for less publication costs by making them available online." -- Bryan Braithwaite

"My approach has modified. While I use current visual technology I have to conscientiously plan to stretch kids attention spans so over a period of months they learn to listen to verbal preaching of the word. They must learn to respond to the Word, even if it's not visually stimulating. I cannot overload them with this traditional method of preaching though, because their attention spans and culturally molded model of learning require visual stimuli. It's a fine balance that's individually discerned for each group of children." -- Randy Christensen

"When I started in ministry all publications were made with press on letters & a light table. Now because of desk top publishing quality has become the rule instead of the exception" -- Jim Wideman

"Technology is another place of ministry for kids and is a tool you must use. To play good praise, you need a CD player, for example. Tapes don't cut it anymore because CD's make it easier to select songs, play sound effects in stories, etc." -- Mike Reuter

"Computers have allowed tracking of information, and direct message access to volunteers and workers through e-mail." -- Bill Clarkson

"It gives more choices for presenting the Gospel." -- Gary Davis

"Through the use of technology, we can have a more varied, interesting program to kids" -- anonymous

"In the past we depended on tapes or CDs for worship when we couldn't find musicians. Many times those willing to play in our services were not of the quality we were looking for. Now we use computerized midi files and can have quality music that we can adjust on the fly." -- David Spiegel

"The question is not how has technology changed children's ministry, the question should be how could it not change children's ministry. Children today have never been without tecnolgy, they have a complete understanding of what the computer is, and how to use it. It is the adults that are trying to keep up with the children. I use the tecnology around me to aid me to teach the children about Jesus. I do not see it as an enemy, and I am not against the internet. Technology has changed the children in children's ministry, and because of this children's ministry has had to adapt itself. Children no longer have an attention spane that allows them to sit for hours and listen to a "lesson." We must use the videos, cd, skits, video games ect. to keep the children's attention. The days of children sitting down on the floor in a nice circle, and listening to the adult read a lesson, and then talk to the children for the remaining hour are over. Everything needs to be quick, colorful, and just as entertaining as the television, video games, and the internet." -- Shantel Young

"More multi-media presentations. Power Point memory verse. Music on Keyboard for games. Video presentations for announcements, lessons." -- Tracey Roberts

" technology has taken basics of ministry to a higher level. (meaning the appearance of your room now can be anything you can imagine, and things can be done quicker)" -- Jason Dunn

"It has become a major player in the world of methods and cultural keys to ministry." -- Chris Hooten

"It has to be fast-paced and changing." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"technology has become an exelent tool in helping to make our ministry more exciting" -- Trent Fiorino

Q.20 *Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?*

"We went from using slide projectors to video and tv screen to video projector. From cassette tapes to cds." -- Barbara Chevalier

"Tools have changed, style doesn't. Tools can't replace genuine concern and interest in a child's future." -- James Dennis

"I think it has become more soficaticated and not so amature. We need an attitude of excellence with the kids. They deserve the very best." -- Grant Foster

"The use of PowerPoint, Video Projectors and Video presentations is becoming common-place in many churches." -- Jamie Doyle

"The technology itself has changed." -- Paul Guerin

"CMIN is more exciting and we are able to share information a lot quicker. The use of Powerpoint and Publisher makes it easier to spread the message of the gospel." -- Scooter Carson

"The days of the overhead and flannel graph are over. We now have the capapbility to give an advanced lesson on a biblical principal and use 5 or 6 different venues or genre's to do it. We can go on an interview with a missionary from Indonesia, feel Indonesian money, taste squid, and never leave our church for preparation or presentation. The only limit is our own slow process of learning how to use this stuff. I still can't figure out how to get my v.c.r. to record, so I am definitely stretched. It is the churches that don't stretch that are loosing out on this tremendous time of ministry." -- Pam McNett

"it has become easier to prepare the lessons with a wider range of options." -- Roy Augburn

"quite a lot. but yet kept the same. same message different transport" -- Keith Applegarth

"I think expectations have changes. I go to conferences where there are sessions concerning the use of technology with kids but I think this is probably discouraging to many of the leaders in churches that are smaller. I just don't think the resources are available to the majority of churches. I know that we continue to increase our use of technology but it will be a long period of time even in a church the size where I minister for much of the technology to be available for children's ministry." -- Sharon Daniel

"Children have so much more information than they used to have that it forces us to address issues that maybe wouldn't have been addressed until Youth not so many years ago. Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders require discipling in areas that I wish we didn't have to get into until they're older. All of the kids seem to require a faster paced class/service with a lot more variety. This is good in that it probably touches more kids because of different learning styles, but it also takes a lot more work and a lot more people!" -- Nancy Carefoot

"I believe the basics are the same just moving with the times. New, innovative ideas have always been part of children's ministry." -- Larry Sauter

"The computer age has become a whole new area for a lot of people to learn."-- Charlotte Reed

"It has made resources, training and networking available to lay leaders who were not full time. It has also made moved the major focus away from who has the most talent to who knows how to find the best resources." -- Gene Roncone

"It's become more high tech. We are not as up on this as I would like for us to be. However we are getting there. There is so much more that is available and I need to learn how to use more of it." -- Jana McCalip

"More resources are available, web sites that offer free material, educational opportunities. Time use is more effective.
The ministry can be more creative, using a variety of technology." -- Mary McGuire

"Not as involved anymore on the child level. Lot more technology in presentations, services, etc." -- Bruce Dravneek

Q.20 *Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?*

"Since technology is ever changing, prices are ever changing and what used to be out of reach for a small budget is now accessible...CD players; special effects machines; lighting and much more." -- Michelle Blackburn

"It's more snazzy and modern. It can be very razzle-dazzle now." -- Pam Inman

"Not to much, just recently we started using power point , and the kids like that." -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

"I try to be as sights and sound as possible. Camcorders are an incredible asset for kids ministry especially when you use your kids, or people they know." -- Markus Wolf

"Gone are the days of slide shows accompanied by narration or filmstrips. TV/VCR still works with our preschoolers, but we now use the big screen with rear projection video, accompanied by a laptop using PowerPoint, for our Grade 1-5 program. Even if we're showing a pre-recorded video, it's on the big screen. Also, our kids have become very involved in running the equipment -- they usually know more than us adults! We have 12-14 year olds who set up and run our entire projection system and the sound system (just a 6-channel old sound board with 3 mikes, electric keyboard, and electric guitar)." -- Maureen Small

"I get a lot of new Ideas and as a result my ministry has realy advanced and it has been a blessing to children and teachers." -- Glorious Shoo

"Since we are in a fast paced, computer driven society, kids are no longer satisfied with the just the chalk drawings and puppets of a few years ago. They want services to be more colorful and faster paced." -- Evelyn Brown

"Not in such a big way" -- Jessica Scolforo

"Kids are media driven. Because the media has become intenseSince the media has become so adanceed we must also advance our methods." -- Jeffrey McAtee

"I can tap into more resources quicker because I can go online and do a search." - Jorge Gautier

"I feel that it has changed ministry for the good. It has given us, as leaders, a greater means of resources and means to reach kidz for Christ. We literally have immeasureable options in the directions we take. Not only has it helped in reaching kidz, but I find that the increase in technology has made it easier for me and my leaders to be in contact." -- Stephen Gill

"In some ways it has become more of an entertainment based focus. In order to hold the attention a service has to be fast moving and changing. Even with that happening, you cannot settle in to a normal routine, or kids beginning to anticipate where you are going and become less attentive. It has made it challenging in those areas. What I have found though, is that even in this fast paced day and age, praise and worship and inviting God's presence is absolutely key. We have children come to the altar weekly as we worship God. They come without being asked or coaxed to simply worship the Lord. It's a beautiful thing to see, and that's where lives are changed, in the presence of God." -- Tim Ryder

"I just think it becomes more alive and interesting for them instead of doing little construction paper crafts all the time. This is more up to date...It is the year 2000!" -- Melinda Henderson

"It has become more visible to the church world. EX: Choirs have not changed they way they sing Sunday morning, but Kids church has become more of an experience (Edutainment= education + entertainment) Learning has become fun." -- George Krebs

" I hardly ever use the overhead projector anymore -- I now use a laptop and video projection unit. Cassettes are rarely used -- I record what I need onto a recordable CD. Bible stories with felt characters are now replaced with Bible story videos." -- Kelly Dufour

"Children's and youth ministry has become more effective and much more efficient." -- Greg Smith

"Since I've only been in Children's ministry within the past five years, I brought change into our church's program. We included the sound system, puppets, TV/VCR and we worked together as a team." -- Timothy Koetitz

Q.20 *Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?*

"The methods have changed, the ministry of teaching and loving kids remains the same as always. One handy bit of technology that helps me communicate is the Phone Tree. Coupled with my attendance software, this automated phone caller is great for reminders, getting responses, sending encouragements, etc. These are calls I would not have the time to make if I did each one myself." -- Brian Bopp

"Technology isn't what has changed the children's ministry, It has been all the hard work and dedication and the guidance of the Holy Spirit." -- Ray Richardson

"More curriculum that is reproducible. More Bible games for computers. Easier for ministers to keep in touch with e-mail. WEB sites increasing for children." -- Norm Oberlin

"Children have become complacent to being entertained and not challenged. we as ministers need to remember it's Jesus that saves boys and girls not fog machines and lighting." -- Duane Smith

"Yes, we have to be more entertaining because of the video/computer age the present group of kids are growing up in." -- Mark Walberg

"There have been many changes. We work a lot with puppets. Technology has changed because of television. Puppetry has gone from puppets singing to blacklight, large stages, many props, video use during the shows, etc." -- Les White

"Many more places to get "helps" and ideas for ministry." -- Michele Groseclose

"Greater convenience in developing resources and communication." -- Andy Robinson

" I think it has become more exciting. There are more tools at the disposal of the children's minister. New technologies have also made networking in children's ministry easier." -- Michael Lowder

"Everything is visual. Whatever they watch, they want quality is the production of videos, music, just about anything you can think of." -- Eric Munson

"I believe our audio/visual presentation of the Gospel has become easier. Praise and worship is dynamic because of quality sound equipment. The use of video clips helps us to share life application of the Word. The internet has allowed us to communicate with missionaries on the field and other children's ministers around the globe." -- Juli Luckett

"I think media needs to be used to some degree in our ministry simply because kids are so media savvy. To not use something like this would be falling behind the times and archaic." -- Curt Zastrow

"When I started in Childrens Ministry we still used ditto's. Then came COPY machines and that was a WOW! Now I use everything from Power Point presentations, digital photos of the kids, to word processed newsletters. I love the technology and can't wait to see what comes out next." -- Tessie LaLonde

"Music has improved, video generation has arrived with on-demand animated Bible stories, computer-driven presentations are coming in with computer animation and power-point illustrations, and new sound technology is letting more people produce quality accompaniment." -- Bob Hahn

"To some degree it has had become competitive because of the attention spans of children." -- Duane Swanson

"Technology has changed. Ministering to kids is the same. They love to be loved. They enjoy being a part of an interesting and meaningful service. The methods may change, but the essence of ministering to kids remains the same." -- Joey Ellis

"I use video projection weekly in Kids Church. More than 2/3 of my kids have e-mail/internet at home. I use a lot of music on CD's." -- Mark Minaker

"TV's and computers are used more in presenting portions of the service such as song lyric display and story presentation." -- Douglas Brantlet

_Q.20_ _Since you have become involved, how has children's ministry changed because of technology?_

"Because we are a church plant and have only been around for two years, we don't have all the bells and whistles available for use in children's ministry. However, I have seen it move from the simple coloring page activities (which we use at times still) to the availability of computer labs for student activity (which we do not have). This is all wonderful and exciting and we should take advantage of all that we can, but we should make every effort to never lose sight of the message of the gospel." - Debi Leake

Q.21. Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.

"Everything in balance. Do not overuse any method." -- Dick Gruber

"It is absolutely necessary because of the above listed reasons." -- Brian Dollar

"It is a tool. We need to make strides that much of our time does not turn into "dead time" for the children while they watch us fiddle with equipment not working that day." -- Sharon Jackson

"We plan to use it all and then are willing to put it on hold as God directs." -- Greg Phillips

"It is an integral part. This has enhanced the quality of our kids' church. We use it extensively." -- Jeff Smith

"I think it is important for us to stay up-to-date when possible as long as those new methods are enhancing our message. I think it becomes tempting to let cool methods overshadow powerful message. I think as long as we keep a balance and allow new methods to further illustrate the need for a holy and blameless walk with our personal Savior, then they are great. However, if we reach a point where we are sugar-coating the Gospel or just briefly mentioning it in a 5-second spot, that will be the point where it's time to go back and try again. Our bright lights and new cameras and equipment should intensify the Gospel message." -- Abby Sauter

" I believe that every tool needs to be used effectively with excellence and never to the point of exhaustion. Keep them wanting more, but give them methods which captivate them." -- Bryan Braithwaite

"Technological tools should be used as tools to clearly demonstrate the truths of God's Word, to help children build relationships, to give a sense of relevancy to everyday life, and to give children a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

First of all, we use videos, powerpoint presentations, and Bible-based computor programs to involve children in the Word. Secondly, video games, music, electronic games, etc., may be used for children to gather around to give a purpose for group interaction. This needs to be coached and guided so that one child doesn't dominate an area. Time limits are set. Others watch and cheer and give helpful advice. These types of activities give kids a common denominator which may become a catalyst for relationship building. Third, children need to sense that the church is relevant to their lives today. The use of technology is rampant in their homes, schools, and overall culture. The church needs to be using some of those same methods so that kids can relate. We don't want to give the impression that the teachings of the church are outdated. If the methods are all outdated, then the truths are perceived to be irrelevant and outdated. Fourth, we involve children in the audio/visual/computer areas of our kid's services. Children are learning to be involved in "helps" ministries. The quite shy kids, and the older kids who perceive themselves to be too sophisticated for traditional children's ministry methods, are finding a place in the body of Christ where they may be involved in cutting-edge technology that helps others during our worship services.   Unfortunately, many in children's ministry now feel that without up-to-date technology that they cannot be effective in ministry; that somehow the Holy Spirit cannot overcome the technological deficiencies. This attitude trusts in the arm of the flesh, rather than the Spirit. This conviction believes that David could never beat Goliath, for Goliath had the strongest armor and human strength. The implementation of God's plans and purposes are not to be dictated by our technology or methods...though God may choose to work through them if we present the message with godly motives and a right heart." -- Randy Christensen

"If there's a tool that will help you reach more people & help you fulfil what God has called you to do faster, more efficiently, and more effectively & you refuse to use it, then you are an idiot!" -- Jim Wideman

"I'm all for it. However, the youth that do sound sometimes want to use videos I don't quite approve of. However, the youth mainly do our sound. I would like to do a lot more technologically. Ironically, the men of the church who are programmers, etc., are not committed to helping kids ministries. They often say if we need help, let us know, but their jobs come first and they find it hard to give to Kids' Ministries. So, it's the junior high guys who do everything. Some adults are helping do some computer stuff." -- Mike Reuter

"I think it is a positive as long as we ensure that we arn't just putting on a good show without really instructing the kids. This has been a tough balance to keep. Also the higher we set the bar, the more it takes to grab the kids attention. It can be a catch 22." -- Michael Adams

"use every avenue to reach them. never use a technology "just because it's cool"." -- Ed Deming

Q.21. Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.

"Makes things easier, enhances, enables more people to get involved, or less people to do more." -- Bill Clarkson

"Go for it! But the message always outweighs the method!" -- Gary Davis

"The more variety the better!" -- anonymous

" The more the better!" -- David Spiegel

" As children's ministers we should use what ever resource we can to effectivly preach the gospel of Christ. I am sick of people telling me that the computer is evil, because I think you can find bad and good in anything. Take the tools that are out there and use them. It is just like planting a field. Yes, you can use the old horse and plow the field, or you could use the new "evil" gas powered tracker. The field will get plowed using either of these two tools, but one will be quicker, and more effective. The other is just how we use to do things. Technology belongs in children's ministry, because technology is apart of our children's lives." -- Shantel Young

"I believe it is relevant! Kids learn best through visual aids." -- Petey Tellez

"Transparencies are more attractive. Resources are more available. Networking is easier." -- Richard Noble

"I wish I had access to more of it. I will use anything I can to reach the children with the Gospel, and to teach them to reach their world." -- Tracey Roberts

"I believe technology can and will be very effective as long as the focus of our programs remain on Christ and Him alone and not on how awesome our room looks!"

"I am looking to use technology to lead kids into the throne room of God. There is a balance I try to achieve so that the technology based method stay far from the focus. The goal is to use it appropriately to bring reality to the presence of God, and a significant spiritual life." -- Chris Hooten

"Technology is awesome for all kinds of ministry. If a church will learn how to use its resources it can become more effective." -- Bryan King

"I believe that we should use all the technology at our disposal while being good stewards of God's money." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"When I tought children's church I made us of every form of technology available. I never apologize for making my ministry entertaining. After all the world is intertaining our kids with the wroung message. we need to entertain them with the wright message. Children also need to see that the church is up with the times and not livig in the past." -- Trent Fiorino

"I use it to reenforce the lesson being taught. The more ways a child can experience a lesson the better he or she will internalize it." -- Barbara Chevalier

"Use anything and everything available to reach the child!" -- James Dennis

"I use a computer presentation program for annoucements as the kids are coming in to Children's Church, I use a minidisk player for all my recorded music. We use the computer presentation program for memory verses, as well as stories scanned into the program. We use pagers in the nursery just like a resturant would use, we use the computer to keep tabs on the attendance of all our kids." -- Grant Foster

"Technology enhances message comprehension and appeal. Visual learners benefit most from technology." -- Andrew Bracht

"Keep it. Let's become as relavent to these kids as possible. In the KID- PLANET Web Site there is a quotre that goes something like: "Kids go out on Saturdays and watch movies that took millions of dollars to produce, then they come Sundays to church where Jesus keeps falling off of the felt-board." -- Jamie Doyle

Q.21. Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.

"I'm pastoring at a church that has limited funds for high tech stuff, but if I could I would purchase digital equiptment. With digital equiptment the opportunities are endless." -- Paul Guerin

"I wish more parents would understand how much technology helps their kids learn. Since our kids are exposed to this type of technology everyday we need to keep up and make church just as exciting as anything they will see outside of church." -- Scooter Carson

"My views are those of a total technical moron. I am forced to stay up to date on new things, but I also know that I am not gifted with this junk, so I have recruited a few "Nerds" who can do all my stuff. I dream into their ears. They tell me if it's possible. I give them a deadline. They flow in their ability to "Tech" and all our kids reap the benefit. It is a partnership. Technology has torn down the wall that existed between "big people church" and "children's church" We now need them and they like what is happening in us. The only killer is the inability to be flexible. A lot of wineskins are going to be popping soon." -- Pam McNett

"whatever will get the children's attention and hold it is well worth using. after all we are not living in the past. neither are the children. to reach them we must keep up with current developments." -- Roy Augburn

"hey, if you got it use it!!! Reach the world at in cost." -- Keith Applegarth\

"It can be very useful, but we cant fall into the trap of letting technology touch our kids instead of us" -- Bryan Matherly

"Overall, it's a positive for us. I think it's easier for some of the folks just starting out than for those of us who've been at it for awhile. I seem to have been created without a "technology bone", but it does provide opportunity for the involvement of people who wouldn't otherwise have attached themselves to Children's Ministries." -- Nancy Carefoot

"We need to what ever it takes to reach the generation at hand" -- Larry Sauter

"I think the new technology will keep the child's interest and create a whole new way to learn the word of god. A new way to share it with others as well." -- Charlotte Reed

"Technology should be used in any way possible. It is too effective to pass up" -- Gene Roncone

"We are in the process of creating multimedia presentations. I believe they will have a great impact on our Kids. They live in such a high tech world, it is time that the church steps up to bat and gets into the flow of what is available and use whatever sources and resources we can to minister the gospel to the kids of America." -- Jana McCalip

"I can't say I have a philosophy but we must be careful that the techno stuff doesn't become the star. The message of the Good News shouldn't take second place to the technology you implement, rather it should inhance the simple message of Christ's love." -- Mary McGuire

"Would like to use more but we cannot afford much of it. Videos and video projectors would be a favorite if we could afford the projector. Nothing beats the one-on-one personal attention afforded each child." -- Bruce Dravneek

"I believe we should use every means possible to reach our kids for Christ! The enemy has stolen much from the Church, including our kids interests, and it's high time we returned the attack!" -- Michelle Blackburn

"I love technology in children's church. If we had the equipment, I would use PowerPoint." -- Pam Inman

" I am all for it ! The world spend millions to get their soul, Now we can compete" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

"You have to count the cost. There are some technologies that don't give you enough bang for your buck, this year. But five years from now, who knows?" -- Markus Wolf

" As I stated before, we MUST keep up with what kids are experiencing at school, in their homes, and in their entertainment choices, or they will view church as "boring", behind the times, and irrelevant to them. We strive to make technology in our children's department every bit as up-to-date as in our adult service (although finances slow us down from doing so as quickly as we'd like!)" -- Maureen Small

Q.21. *Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.*

"Fine as a supplement, but I do not entertain in Children's church. I prepare a Holy Ghost message that I would preach to adults, teen or anyone. God shows me how to creatively season that truth for children. I involve them, engage them, and expect that they will learn, answer questions, get involved in an "activation" that will show them in creative ways what they learned. Technology is used if helpful in that process. I do not think, how can I use my new strobe light, and deside to talk about Saul's conversion! It is a minor tool that can add spice. Like spice don't use too much!" -- John Ellison

"With the increasing "competion" I believe that kids will appreciate your awareness that society has changed and we care enough to move in the same direction (parents do too). If we are to reach out into the world to children who may not regularly attend church we have even a more responsibility to reach them even more. If we want to tell them about Jesus Christ we have to give them something that would want them to even listen. With todays technilogical advances we have that cutting edge that we need today to reach these children and keep the ones we have." -- Keith Jenkins

"Sometimes it can be too "flashy" and miss out on the Holy Spirit's moving. It also can make ministers to children spend to much time on "things" and not enough on prayer and personal ministry to kid." -- Daniel Bourcier

" I love the technology we have today, however I do not want a ministry that is technology driven. The most important component in any ministry is the presence of the Lord. Children in today's society need to know someone loves them and that there is someone who is bigger and more powerful than the situations they find themselves in. I'm glad we have the lights, smoke, sound and color, but those things will be forgotten. When children are in the presence of the Lord, it will never be forgotten." -- Evelyn Brown

"Technology in the church must becom more widley used or we are going to lose the media war with our children." -- Jeffrey McAtee

"Technology today can be a great asset in children church if it is used for specific intend in mind. It must be intentionally incorparated into the lesson and not used just at an additive to fill in time or as a curiosity." -- Jorge Gautier

" I thinks it is great. Obviously, without personal interaction and authenticity with a groups a kidz, the best technology is meaningless. But when you have a leader who can connect with kidz relationally and has the uses of technonoly, its a powerful combination. We use technology to stimulate the many senses of a child. Afterall, they all learn differently. We use it to capture their attention, reinforce a point or even to provide an atmosphere." -- Stephen Gill

"I use technology to present the gospel in different formats." -- Bob Brigham

" If you can get it, use it. These are all tools to help us carry out the "Great Commission." Why not take and use the best as we serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Again, with today's generation, some of these technological wonders might be considered necessary, but without the presence of God and His leading and anointing, even the best of "Stuff" will not accomplish in the hearts of children what needs to take place." -- Tim Ryder

"i think we should whatever methods are avaible to reach kids" -- Vance Free

"I think we should use every resource to be a better communicator." -- George Krebs

"I love it, use it and enjoy it. However, when something decides to not work properly or at all things can get real interesting." -- Kelly Dufour

"It is a must. If you expect your kids to be up to date you better be up to date. It is our responsibility to plunge them into the future and that means the use of technology." -- Greg Smith

"I believe in technology as a great tool in gaining the interest of young minds. However, if left uncontrolled it will easily backfire. Technology needs to be used wisely as a tool, not as a replacement for good teaching/preaching." -- Timothy Koetitz

Q.21. Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.

" If the technology serves the purpose of ministry I think its great and I'll be one of the first to grab it and go. Taken too far, one might let the "whiz-bang" gizmos become the focus and "pride" of the ministry - and no one wants that. I do NOT think any technological gizmo is ever essential to ministry. Jesus had all the techonology anyone NEEDS to minister, He told stories. Let us do the same and use to gizmos to enhance what we do." -- Brian Bopp

" I think it is wonderful if we use it for the good of spreading the gospel to a media type of generation." -- Todd Jones

"It's good but it won't replace a Children's Pastor with a heart that burns for the children. The children know if you are fake or not. Your either called or your not!" -- Ray Richardson

"I feel that like everything else technology needs to be used with balance. You can overdo anything you do. I have seen the children just as mesmerized by a good story read out loud as I have with a contemporary, jammin-type video aimed at the kids." -- Norm Oberlin

" I use tech. to enhance the message. It is a method and I try to be as current and creative as possible in making things interesting for the kids." -- Mark Walberg

"It can be a part of a great variety of methods to reach children. You must keep up with the times. I don't agree with using video games becuase many kids are addicted. If you or your church can afford different media equipment, you should use it. (Although, I will admit it is sometimes a challege learning how to use it!)" -- Marci Batty

"I think that the use of technology is great and as money begins to be put more and more into children's ministry the use will greatly increase. Technology will aid in the attempt to keep the children's attention. After all, technology is another form of bait that we can use to pull our children into a fuller knowledge and understanding of the Word of God." -- Les White

"I think that it is a useful tool, like any of the other tools we have had access to in the past. Technology needs to be used as a means to present the gospel. Sometimes I have seen some presentations where I felt the use of the technology became the focus and the gospel was lost in the shuffle. However, that can happen with any tool we use if we get focused on our
presentation rather than on the Lord and what He would have us to do." -- Rita Neve

"I think they are good if they don't take away from the whole reason for attending church... which is to learn about Jesus... not to see the cool lights, loud music and such. Technology can be a great tool if used in the correct way." -- Michele Groseclose

"If it is easily used to supplement our purposes in developing relationships with Jesus and others, we will use it (considering the cost -vs- benefit)." -- Andy Robinson

"The gospel is our message. We should be communicating that message the very best way possible. Using technology only increases our effectiveness to deliver the message." -- Michael Lowder

"It should be availible to evangelize, disciple, and minister to children." -- Eric Munson

"We are in full agreement and enjoy what new technology has to offer. As we are able to invest in some of these systems, we feel they will affect the quality of our children's ministry." -- Kimberly Moraghan

"It has to be the best, because God and my kids deserve nothing less." -- Lana Tilley

"Technology is a helpful tool for ministry preparation but it should never replace the personal ministries." -- Kathy Jingling

"I believe that we need to remain on the cutting edge to reach kid's for Christ. Therefore we need to keep up with the technological advances and use them as a vehicle to share the Gospel. But we must be careful not to invest time in equipment, but time spent with our kids getting to know where they are and meeting their needs. Kids enjoy a variety of methods of sharing Biblical principles. Technology allows us that advantage." -- Juli Luckett

Q.21. *Explain your views on the use of technology in children's church.*

"We must change or we'll lose our audience to the worldly geeks." -- Bob Hahn

"I think whatever we can use to bring children to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ w/o compromise we should go after it. Children's workers are coming to the forefront of ministry and are asking for other creative ideas to use to win the lost." -- Duane Swanson

"They are tools. Nothing more. If the technolgy becomes the time consuming factor then it is out of balance. Nothing replaces personal touch with kids." -- Joey Ellis

"I think it's great if you have the help that knows how to use it effectively. Otherwise it can be a hindrance." -- Linda Fischer

"I would like to use more technology if I had the resources to be able to purchase new equipment, unfortunately our finances inhibit the ministry in these ways, and it seems that children's ministry is one of the last to receive funds when they do become available." -- Carl Redding

" As I already mentioned, a person cannot compete with what the world has at its disposal in terms of media technology, but you cannot remaining relevant or effective without acknowledging current technology and utilizing as much you possibly can. However, it never replaces relationship or the power of the Holy Spirit. They are tools that the Master can use like anything else. It has its place but it's not everything." -- Mark Minaker

"Technology is not what it is all about. I believe we need to stay with the basics of the Bible and use those things which readily adapt to our use." -- David Collier

"It's a must! If a children's pastor wants to keep the attention of the kids and make children's church so appealing that their friends can't stay away- technology has to be included somewhere. If the church is boring compared to outside influences, the kids won't come." -- Angel Rodgers

" I think that technology can definitely enhance children's ministry by making materials prepared by "professionals" with greater resources or creativity for story/skit production available. It can also enhance the minstry by using media that the children are interested in and relate to. Further technology can help certain functions in the service be performed more efficiently. However, I think that we need to guard against trying to emulate the world's style of entertainment to reach children spiritually. It has been my experience that regardless of available technology, children want,need and respond to loving attention and opportunities to be involved with an activity. Basic "old school" methods of presenting stories with menial props and your own children can make more of a personal impact for the individual child. Also, older more simple methods can actually interest children because of its novelty to them." -- Douglas Brantley

Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry?
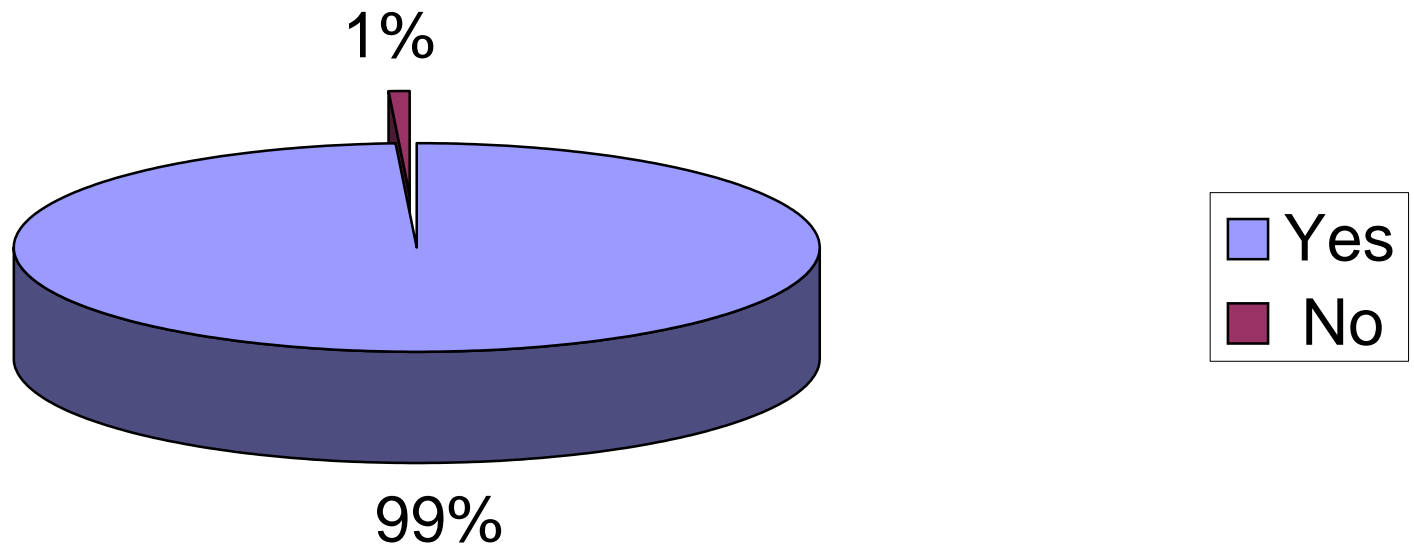
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Q.22. Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? Please explain.

Yes. "Illustrations can be presented with more efficiency. It's cool, boys." -- Dick Gruber

Yes. "More use of variety in the means we use to present biblical truth." -- Brian Dollar

Yes. "Most children need to learn by all of the following: 1. Visual 2. Audio 3. visual again 4. Hands on"
-- Sharon Jackson

Yes. "We are a society dependant on communication. The more ways we have to communicate thoughts,
visuals, action items; the more will be retained. We are bombarded by technological advances of the world.
All of them originally created by God, corrupted by the Devil. We need to redeem these things and use them
for the glory." -- Greg Phillips

Yes. " It brings quality and excitement to ministry. However, it is not essential but a great asset. God
moves with or without it. Midi has been a tremendous asset to our praise and worship." -- Jeff Smith

Yes. "Well, for one thing, having Internet access has definitely stepped up my BGMC weeks. The kids love
seeing pictures of real people from the country we are exploring. Also, e-mail has made it so much more
convenient and time efficient to share ideas and feel "connected" to other people doing the same thing that
I'm doing (or doing different things that I should know about)! And I have to admit that using the computer to
generate newsletters and posters is MUCH easier and faster than markers and paper or posterboard. Not to
mention saving files takes up a lot less filing cabinet space than saving papers!" -- Abby Sauter

Yes. " Yes, the more we can learn the better leaders we can be." -- Bryan Braithwaite

Yes. " It's the the world we live in. If we don't utilize the technology they use, we are irrelevant, and out of
touch. We must be very careful to pray and rely on God, not technology, but to keep kids attention, we can't
forsake that tool." -- Mike Reuter

Yes. " computerization, CD, mini-disc are all being used every day." -- Bill Clarkson

Yes. "Again, the more variety the better!" -- anonymous

Yes. " I feel we should use every means possible to communicate the gospel." -- David Spiegel

Yes. "It allows our children to understand just a little bit, how small our world is. They are not lost when we
talk about the things that are going on in the world." -- Shantel Young

Yes. " Wish that GPH Children's Church Curriculum would utilize the benefits of colored transparencies,
videos, and sound tracks to make for a nice presentation." -- Richard Noble

Yes. "We are able to present a truth in a variety of ways to the children. This excites them and makes them
want to return and bring friends." -- Tracey Roberts

No. "No because it is and always will be by the Holy Spirit that men, women, boy's and girl's will come to the
saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Technology may be used but it will be the Spirit that draws men to
Himself." -- Jason Dunn

Yes. "Technology changes kids, if we can use it they will stay tuned in." -- Christ Hooten

Yes. "We live in a technological age. Our kids are exposed to technology 24/7. When they come to church
they should feel like they are stepping into the dark ages. The multimedia kids church will reach the kids
right where they are at." -- Bryan King

Yes. "The more commonplace technology is, the easier it is to access it. Therefore, we are not restricted to
ancient, out-of-touch methods." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

Yes. "Technology can help streamline your ministry and also make it more appealing to today's children" --
Trent Fiorino

Q.22. Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? Please explain.

Yes. "If they are used in a way that nutures the children. Technology can never take the place of a caring teacher who talks and prays with the children and shares from the heart the things of God." -- Barbara Chevalier

Yes. "Technology makes it possible to create more, faster than we ever could in the past. eg. The illustrated overhead story of 10 years ago, required hours of hand-coloring of B&W overheads. Today, a scanner and the right software/hardware reduces the production time 100 fold." -- James Dennis

Yes. "Again it makes us more up to date with the times we live in." -- Grant Foster

Yes. " Technology helps the teacher create attractive lessons in a shorter amount of time. When used wisely it can have a positive effect on learning as well as worker morale." -- Andrew Bracht

Yes. "Several reasons but mostly I use them and use the kids to operate them so they become my ministry support. In fact, they know more about powerpoint, mindisk, the VCR, The video projector, etc. than I do. We are always training and
using kids to train others." -- Dean Bohl

Yes. "It helps to keep their attentetion and keeps them involved." -- Jamie Doyle

Yes. "Any new methods we can use to teach the gospel, we need to use them." -- Scooter Carson

Yes. "If we stop advancing, our civilization will implode. If we are to minister to this present civilization, then we have to advance with them to get them. We are in essence selling a lifestyle. We have to be attractive enough to the world to have them stop in their race long enough to check this Christianity thing out. They are all looking for something, and all of us want it to be our "Thing" that they find. Cutting edge is not to forward of a statement to describe what I feel will make or break the church of the year 2000." -- Pam McNett

Yes. "it makes the lessons more interesting and on a level that holds their attention" -- Roy Augburn

Yes. "Children remember 80% of what they see (experience) and nly 20% of what they hear. Technology allows us to present the Word of God in a visually pleasing and relevant way that children will remember." -- Gina Garitson

Yes & No "Some are and some are not. One thing I have found very valuable is using the computer for Junior Bible Quiz study. Most of our quizzers have computers at home and really enjoy studying with the computer program we have." -- Sharon Daniel

Yes. "The more tools you have to work with, the more kids you can reach. Kids who will not participate with traditional methods will participate and learn with a video game, for example. I've also had success in involving kids who don't want to "sit and listen" but are technically able and very willing to run some of the equipment. It provides areas where the kids can have ownership." -- Nancy Carefoot

Yes. "I think it opens the areas of being creative and helps them to open up in a way that they may have been afraid to open up before." -- Charlotte Reed

Yes. "It makes resources, training and networking possible." -- Gene Roncone

Yes. "We no longer have to depend on those with the ability to write good or draw things out for us. There is almost nothing that can't be done with a computer and a little know how." -- Jana McCalip

Yes. "It can create an atmosphere of high energy to where the children don't even realize they're learning but in reality scripture is being planted deep in their spirit." -- Michelle Blackburn

Yes. "Because kids are very visual and computer savvy, when you can present things in technologically advanced formats, you're kind of speaking their language. It is stuff they can now relate to." -- Pam Inman

Yes & No. "The good: it's fun and relevant. I'm only limited to my imagination, (with some budget restraints that can be finagled around with. The bad: It's hard to compete with what kids watch on television in production quality." -- Markus Wolf

Q.22. Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? Please explain.

Yes. "It's a tool like anything else. We need to be careful to not worship it." -- John Cosmos

Yes. " I'm more interested in what's happening when it's in big 3-D pictures with stereo sound! I feel connected to other children's pastors through the internet. We are able to put together our own program and curriculum, that works for us, by having internet resources, and even simple things like a CD instead of a tape so we can jump from song to song. We've selected songs that are right for us and burned them onto one CD so it's easy to use. We're able to do more, more easily and more quickly, than we were even a few years ago." -- Maureen Small

Yes. "Any tool that God brings us is a blessing if used properly!" -- John Ellison

Yes. "It allows us to compete with the secular realm and show kids today that Christianity is revelent." -- Daniel Bourcier

Yes. "It gives us a wider selection of tools and ways of reaching the children of today." -- Jeffrey McAtee

Yes. "The technical avancement today can be compared to the first printing press, inthat it can be used to advance the gospel by providing access to more people. Today, we can connect via the internet to children in other parts of the world
and have a dialogue going on during a children church service. I see this as many saw the development of writing to pen pals when I was growing up except now the child can interact much quicker." -- Jorge Gautier

Yes. " Technology can be a benefit in many ways. It can let us spread the Word easier if we can use it wisely; it can also force us to be better at our jobs. For too long Christian Workers were satisfied with "good enough". I know we were there! Several years ago while we were in another church we saw what happened with "good enough" and it changed our direction and ministry focus." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

Yes. "I feel it is beneficial because it provides many more avenues to reach and develop kidz. Kidz have technology involved in every aspect of their life. Why not use what is relevant and familiar with them to connect them to a relationship with Christ." -- Stephen Gill

Yes. "More ways to present the truth. They learn alot more when you can put pictures, a video, or some other form of presentation before them other than preaching." -- Bob Brigham

Yes. "Must not become the primary reason for being." -- Vint Norris

Yes. "As technology advances, pricing becomes more affordable. Sometimes we need to be patient and wait for equipment to become more affordable, but when it does, it is an added blessing to your ministry resources." -- Tim Ryder

Yes. "In their every day lives, they see so much technology related things that if we don't keep up with it we'll loose their attention." -- Melinda Henderson

Yes. " Just something else to get in to their heads." -- Vance Free

Yes. " It can give your ministry a sharper image from the appearance of newsletters to interactive websites for your kids (and parents) to visit frequently. The kids are also really into technology -- so why not use something that they enjoy." -- Kelly Dufour

Yes. "Technology only gives us one great tool to use to develop lives." -- Greg Smith

Yes. "Technology is interesting, captivating, exciting... what better format to present the message of Christ, especially as an evangelistic tool." -- Timothy Koetitz

Yes. "God is infinitly creative. Whatever ways we come up with to tell His story are alright with me." -- Brian Bopp

Yes. "I really like the video song service idea." -- Ray Richardson

Q.22. Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? Please explain.

Yes. "Technology has allowed us to keep better track of our children through a computerized check-in system. We know when they are missing through a system that flags absences and we follow up accordingly. This same system also helps us realize when an absence is routine do to the child being with different parents every other week (seperated/divorced.)" -- Norm Oberlin

Yes. "Technology has made it much faster to communicate during the times when we are not together at church. i can email any of the kids anytime. They get the messages too." -- Duane Smith

Yes. "Helps in "driving home" our message." -- Mark Walberg

Yes. "They can keep kids attention, add variety, and sometimes explain things better than the kids pastor. With the computer, good websites are being created to give kids something good to log on to, etc. Better materials are being produced both in sound and music." -- Marci Batty

Yes. "It is important that the church is not like that world but the church should be keep up with the world in technology and quality." -- Les White

Yes. "OK, I think you're asking the same questions in different forms. Yes, they are absolutely beneficial. And as long I still working brain cells I'll try and keep up. If it enhances the presentation and allows more children to hear, or see, than go for it." -- Judy Mensch

Yes. "It can be very beneficial to present the Gospel, and to make our work easier (I'm thinking of record keeping, etc. in this instance)." -- Rita Neve

Yes. "Technology can help us reach children by all different avenues and outlets." -- Michele Groseclose

Yes. "greater convience in developing resources and communication." -- Andy Robinson

Yes. "Technology only helps us better communicate our message." -- Michael Lowder

Yes. "The easy of communication to adults and the kids." -- Barry Jorris

Yes. "Because you can evangelize, disciple, and minister to children in their environment." -- Eric Munson

Yes. " They keep children's attention plus they sometimes eloquently state what can get lost in the humanity of people. It is essential to have a group of children's workers that can back this system up and show love hands on." -- Kimberly Moraghan

Yes. "We are competing for their time." -- Lana Tilley

Yes. "Technology provides an easier form of record keeping, curriculum development, and communication." -- Kathy Jingling

Yes. "As stated above, technology ever increases our ability to share God's Word in a variety of ways. We can reach kid's via communication avenues such as the internet, video, etc. that were unheard of ten years ago. Technology is definitely benefit to children's ministry." -- Juli Luckett

Yes. "It is simply communications......It has tremendous potential. We are doomed if we become gadget guru's instead God guru's. The method should convey the message clearly. The method should not be the message or detract from the the flow of the Holy Spirit." -- Curt Zastrow

Yes. " I like to take what the world offers and turn it into something for God. For example secular video clips have some great discussion starters (Buzz light year willing to lay down his life for a friend. Power Rangers- we too have power from on high only it's the real thing ... etc." -- Tessie LaLonde

Yes. "It is a tool to add to the Gospel arsenal. Some questioned the introduction of puppets in the 60's and 70's. Rhetorical Question: Would a critic from the year 1900 have a valid point to make if he or she questioned the use of the horseless carriage in assisting professional preachers in promoting God's word?" -- Bob Hahn

Q.22. *Do you see technological advances as beneficial to children's ministry? Please explain.*

Yes. "The more children we can win the sooner the Great Commission will be complete. Just think if we had a website that kids could get into that challenged them with games and other exciting activities and addressed the needs they had in their families/divorced/blended/single parent issues." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "It allows visually appealling ministry to take place in ways the children are accustomed to seeing in other arenas of life, ie school, home, theme parks, etc." -- Joey Ellis

Yes. "It can make it more exciting for them to be there." -- Linda Fischer

Yes. "Kids need to see things in new and fresh ways. If we are not keeping up with what the world has to offer, as far as advances, the world is winning part of the battle." -- Carl Redding

Yes. "Getting information out can happen more quickly with e-mail, etc. Internet can reach people that you may never see. Powerful and colorful visual presentations can attract and hold kids' attention." -- Mark Minaker

Yes. "Technology enables the children's pastor from doing everything during the service. Cds provide music that some churches cannot provide live. A short video clip can put an image in a child's head that an hour of talking could never do. Children are visual and exciting images/music will stay with them." -- Angel Rodgers

Yes. "As I said in answer to a previous question, I believe the use of technology makes our message relevant to this generation's daily experience. It help makes Jesus real to them because technology is the vehicle for most of their learning. I also think that it is a way that we can reach the children with various learning styles. More is available now for the visual, audio and kinesthetic learner. In addition, the more avenues we have of repetition of the message the more likely it is
to hit home - the heart. If, of course, in no way replaces the importance of building relationships with children." -- Debi Leake

Yes. "Technological advances happen in every area of life. If we are going to keep up with these kids, we need to keep up with technology or we'll be left behind." -- Shara Taylor

Q.23. *Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in kids' ministry?*

"recordable DVD, affordable digital projection systems, wireless flat screen projection systems light weight enough to be hung anywhere." -- Dick Gruber

"There is no way to predict. Look 10 years ago and see how far we have come. It is likely to double." -- Brian Dollar

"nothing" -- Sharon Jackson

" Interactive nationwide churches where kids from around the world can plug in and celebrate together through advances. Kids in the states worshipping with their missions supported kids from 3rd world countries. Linked by technology. No language barriers. Translators built into the communication system." -- Greg Phillips

"Advances in MIDI. More songs available." -- Jeff Smith

"To be honest, I'm still trying to catch up to this year (I don't think I would recognize a minidisc player if you set one in front of me) so I cannot even fathom what I'm going to have to be learning in 10 years. I find it a little intimidating to even think about." -- Abby Sauter

" More resources cross indexed for service preparations available online" -- Bryan Braithwaite

" 1. The cost for computor registration programs with swipe cards, etc., to lower. 2. The development of devotional software and/or email devotionals relevant and eye-catching for kids." -- Randy Christensen

"That children ministries would use what is available." -- Jim Wideman

"1. A/G kids web page. 2. Different video song tapes like Willie George has. 3. More music on CD, not tapes." -- Mike Reuter

"Wow. I guess more interaction between kids on the internet. This could be done for missionary work as well. I would also like to see more curriculum companies develop kids web sites to support the curriculum and lessons from previous week with games, chats, etc." -- Michael Adams

"Virtual reality Bible lessons?" -- David Spiegel

"More safe guards for our children. I think the V-chip is a good start, but it is not enough. Our children need to be guarded, we need to do our best to monitor what they see, and hear." -- Shantel Young

"Internet connection between kids and their children's pastor. Prayer requests, contact on daily and weekly needs, networking of staff, more live and recorded video in service. Song service done through computerized projection." -- Richard Noble

"More curriculums using multi-media formats. Less expensive curriculum." -- Tracey Roberts

"Puppets that are 3D images on the screen, able to be manipulated real time, and are cheap enough to be widely available.
Holographic projectors bringing life to video and drama productions. " -- Christ Hooten

"It doesn't matter to me" -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"More use of mutimeadia" -- Trent Fiorino

"Interactive discipleship materials on a "Game Boy" size format. Cheap enough to give away as incentives, tracts, and rewards." -- James Dennis

"Robot Childrens Pastor!! (I can dream can't I) or maybe even cloning Ha HA" -- Grant Foster

"Useful powerpoint sermon helps, quality video based teacher training, low cost simulcast training seminars, user friendly church administration software written with Kid's Church in mind." -- Andrew Bracht

Q.23. *Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in kids' ministry?*

"I'd like to see more Children's Pastor and workers utilizing the technology available. I would like to see Sr. Pastors grasp an idea of what this technology can do for their church's children's ministry and help to fund it properly." -- Jamie Doyle

" I'm not really sure I'm praying Jesus will be back by then." -- Paul Guerin

"We will just wait and see what happens. Since Technology advances everyday, I prefer to sit back and enjoy the ride." -- Scooter Carson

"I would like one of those cool, expensive projector things that take a video to a big huge screen. I would like our town to have a children's program on t.v. or have one of these big networks carry a good one." -- Pam McNett

"3 dimensional videos" -- Roy Augburn

"Robotic Children's pastor's Assistants" -- Keith Applegarth

"Hopefully more, better and cheaper methods to track attendance, visitors, absentees, and assist with follow-up. Simplified systems to provide pick-up/drop-off security." -- Nancy Carefoot

" Perhaps we could invent effective parents that would raise Godly children. Should see huge advances in supports to children with disabilities, especially in mobility and communication disorders." -- Larry Sauter

"I could see some kids learning the technology earlier in age and going farther with it such as making their own videos and creating new bible games for nintendo. The possibilites are endless. We as christians need to make resources available as much as any other company." -- Charlotte Reed

"1. video conferenceing in children's church.; 2. Real time/hologram type of illustrations and sets; 3. interactive teaching" -- Gene Roncone

"The sky is the limit. I would like to see more how to do things in conferences for those who are capable and have the know how in producing multimedia presentations." -- Jana McCalip

"Power Point style teaching to anyone; mixing your own praise and worship music; virtual classes for the sick and shut in" -- Michelle Blackburn

"I would like to see use of computers as commonplace, like TV/VCR's are now." -- Pam Inman

"I'd like to see kids getting more involved with the technology to reach other children" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

"Internet video to the mission field." -- John Cosmos

"Video link-up with other children's ministries happening concurrently. A parent paging system that is affordable and adaptable. Software made for checking in kids, keeping attendance records, tracking visitors and absentees, and other children's ministry needs." -- Maureen Small

"Cost of technology come down more so smaller churches can afford current advances!" -- John Ellison

"Comunilive with any part of the world during camps, clubs or any other outreaches." -- Glorious Shoo

"More churches using and establishing the tools that we have available to us today and it being a completely normal setting." -- Keith Jenkins

"Lots and we need to stay open to all of the advantages" -- Jessica Scolforo

"I would like to see video conferences where I can connect with a children's evangelist or speaker or the children can connect with another group and talk about the Bible. This would provide an understanding and appreciation for the children of other Chrsitian children in other parts of the country or world." -- Jorge Gautier

Q.23. *Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in kids' ministry?*

" I do not really look for the technological advances. They will come and some will be wonderful for the ministry, but the Gospel is still true and Jesus still saves. No amount of technology can replace that. If we are so busy with the technology, that we don't have time for a clear cut message, of what use is it anyway? We must always remember- JESUS saves, the HOLY SPIRIT guides. We don't do any of that. We just need to be obedient. Use what you have and can use well, but always include the Blood." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

"More resources on the web, the price of some of the technology to lower" -- Stephen Gill

"More teachings on biblical truths done in a modern up to date fashion." -- Bob Brigham

"Internet video services for children to be accessed at home, school the library or wherever." -- Vint Norris

" If Jesus tarries, I could see churches producing interactive lessons for their students to use on home computers. With CD burners becoming more afordable, curriculum could be on a CD instead of the tons of paper we use every year. Websites should be a very common thing for all churches and departments within a church." -- Tim Ryder

"Prices come down to make thinks more acessable." -- George Krebs

"Curriculum and/or supplements on CD-ROMS. Interactive curriclulum related CD-Roms for children to use in the computer lab. Puppet programs on CDs rather than cassettes. " -- Kelly Dufour

"Being that everything is going DVD. It will eventually become a must to use DVD recorders to put the kids on DVD rather than Videotape. I also think it would be great to start having all youth services and children's services in surround sound. Since they like to go to the theater so much, we need to bring the theater to them. I'm not talking about movies. I'm talking about worship, sermons, the activities, everything!!!" -- Greg Smith

"Easy to use video/editing equipment for kid produced lessons/materials for the home church." -- Timothy Koetitz

"I would just like to see more people in the church care about the children enough to know that children deserve the very best." -- Ray Richardson

"Video services between American kids and South American kids (or elsewhere.) More missions oriented stuff that will help make our children aware of what they have/don't have." -- Norm Oberlin

"I would like to see children involved in the children's ministry.Being more involved in outreach to the community and especially the school." -- Duane Smith

"More use of internet to excite them about missions and communicating with others." -- Mark Walberg

" I would like see children's ministry have high quality equipment and resources to successfully reach kids. The children's department in the church should not be the last to get a sound system and other equipment that the adult and teen ministies could not live without." -- Les White

"I think we should have robots in the nursery. Only kidding...we all have problems getting nursery workers. It sounded like a possibility! But back to the real question. 3-D projection would be fun. Head sets for all the kids with little screens in front of them. I-MAX type of video projection. Laser lights that are affordable. Guests via satellite. Garbage taken off the internet for good. The last one is probably the least feasible." -- Judy Mensch

"I would like to see more multimedia materials available to kids. A computer in every home will become more and more common. Discipleship materials we can put into the hands of kids and families to use outside of the church setting will be a plus. I would like to see the church develop better quality children's materials. Don't get me wrong, with technology we have come a long way in a short time, but we can do more." -- Michael Lowder

"Kid's discipleship software or shareware that presents the Gospel to children." -- Eric Munson

Q.23. Looking ahead 10 years from now, what technological advances would you like to see happen in kids' ministry?

"I would like to see a web site. A more beneficial way of doing some object lessons. Lots of lighing." -- Karla Brogen

"I wish the church could catch up with the world in its advanced technology." -- Kimberly Moraghan

"Have it cost less, have all C.M. workers trainned in using it. Every church needs technology available for their workers." -- Lana Tilley

"Song services will be completly done by computer. Background graphics, lerics and music combined in one presentation." -- Jim Bungard

"The development of safe and effective ministry websites for both childrens ministers and children." -- Kathy Jingling

"I would like to be able to e-mail my more of my kids. I would like to see advances in the area of more portable equipment to utilize for outreach." -- Juli Luckett

"Hopefully we'll all be in heaven 10 years from now, however, if not, what will have been invented 10 years from now, I'll be using." -- Tessie LaLonde

"High-definition 80-inch CRT's with built-in camera inputs, digital sound, and multimedia remote computer terminals that fit in your pocket for under $1000." -- Bob Hahn

"Web pages,Video services for kids/workers/leaders/children's pastors to link into." -- Duane Swanson

"I don't much care about the technoological advances, I want to see spiritual ones." -- Linda Fischer

"I'd like to see more curriculum, etc. available on CD-Rom so it can be adapted individually. I'd like to see more computer programs specifically designed for children's ministry--attendance, tracking, etc. Songs on video have been and excellent resource that the kids really enjoy. I'd like to see more of these available." -- Mark Minaker

"Because most churches cannot afford state of the art technology and because children and people of all ages need the personal touch of relationship like Jesus role modeled, I would like to see less attention put on technology and more placed on emphasizing the need for more personal involvement of the congregation." -- Douglas Brantley

"I am not too terribly visionary, mostly I would like to see what technology there is to become even more affordable for us little guys." -- Debi Leake

"More computer involvement and more student involvement with the new techonology since they are much quicker at picking up the "latest thing"" -- Peggy Williams

Q.24. What ACTUAL technological advances do you foresee in the next 100 years in children's ministry?

"Space age puppet stage Personal palm sized notepads with programmable messaging. The CP will be able to transfer a personal message to each child while he is preaching. The kids can then access the message after church." -- Dick Gruber

"NO CLUE!" -- Brian Dollar

"I have no vision for this" -- Sharon Jackson

"Flying Buses. Stadium Sized Sidewalk Trucks." -- Greg Phillips

"I'm sorry. I know this doesn't help much, but I just cannot even think about it. I have no idea." -- Abby Sauter

" Looking down from heaven will be pretty cool." -- Bryan Braithwaite

"Children will be involved in Bible stories with holograms and / or virtual reality units...it will look like they are in the middle of the story. They may choose when it rains on Noah's ark, when the fire falls on Elijah's sacrifice, when Christ is taken up in the clouds. Children will wear ID bracelets that will automatically be scanned as they walk through the doors of the church. This will give us all their basic information for registration and at the same time will give them "bonus points" in their accounts for use in "reward stores." No tapes, no CD's, no mini-disc...everything will be digital (or beyond) and will simply be beamed and stored to the micro-computer units that are used. I believe that the advancement of technology will continue to bring a great split between the smaller lower financed children's ministry and the normal day-to-day technology that children will consider to be "normal." I believe that flannelgraphs will be relegated to the Amish and third world missions outreaches. Secular society will see the lack of current technological tools as a statement about the church's irrelevancy to modern life. This is already happening today and it will continue to grow." -- Randy Christensen

"I'll be out of the business in 100 years" -- Jim Wideman

"I don't know. I'm not that much of a technological dreamer." -- Mike Reuter

" If we are still here. Virtual reality trips to Bible lands. We could actually have the kids set in on the Sermon on the Mount and experience it first hand. That could be awesome. But once again would present new challenges." -- Michael Adams

"The kids being able to see and speak with missionaries around the world live as a part of the missions lesson." -- David Spiegel

" I have no idea, any thing could happen." -- Shantel Young

"Holographic Bible characters who tell their story to the children. Interactive Bible lessons where the children enter into time period and see what is going on." -- Tracey Roberts

"Holographic projectors bringing life to video and drama productions." -- Chris Hooten

"I think it will become increasingly difficult for us to touch the actual child with our message. Eventually, we will be communicating via satellite or web. It could very well be all V.R. That give us no limits on what can be done, where we can go. On-site missions services! Congregations of millions." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"Avery Whitakers "Imagination Station". Imagine being able to walk with Christ and His disciples as he taught." -- James Dennis

"Electronic puppets, robots that can wear those hot costumes. WOW" -- Grant Foster

"Interactive Children's TV shows (go to church in your living room), video game based kid's church games, touch screen at every chair to test learning." -- Andrew Bracht

"I still can't figure out how my toaster pops my toast out when it's done, so a guestimate from me would be insane. I can say that it will probably blow my mind what we're doing in 10 years, let alone 100." -- Pam McNett

Q.24. What ACTUAL technological advances do you foresee in the next 100 years in children's ministry?

"None. I thourgly believe that within the next 2 to 3 years the rapture will take place." -- Roy Augburn

"I don't think I have a great enough imagination to answer this question. When we think of way technology is expoentially advancing, who knows what we will see?" -- Sharon Daniel

"not a clue" -- Larry Sauter

"I cannot imagine. Kids camp would blow you away I am sure." -- Charlotte Reed

"Computer domination" -- Mary McGuire

"Robot snack distribution? Kids with credit cards (or beyond) for offering? I'm just looking for jesus to come by then hopefully." -- Markus Wolf

"Computerized check-in will be the "norm". Illustrations/visual aids for most lessons will be presented via computer/video. Computer labs for the kids to do lessons on will be as commonplace in the church as in the schools." -- Maureen Small

"Ministering live via some of this." -- Glorious Shoo

"Computer interaction and computer generations of biblical charcters that are interacting as well with the children." -- Keith Jenkins

"I see virtual reality becoming an accessible tool for children's minsitry. Children will be able to walk with Jesus and see his miracles. They will be able to understand their church's historical roots or they can be part of a world wide performance using virtual reality." -- Jorge Gautier

"Global children's meetings, conf. sem. etc. Connecting the Kid's world right out of their home." -- Vint Norris

"Again, if Jesus tarries, the sky is the limit. Who would have thought thirty years ago that individuals would have the computing power that is available to them today in a Lap Top computer instead of taking up a whole room in a building or even a whole floor. Kids could be carrying computers on their wrist like a watch. Communication like cell phones will probably be included in their computers on their wrists. Global positioning and communication could put kids readily in touch with other children around the world, no longer just focused on their own neighborhoods, states, or countries." -- Tim Ryder

"it does not matter much because it all comes down to relationships" -- Vance Free

"Haven't thought about it before. How about a flying children's pastor -- or children's pastor cloning." -- Kelly Dufour

" There is a world of things that we couldn't even begin to think of for the next 100 years. Maybe the fact that your kids can actually attend your meetings without actually being there, Via satellite or web page. Who knows? I think it would be great for them to be able to go to a missionary's home via the web. The future is too big to begin to put into words. My mind just goes crazy from the things that we could do in our services too the things that we could do in the schools. The future in children's ministry and youth ministry with technology is huge!!!" -- Greg Smith

"Interactive, 3D, room holographic displays." -- Timothy Koetitz

"Children's Ministry Via the internet, for children who are in hospitals and just can get to a church." -- Ray Richardson

"Services at home VIA the internet/video system. Kids dial us up on their computers for church vs. coming to the actual building." -- Mark Walberg

"I see children ministry as one of the forefront ministries in the church. And so the needed funds will be there to purchase the neccessary technology to reach the children. Children's ministry will probably be very multi-media and fast paced." -- Les White

Q.24. What ACTUAL technological advances do you foresee in the next 100 years in children's ministry?

"Services on Mars? Honey, I'm hoping the only children's ministry available will be behind the pearly gates. How can anyone in their right mind "forsee" what might happen technologically in the next hundred years? That would be as if you asked Rudyard Kipling (poet) at the age of 35 (it was the year 1900) what he "foresaw" as technological advances in the next hundred years. If anyone answers this question with reasonable certainty, knock 'em off the list hon. They don't know what they're talking about." -- Judy Mensch

"Dated curriculum take home papers or activity papers could be replaced with multimedia materials or materials available via internet. "100 years" - wow, that's tough. The possibilities are endless. At the rate of tech advances it is hard to say." -- Michael Lowder

"Every kid on the computer online able to get instance messages form me." -- Barry Jorris

"The holographic Bible?" -- Eric Munson

"I see children interacting with missionaries, ministers, etc. over the internet. I see kid's being able to make a difference in the lives of others by being able to communicate needs to multitudes through the use of the internet. I see Children's Pastors networking together to mobilize kids for missions work in foreign countries." -- Juli Luckett

"Heaven, Instant download, "You will know as you are known." A new tech savvy body." -- Curt Zastrow

"Any technoligical advances will still be preaching the old old story of JESUS and his love. How to tell this story, using all mediums will be exciting." -- Tessie LaLonde

"IF JESUS TARRIES... There could be anything.

"Satellite-computer technology could link all of us together in our churches, schools and our homes. We could subscribe to a church service and visit remote-church locations to attend any church service in the world with big-screen high-definition visuals, digital hi-fidelity surround sound, and probably even 3-D holographic virtual-reality Bible stories. Schools may become obsolete with the perfection of the internet. 100 years of continued progress will probably be more fantastic that the contrast between the years 1900 and 2000. It would be like comparing a steam engine to the Space Shuttle, a fountain pen to a lap-top computer, or a carbine rifle to a nuclear bomb. The next generation will probably laugh at our use if VHS tapes and audio cassettes the way we snicker at flannel graph, slide shows, and auto-harp accompaniment." -- Bob Hahn

"I guess the possibility of video services to watch from home. The ability to see any kids service in the world. This is a very challenging question. I would like to know some of the answers you get." -- Duane Swanson

"Use of virtual imaging to present pictures and stories and allow the children to become a part of that scene." -- Douglas Brantley

Q.25. How will these technological advances affect the way you will minister to children?

"It will only affect the methods. The basics of loving kids and providing a solid Gospel message on their level, will never go out of style." -- Dick Gruber

"Directly. We MUST change our presentation style to fit with the learning styles of the children." -- Brian Dollar

"I guess it depends on the size of my church, the technology being used by the senior pastor and youth pastor, and the size of the budget I have to implement new methods. I hope that I will be able to stay as current as possible." -- Abby Sauter

"They won't impact me. Through the past 19 years I've needed to pray diligently, then examine what tools are at my disposal to clearly share the truth of God's Word. I will continue to do that incorporating technologies and methods that are current and that help relay the truth. I will continue to use some of the old methods because the unique also holds children's attention. Some of the old "outdated" methods hold a child's attention better than the current common visual stimuli, simply because the "outdated" is now novel. I was recently at a church where children were fully focused on watching a slide presentation. The leader told me that the children pay better attention to the slide show than they did to video presentations. This is due to the "novelty" of the slide presentation. Some of these children had never seen a slide presentation. Video is now "old hat." So, I will use new technology as it comes, but it won't rule my presentations." -- Randy Christensen

"We will use the ideas if we have people to facilitate them." -- Mike Reuter

" Outside of the use of the technology, kids are at heart still the same. They want to know that you love them and that they can trust you. That love is what lends credibility to the gospel message. In that respect, ministry won't really change at all." -- Michael Adams

"I will use whatever means I have at my disposal to reach the kids." -- Ed Deming

"Higher skill level will be need for children's workers" -- anonymous

"As I can afford them I will use every 0ne!" -- David Spiegel

"The simple truth is that the Gospel message never changes. The platform that we stand on, or go through to present the message may change." -- Shantel Young

"As the children continue to use more advanced equipment, I will try to keep up and use it to reach them." -- Tracey Roberts

"Boxes that fence in my creativity will be removed and I will flow into new directions. Pretty cool stuff." -- Chris Hooten

"My mind has to remain open, and I have to keep learning. But, ministry is about people. Technology is just a tool. If we stop loving people, because of technology, we fail." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"One more tool!" -- James Dennis

"Again what ever comes,we need to use it to futher the gospel all the way!" -- Grant Foster

"If I slack off and decide that I don't need to grow and learn, then I will be out of date in 6 months, so these technological advances are making me always research, practice, pray, and sleep. I have to stay ahead. Almost strategise every move I make." -- Pam McNett

"I will adapt to any new techonological advances and incorporate them into my ministry to reach the most children possible." -- Roy Augburn

" Improved out-of-classroom contact and follow-up." -- Nancy Carefoot

" hope it won't move kids out of personal relationships with us." -- Larry Sauter

"I just want to have an open mind and be willing to learn as much as possible to be able to reach the children with the tools available." -- Charlotte Reed

Q.25. How will these technological advances affect the way you will minister to children?

"More computer use... web page.... email ministry" -- Mary McGuire

"We as teachers MUST stay informed of advances and go the extra mile to educate ourselves in usage and not be afraid of change." -- Michelle Blackburn

"I hope to stay on top of the advances and use them to help the children understand the Gospel." -- Pam Inman\

"In a hundred years? Unless they extend the human life, it won't" -- Markus Wolf

"My greatest challenge will be keeping up with technology myself, as well as raising funds to purchase technological equipment. Convincing church leaders of the necessity of such equipment for Children's Ministry will be equally important." -- Maureen Small

"Use what God leads me to use! I can reach children groups that were closed up till now thru the internet and web pages." -- John Ellison

"There will no way of reaching majority without the use of this technology." -- Glorious Shoo

"I believe that it will make the stories more real and re-inforce our moral principals" -- Keith Jenkins

"I will need to stay abreast of the advances in technology and learn how to effectively incorporated into my ministry." -- Jorge Gautier

"We will use whatever the Lord provides that we feel will effectively reach the lost." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

"It will increase the challenge of incorporating new technology and the know how to use it. I also see another area of concern and that is interpersonal communication. People will be looking at computers and typing and listening, but not reacting with other people as much. The church will still need to be the extended hands of Jesus to reach out and touch, or hug, to give comfort to the hurting, to show we care by being there. It is not good for man to be alone, and technolgy can help facilitate to easily, poepl becoming isolated, not by having no contact, but by lacking physical relationships and contact with others." -- Tim Ryder

"cloning - I could be more places at one time." -- Kelly Dufour

" One thing that will never change is the personal contact that is required to reach anyone. Technology is second too personal relationships. That will never change. But it will allow me to go with them to school in their laptops, there pocket recorders or even on their mini-disk.   Like I said it will never replace personal contact but it will help by giving me
even more contact personal and impersonal." -- Greg Smith

"One could really go back to the days when Jesus walked on the water." -- Timothy Koetitz

"I'll use whatever comes along." -- Brian Bopp

"Keep up with the new ideas and what my budget can afford." -- Todd Jones

"It will help to reinforce every lesson." -- Ray Richardson

"I'll use what works for me and with me the rest I'll leave to others" -- Duane Smith

"I will need additional training in computers and internet to take advantage of these areas." -- Mark Walberg

"The times are changing and so must the methods of the message of Christ. Technogy is a tool and should be used." -- Les White

" Let's see. In a hundred years I'll be 146 years old. Perhaps the technology will be keeping me alive!" -- Judy Mensch

_Q.25._ _How will these technological advances affect the way you will minister to children?_

"I hope not at all. I believe with all my heart the most important part of children's ministry is contact between the children's workers and the children." -- Rita Neve

"Probably not much. Working in the Inner City, we can't afford many of the new technology but I think it will help others in their ministry by creating an atmosphere where children are excited to come to and learn about God." -- Michele Groseclose

" A lot of what I will do in ministry will be done from a computer terminal. However, technology can never replace a child's need for someone, a real person, to love them, care for them, and be there for them. Our society is already facing some real problems with children who live in dysfunctional families. Technology will not help that. There are basic things I do now in ministry that I must always continue to do the same way - technology or not." -- Michael Lowder

"I will have to stay with the advances." -- Barry Jorris

"Technology can help people minister with quality to children." -- Eric Munson

"I will have to stay current." -- Lana Tilley

"It still will never replace the personal touch kids need." -- Kathy Jingling

"Again, we need to remain on the cutting edge - kids are so advanced in technology - they spend literally hours a week involved with video, audio and computer equipment. I believe we will be challenged to keep up, to always be on their technology level in order to reach them and keep them in ministry." -- Juli Luckett

"I will point kids to heaven." -- Curt Zastrow

"I better stay awake and on top of what's available." -- Tessie LaLonde

"Hopefully technology will multiply my preparations to be more inspirational and influential." -- Bob Hahn

"We are a very missions oriented church and I believe it will stretch our children to see the world like never before and launch them into being world changers." -- Duane Swanson

" It will hopefully only improve the method but will not replace that personal aspect of a godly adult guiding an impressionable child." -- Joey Ellis

"Kids will always be kids, so I think that the basic ways that we minister to children will never change." -- Carl Redding

"Probably none because of budget and personal preference." - Douglas Brantley

"I would always try to implement the latest technology that is financially feasible for use in the church to stay current with the culture of the day." -- Debi Leake

"Enable greater communication, quicker with more "pizazz"" -- Peggy Williams

How do you view the affect technology has had on children's ministry?
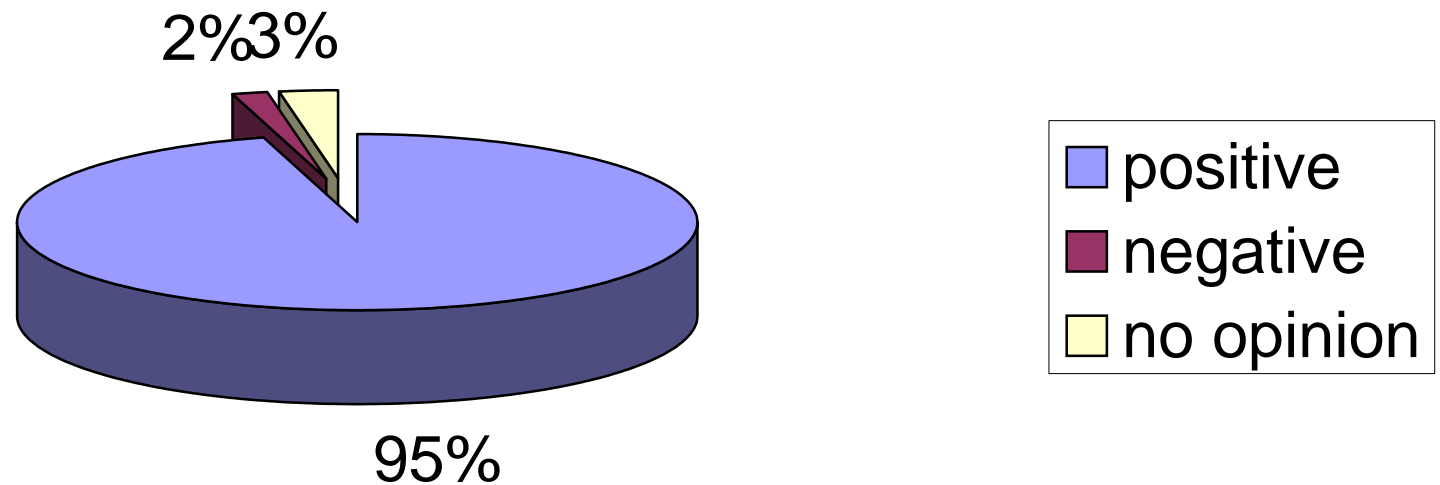
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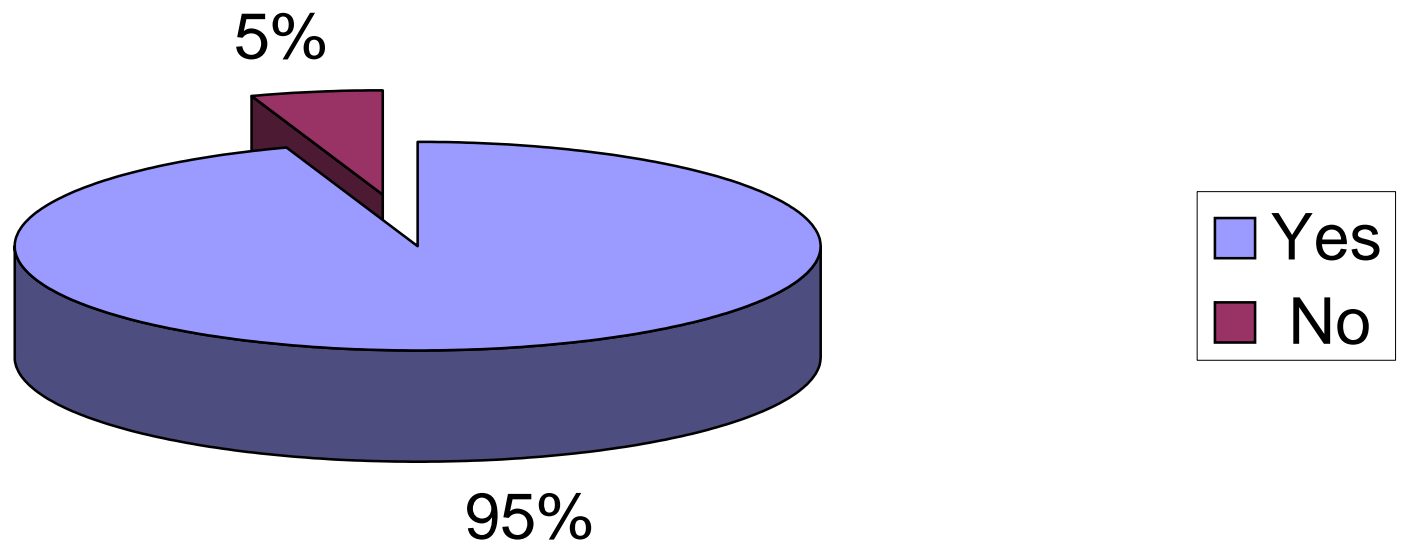
Q.27. *In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?*

Yes. "I believe attention span has been altered in children who watch a lot of TV, or spend a great deal of time in front of a home game system." -- Dick Gruber

Yes. " It stimulates more of their senses, Causes the learning experience to be more interactive." -- Brian Dollar

Yes. "Technology is prevalent in the lives of current generation of children. In some ways it has enhanced their life by making learning fun. It can be a detriment if allowed to be consume their time. Like all things their must be a balance." -- Jeff Smith

Yes. "One issue that is close to my heart is that new technological advances have made it more possible for disabled children to learn and succeed in learning. I also think that technology like the internet can open doors that will help our kids to be so much more aware of the world around them - and excited to learn about it. There are, of course, risks and down-sides to technology (like making weapons easier to use and pornography more readily available), but that is because Satan is still in temporary control of our Earth - not because God has given men the creativity to make life more fun, convenient, and exciting." -- Abby Sauter

Yes. " As stated before the method can help captivate their attention span." -- Bryan Braithwaite

Yes. "First, let me comment on the modern learning paradigm. Children have established learning patterns. When they are accustomed to breif disjointed shots of information (such as on Sesame Street) they process information in disjointed fashion. They have a mental collage. This is very different than the Mr. Rogers approach which was relationship oriented. Also, he would take a theme and build on it step by step showing various aspects of it through the entirety of his programming. This is learning that is sequential. Modern programming has affected how children process material. They have a harder time building a mental framework when they've been mostly exposed to "rapid-fire" rote experiences. This has been perpetuated through television programming (MTV style). Technology may be helpful in the learning experience simply because it may help hold children's attention. Technological tools (if used correctly) may help children focus upon a lesson, a truth, a concept. Children always learn better and retain more when they are enjoying the learning experience. Technology may be an aid, depending on its usage." -- Randy Christensen

Yes. "We minister to a sight & sound generation." -- Jim Wideman

Yes. "For example, one school in our state now gives little computers to kids to write papers, etc. Technology may be bad in that kids don't know how to spell. They don't like to read or write (could be due to all the TV and video). So, technology can be bad for kids; nevertheless, it's where they live and will live in the future." -- Mike Reuter

Yes. " We can involve more of the senses. But we have to keep it high tech and fast paced." -- Michael Adams

Yes. "increasingly aids multi-sensory learning. Many technologies facilitate the inclusion of all the senses of the kids--thus increasing the learning and retention rates. This is not ALWAYS so, but increases the opportunities." -- Ed Deming

Yes. " Enhances & improves." -- Bill Clarkson

Yes. "Attention Span" -- Gary Davis

Yes. "Because children learn in different sensory ways, we can address those by the use of different ways of teaching." -- anonymous

Yes. "The more senses you incorporate in the learning process, the more they will retain!" -- David Spiegel

Q.27. In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?

Yes. "Children, have lost their imagination. They do not have to imagine the car motor, because we have made toys for them, that with a push of the button the car makes its own engine noise. Technology has opened our children to a higher level of learning, but it has also taken from them the child. To many of our children have do idea what to do with a blank piece of paper, and a box of crayons. They need lines to color within. I have talked to several of the older teachers, who have taught over ten years, and they agree with what I see. In our schools at the end of each day, a lot of these teachers would set aside the last 30 min of class as free time. Each student could work on what ever (1st through 3rd grade), but they no longer do this because the kids have no idea what to do. They can not motivate themselves to work on whatever, they need to be lead, they need to be told, "Suzie, you need to work on your math papers. Todd, you need to finish your spelling word sentences. Karen, work on your printing." ect..." -- Shantel Young

Yes. "Research, independent activity, learning at your own speed, typing skills are improving." -- Richard Noble

Yes. "They are processing information at a faster rate because they are able to learn according to their learning style. The old way of doing things assumed that all children learn one way. We know that not to be true. By incorporating different technology into a learning environment, the children are able to learn in their style." -- Tracey Roberts

Yes. "visuals produce a better response" -- Jason Dunn

Yes. "They are inandated with technology every day. It shapes the way that they learn from an early age. As children continue to be better at computers than the generation that invents them, technology will continue to impact them. We can use that resource, and should to it's full extent." -- Chris Hooten

Yes. "We have said for years that the TV is teaching our kids - violence, imorality, etc. We can use technology to teach our kids God's values. I don't think we should deprive our kids from new technology, but instead use it for the glory of God." -- Bryan King

Yes. "I give you the opertunity to present your message in a more exciting format" -- Trent Fiorino

Yes. "Kids learn in different ways. Technology is just one resource to use." -- Barbara Chevalier

Yes. "The caring parent/teacher is still key to a students ability to learn. The desire has to be nurtured and fed before learning can happen." -- James Dennis

Yes. "It increases there learning and challenges them to think and grow faster. By causing them to think outside the box so to speak." -- Grant Foster

Yes. "Children learn from watching and doing and boy are they doing some amasing things today I can't imagine the things they will be doing in the next ten yrs." -- Paul Guerin

Yes. "Technology has stripped our education of the "human touch" Now instead of going to the post office for a field trip, we can go on the web or view a movie on "cable in the classroom". We don't go to the library anymore and talk to a librarian with glasses on a chain. We sit in our computer rooms and look "all things" up on our encarta. Parents are getting lost in the shuffle because we just don't get it. Kids are being trained to learn in a multi-arena of action and noise." -- Pam McNett

Yes. "not only are they listening they are also seeing. it also allows for them to interact with the lesson. all of this increases their retention thus increasing their learning." -- Roy Augburn

Yes. "eyes, ears, nose, it all goes in. The more stimuli you can use, the better." -- Keith Applegarth

Yes. "information can be obtained easier" -- Bryan Matherly

Yes. "Technology such as computers, color copiers/printers, etc., can make any lesson more visually appealing." -- Nancy Carefoot

Yes. "In years gone by. The teacher told the kids a story. They did a color page. Don't get me wrong. These things can still be fun. But all alone for one or two hours this can be b-o-r-i-n-g. And today we have computers, videos, puppets, fun music, full bodied costumes. We have lighting, black lights. I think it opens their minds to learn." -- Charlotte Reed

Q.27. In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?

Yes. "It makes it more interesting by engaging all the senses." -- Gene Roncone

Yes. "Whatever they can see, hear, touch, taste, feel using all the senses available, will help ministry to be retained by the kids of today. Use all 5 senses then you will surely give all kids a better chance of remember that which they were
taught as a child." -- Jana McCalip

Yes. "Children today process information differently because they are presented with such fast-paced flashes of information, ie...music videos, video games, internet access." -- Michelle Blackburn

Yes. "Because they can relate to technology, you can capture their attention. Therefore they will pay attention and learn." -- Pam Inman

Yes. "I think technology makes kids more passive. I know that kids have more difficulty entertaining themselves today because they're used to popping in the video and vegging (no pun intended for my fav. videos)" -- Markus Wolf

Yes. "They can't read as well & their attention spans are shorter." -- John Cosmos

Yes.   "I believe kids are picking up more information more quickly than ever before. While the wealth of knowledge is commendable, our task is to be certain there is also depth of knowledge, and that "fun" and the use of technology just for the sake of using it doesn't override the message of the gospel itself." -- Maureen Small

No. "Children learn, by being presented information, if it is deemed interesting and relevant to the child she/he will integrate it. It does seemingly help children's pastors who want to reach the soul level primarily. The Holy Spirit is to lead us and teach us all truth. He does use all sorts of methods, and they change over time and can be unique to each individual - but we learn as He imparts truth into our spirit-man. Soulish learning is the enemy of the Spirit filled, Spirit-led life." -- John Ellison

Yes. "creates high curiosity which is good to learning." -- Glorious Shoo

Yes. "With the technologial advances that we have it allows the children to feel like they are behind the times and thus making them more eager, and likey, to participate. And when a child participates, he/she is 100 times more likely to retain that knowledge." -- Keith Jenkins

Yes. "Attention span decreases and they are over inudated with info. We need to emphasize the important things more and more." -- Daniel Bourcier

Yes. "Kids are put in front of TV a very early age and so they are entertained with the bright colors and fast paced action, etc. When we try to reach them we have to use the things that they are used to." -- Evelyn Brown

Yes. "Children are teaching themselves now more than ever. They are way more advanced than we ever were and are taking the time to learn how to run these advanced programs." -- Jessica Scolforo

Yes. "We learn by participating in the process. technology makes this possible" -- Jeffrey McAtee

Yes. "Children are exposed to more information through the visual senses than through any other senses they presently use. Therefore, the we need to tap into this technology if we are going to continue to be effective. Now I like to say
that a good story teller can open a child's imagination and I am of the opinion that we can not expect technology to be our only method of ministring to children; however, a good balance is healthy." -- Jorge Gautier

Yes. "Our kids are exposed to it everyday. If we just ignored it the kids who just ignore us. Take those things God has given and use them wisely. There are many ministries that have gone overboard though and use gadgets so much to entertain the kids- "so they don't lose them" that they have lost the power of the Blood of Jesus." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

Q.27. *In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?*

Yes. " I believe that has been scientifically proven that it does. Their are both negatives and positives to technology in a child's life. A couple of negatives could be the tendency for kidz to lessen their lack of interaction with "real" people, as well as their ability to effectively interact with people. It too can breed a bit of laziness with having so much available. The positives would be the shere number of possiblities to receive information and grow educationally. Kidz today, as opposed to when I was a kid, have so many more opportunities to better themselves through the means of information available to them through technology. Technology also makes learning easier for more kidz. WIth more and more tools available, kidz with different learning styles are able to particiapate more regularly. I also think technology makes learning fun." -- Stephen Gill

Yes. "They rely more on visual affects and pictures than reading." -- Bob Brigham

Yes. "Children have always been hands-on. Wery touch, see, hold, smell, taste oriented. Technology can allow them to participate, not just view." -- Tim Ryder

Yes. "Children seem to have a shorter attention span now that we live in a time of 30 second TV commercials and instant access to info on the internet. The plus side is we can use technology to be more visual in our presentation which increases the impact of our message." -- Jeff Emmett

Yes. "I believe it grabs their attention and keeps them interested in what will happen next." -- Melinda Henderson

Yes. "I think it makes lessons more memorable." -- George Krebs

Yes. "What you are trying to teach can become more active visually (multi-media presentations, etc.). Many kids are current with technology and we are losing some of them with outdated approaches at teaching." -- Kelly Dufour

Yes. "It can stimulate many senses and emotions at the same time, which increases learning." -- Greg Smith

Yes. "Children become more engaged and excited with the proper use of technology." -- Timothy Koetitz

Yes. "Children like to learn by sight and sound. If we can do this by using technology, the better better we are equipped to spread the gospel to boys and girls." -- Todd Jones

Yes. "Children learn more by seeing and doing." -- Ray Richardson

Yes. "They can see, hear and be a part of the overall event." -- Duane Smith

Yes. "We retain more with our eyes and ears and smell and therefore if we can use these to help drive home the message it is a bonus." -- Mark Walberg

Yes. "In our society, kids are very interested in bright, bold and exciting things. In order to keep their attention, a lesson must grab them and keep them glued to what is happening. This can be good because a lasting picture is left in their mind." -- Marci Batty

Yes. "Technology has affected learning negatively and postively. It has made children's attention spans short and learning hard but with computers and other tech. it has opened a whole new field of learning." -- Les White

Yes. "Children learn by both seeing and hearing so seeing AND hearing about the Word will help them understand more clearly." -- Michele Groseclose

Yes. " It conditions them by giving them expectations they feel are needing to be fulfilled whether they are essential to their spiritual growth or not. It adds to their lack of ability to concentrate and focus without certain levels of stimulation." -- Andy Robinson

Q.27. In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?

Yes. "In one regards the learning process is technological but the spiritual process is done obviously through the Holy Spirit. Kids are tuned now to learn through the technological and we must tune them in through letting them know they can hear God themselves." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "It can shorten attention span. It can have an adverse affect on critical thinking as some forms of technology can cause a child to neglect learning (example: movies, video game equipment). Positively, it makes more information available, easier. Children have the possiblility to know more now than children their same age 50 years ago. Technology can make some concepts easier to grasp." -- Michael Lowder

Yes. "What they have learn about the computer will help them greatly. Becuase they know so much don't bore them." -- Barry Jorris

Yes. "The visual and interactive ability of technology helps in retain information. Children remember more with visual and interactive aspects of learning." -- Eric Munson

Yes. "If it is interesting, you keep their attention." -- Karla Brogen

Yes. "The percentage they learn from these areas are far greater than just flannel graphs and my stories." -- Lana Tilley

Yes. "echnology has become a part of childrens educational processes, so using it for ministry only makes sense." -- Kathy Jingling

Yes. "Kid's are visual learners. They retain a lot more when something is presented in a visual manner versus just speaking to them. A kid will always remember an object lesson or video clip that explained a Biblical gold nugget than if it was simply written on a chalkboard." -- Juli Luckett

Yes. " I think so. I believe it forces everyone to be a little more information, problem solving, and global in thier in" -- Curt Zastrow

Yes. "Children learn by doing, seeing, feeling etc. Technology is another medium that can spark interest in the world around them that will "hook" children into that experience." -- Tessie LaLonde

Yes. "It can increase their attention span. While I can hold their attention for about 10 minutes with a good story, a 30-minute video tape will captivate them. It can also decrease their retention level if it is not interactive enough. Watching a demonstration is never as good as practicing an activity." -- Bob Hahn

Yes. "It makes them pay attention more easily. They are able to see that they can do more than they think." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "Children learn best when all senses are employed. Hearing is good, but hearing and seeing is better." -- Joey Ellis

Yes. "Every child learns differently. The more ways you get an idea across. the better chance everyone will remember it." -- Linda Fischer

Yes. "When they sit in front of the tube for several hours a day seeing images that change several times per second, it makes it much harder for us to be able to keep their attention in a service or classroom." -- Carl Redding

Yes.   "Educators have identified that each child has a predominant learning style and using technology helps connect with more kids. All people, regardless of their learning style benefit from better quality audio and visual technologies. If it helps make the message more clear and more available--all the better." -- Mark Minaker

Yes. "For better or worse technology can alter the attention of the child and potentially allows the availability of more information. But it can isolate the individual from personal involvement." - Douglas Brantley

Yes. " I believe it helps the children with different learning styles to learn better. It provides other avenues of repetition for the message to find its way to the heart and be remembered. It is culturally relevant to the experience of children today and therefore makes the Jesus real and practical to them." -- Debi Leake

Q.27. In your opinion, does technology affect the way children learn? If yes, how?

Yes. "They are exposed to so much technology outside the church without the use of some technology and variety it is difficult to communicate with them." -- Peggy Williams

Yes. "I already explained this above. We can't do the same things we did 10 years ago. Everything these days is visual. It's got to catch their eye, or they won't be interrested. Kids know computers. It's taken over video games. What a tool to minister to them." -- Shara Taylor

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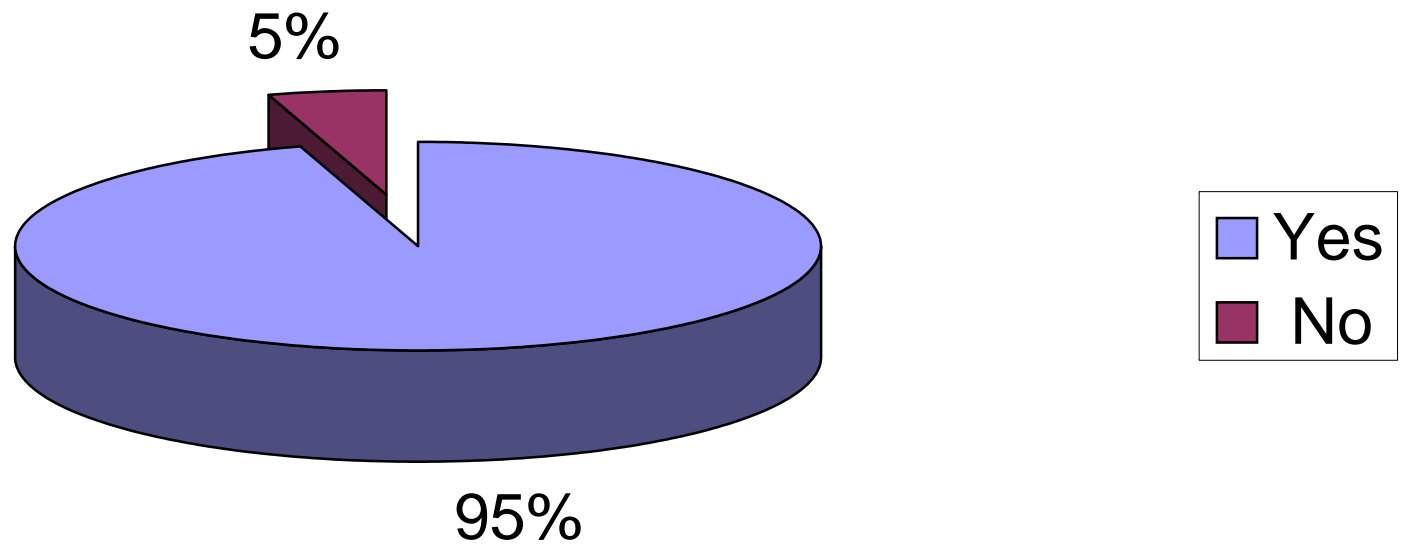
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Q.28a. Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for kids? What kinds of things should be on this type of web site (A/G Kids' Ministries site)?

Yes. "Scripture picture coloring pages, games using JBQ materials, missionary stories" -- Dick Gruber

Yes. "Interactive games that help learn biblical truth. Fun Facts. Etc." -- Brian Dollar

No. "Not if it is directed to upper middle class white children like the majority of the A/G teaching material." -- Sharon Jackson

Yes. "Interactive items. BGMC, Talk to Missionaries, Kids and Family problems and answers area. Plus a Forum for Children" -- Greg Phillips

Yes. "Daily devotions, Christian games, coloring pages, puzzles, kid of the month (spotlight a kid in the A/G who has done something special), missionette/RR badges you can do at home, fun graphics,recipies for kids, fun stuff. Grab ideas from Nickelodeon, Disney, and other kid sites. This would also be a great opportunity for evangelism. A kid can bring a friend to the site and walk them trough a salvation tract." -- Jeff Smith

Yes. "Pictures of kids worshipping and ministering, ideas for missions projects, games, a chat room would be fun, an animated puppet song that would change periodically, a prayer request bulletin board (and one for praises), a verse of the week, a servanthood challenge of the week, the options are endless!" -- Abby Sauter

Yes. " An idea to consider is to have two zones, one for kids looking for kids interests, the other is for leaders where they can find ideas, and resources, downloadable lessons, pre-made PowerPoint materials, and a place where their ideas/presentations can be submitted for publication and sharing with others." -- Bryan Braithwaite

Yes. "devotions, interactive games, short testimonies from other kids, "interest centers" for kids who want to learn various skills that may be used in ministry, contacts for where to learn from Christian artists (visual arts, performance arts & music), information on specialty camps that help train kids for ministry, Bible stories that you could click icons that make sound effects (for example: David by his sheep...sheep baaaing)," -- Randy Christensen

Yes. "Everything Disney, Nikalodeon (sp?) and the big names have on their's only from a Christian perspective. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Just copy what has already been done.Could have homework helps, salvation and devotion sections, question and answer sections, movie and cartoon reviews, and GAMES!!! Kids love games." -- Mike Reuter

Yes. "Curriculum reinformcements, MK chats, .Teacher helps," -- Michael Adams

Yes. "a link to my web site" -- Ed Deming

Yes. " Games, devotions, secure chat rooms, "filtered" research for school projects" -- Bill Clarkson

Yes. "Kid's Stuff. See www.veggietales.com" -- Gary Davis

Yes. "games, puzzles, short stories" -- anonymous

Yes. "interactive Bible lessons!" -- David Spiegel

Yes. "Games for the kids, information for the parents" -- Shantel Young

Yes. "stories, activities, testimonies, responses from kids all over the world." -- Petey Tellez

Yes. " Bible applications by topics. Topic searches for help with life's issues using a version that they can understand. This could be expanded to allow many more comments." -- Richard Noble

Yes. "Plan of Salvation, How to reach their world (evangelism tips for kids), Info about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, some Bible games, links to other great sites." -- Tracey Roberts

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Yes. "whatever is happening at that time, testimonies of other kid's in how God is using them" -- Jason Dunn

Yes. "Games, chat, news from local churchs, links, filters." -- Chris Hooten

Yes. "If it is for kids it should be fun. Have information, but also have games and quizzes for kids to learn from."

Yes. "Puppets, misionary stories, interactive Bible stories, prayer request,"

Yes. "Freeware, lesson plans, tips from the field, ideas, issues, resources, Adobe resources, classifieds, swap, positions available, forums, etc." -- James Dennis

Yes. "Parent info, regarading trends and things going on in the world, like music, pokemon etc. Kids forum, neat stories and testimonies about and from kids." -- Grant Foster

Yes. "games, quizes, contests that involve their local church, info on big events happening kid-news coverage on current issues and trends." -- Jamie Doyle

Yes. "Chat rooms for kids age 1st to 6th grade. Information sites where they can type in a question about anything and a children's pastor will respond to them. Cyber pen pals. Cool music videos." -- Pam McNett

Yes. "bible related games" -- Roy Augburn

Yes. "Kid stuff" -- Keith Applegarth

Yes. "games, devotions, verse of the day" -- Bryan Matherly

Yes. "Bible learning games; BGMC related materials (maybe where kids could interact with Buddy and missionaries)" -- Gina Garitson

Yes. "Yes, provisionally. The difficulty with doing something like this for kids is changing it often enough to keep them coming back to it. If they come 3 times and it hasn't changed, they probably won't come back." -- Nancy Carefoot

Yes. "just like yours at Bloomington (A/G)" -- Larry Sauter

Yes. "You could have bible games, bible questions, cool web-sites telling a bible story each month and then asking them questions about it. I think it would be great. Have a bible verse of the month on the web-site. We could teach them about different subjects they may need help with. (love, friends, faith, family, forgiveness, the holy spirit, etc.)" -- Charlotte Reed

Yes. "Interactive Christian games, cool sites that will keep kids attention, positive, controlled chat rooms where kids can ask questions." -- Scott Roley

No. "Better yet, help the local church develop web sites for kids." -- Gene Roncone

Yes. "could be used as a ministry tool to attract children surfin' the web. tools to be used by leaders, encouragement, and availability of products." -- Jana McCalip

Yes. "Games, helps with badge work for missionettes and rangers educational, JBQ resources." -- Mary McGuire

Yes. "Fundamentals in kid form; salvation message; games; national calendar for kid activities, ie JBQ, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, etc. " -- Michelle Blackburn

Yes. "Stories, inter-active games, devotions" -- Pam Inman

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Yes. "Memory verses; scripture games; Salvation oppurtunites; chat room; Prayer requests bulletin board; A club to join, to make them interested (like a password and interesting things for repeated uses of web page)" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

Yes. "Games, positive downloads. Common questions kids ask about God, the BIble, and everything. Prayer requests (that really get prayed for)" -- Markus Wolf

Yes. "JBQ questions, interactive bible games, chat with other kids & missionaries" -- John Cosmos

Yes. "Q & A, games, Prayer partners, chat-if there is a full time monitor, a missionary interaction, music." -- John Ellison

Yes. "outreaches,tricks,games, testmonies, lessons etc." -- Glorious Shoo

Yes. "Games, educational resource, e-mail service and address books (for their friends to be ableto find them), scriptural references, ask and answer." -- Keith Jenkins

Yes. "trends, children's revivals, anything that deals with children." -- Evelyn Brown

Yes. "Kids stuff that is fun and easy to use also some things for ministers/evangelist to use in their ministry." -- Jessica Scolforo

Yes. "Games, interactive JBQ, Bible studies" -- Jeffrey McAtee

Yes. "I would like ideas for ministring that covers every possible facet available. Let me explain. Normally, children minisrty leaders go to one conference a year on children's ministry. They go with the intent of picking up and exchanging new ideas.
If there was a web, the person wouldn't have to wait for the specific conference, but could log on and either pick up new ideas or import an idea that he or she has developed and would like to share with others." -- Jorge Gautier

Yes. "Missions, devotions, words of encouragement, puzzles and games that build into their lives." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

Yes. "Fun interactive items that reinforce how to grow in their relationships with Christ...maybe a way to connect with other kidz, like e-mailing kidz in different cultures...some fun and games...maybe a daily deveotional designed for kidz...things that are relevant to kidz." -- Stephen Gill

Yes. "videos, testimonials from other children, a lot of missions stuff.. opportunities, sensored reality. games, bible trivia questions, riddles, thought provoking stuff" -- Vint Norris

Yes. "Prayer request, Bible Studies, Activity pages/puzzles, Thoughts for the day, music, video, games." -- Tim Ryder

Yes. "Games, puzzles, info on BGMC, jokes, Bible stories." -- Jeff Emmett

Yes. "News about missionary children, fun Bible trivia games, pen-pal buddy e-mail addresses for other Christian children." -- Melinda Henderson

Yes. "fun and games" -- Vance Free

No. "If the A/G web site for kids followes the format of what has come from HQ in the past, I feel it would not be very relevant, please do not take this comment as a slam toward my fellowship. It seems that A/G HQ always seems to be a bit behind or low key in what I see being produced. Having lived in Springfield and having worked for the A/G HQ, the mid-west mind set prevails. The rest of the country is not locked in that midwest mindset." -- George Krebs

Yes. "Curriculum related activities (games, puzzles, etc.)" -- Kelly Dufour

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Yes. "Bible studies, games, chat rooms, Questions and Answers page, and much other help." -- Greg Smith

Yes. "Daily Devotions, fun activities, chat rooms with Children's ministers as room supervisors, updates on stories about kids in ministry." -- Timothy Koetitz

Yes. "Bible Quiz updates...real issues for the times we live in." -- Malcolm Mire

Yes. "Interactive Bible learning activities, audio stories, short subject videos, links to other cool Christian Kid websites." -- Brian Bopp

Yes. "Games, Bible study, what's happening across the globe. (misions) chat room for other kids." -- Todd Jones

Yes. "Kid's Club, List of upcoming kids events, games, contests, and more." -- Ray Richardson

Yes. "Bite sized explanations of what we believe. Kid-friendly stuff that changes frequently. Study programs that the children can do and perhaps achieve awards." -- Norm Oberlin

Yes. "BGMC/ Links to missionaries/ Kid chat rooms." -- Mark Walberg

Yes. "suggestions for music to listen to, books to read, other websites to surf, daily devotion ideas, funny stories, maybe a continuing story." -- Marci Batty

Yes. "interactive learning." -- Les White

Yes. "Stories; Good games; Kid's events; A place to ask advice or just questions; A topical library of sorts where kids could "look things up"; A way to chat with other Christian kids" -- Judy Mensch

Yes. "Bible quizes, activities, question page where if they have a question regarding the Bible or personal one, someone can tell then what the Bible says about their situation." -- Michele Groseclose

Yes. "testimonies,videos, places where kids can talk to other kids about what God has doen in their lives." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "1. Activities or pages to reinforce the Radiant Life curriculum churches are using. For example, a page can be done for Primaries with multimedia activities to reinforce what kids are getting in Sunday School. This is repeated for Middlers and Juniors. 2. Parents helps or Family devotional helps. It would be great for this to be themed with the lessons the children are doing in Sunday School. 3. A "Children's Ministers Only" area we could sign up for with supplements and ideas for teachers. It could include a chat room for children's pastors. How about a "BGMC idea bank"? 4. What about a few multimedia games for kids to play so they keep coming back to the site? 5. An area which explains salvation to a child and gives subsequent discipleship lessons a child could download. --My mind runs wild with the possibilities." -- Michael Lowder

Yes. "Games, chat room for kids with problems." -- Barry Jorris

Yes. "games, verse memorization, fun things that are Godly." -- Eric Munson

Yes. "activities and games." -- Karla Brogen

Yes. "Games for all ages of Children." -- Kimberly Moraghan

Yes. "Fun stuff that helps them learn the Word Of God." -- Lana Tilley

Yes. "Good games that teach. Nothing cheesy." -- Jim Bungard

Yes. "Biblical principles presented in an entertaining way." -- Kathy Jingling

Q.28a. *Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for kids? What kinds of things should be on this type of web site (A/G Kids' Ministries site)?*

Yes. "It should include information on kid's who are making a difference and sharing their faith. It should include information on Missionettes and Royal Rangers. It should include pen pal information or email sites to kids on the mission field." -- Juli Luckett

Yes. "games, stories, prayer requests, testemonies, music." -- Tessie LaLonde

Yes. "Interactive learning games.; Animation.; The plan of salvation.; Children's sermons.; Monitored Christian chat rooms." -- Bob Hahn

Yes. "Devotionals, key scripture for the week or month, missions stories, kid testimonies, interactive area that can be responded to, a kids club." -- Joey Ellis

Yes. "How to use the Bible. Stories where kids have defended their faith......" -- Linda Fischer

Yes. "Resources for leaders, positive writings or games for kids." -- Carl Redding

Yes. "Q&A (it may be easier for them to communicate if it's not face to face), GAMES!!!" -- Angel Rodgers

Yes. "Advice for dealing with every day situations. Stories like McGee And Me or Adventures in Odyssey. Daily devotionals." -- Douglas Brantley

Yes. "Interactive stories, games, Bible studies, current events, a chat room." -- Debi Leake

Yes. "JBQ helps, clean jokes, testimonies from children of what God is doing in their life. Games/puzzles page for wholesome entertainment on the web." -- Peggy Williams

"games, interactive lessons, color pages, chat rooms, questions and answers, jokes" -- Shara Taylor

Q.28.b. *Which web sites currently in existence are similar to what this site could be like?*

www.bloomingtonag.org/kidsministry -- Dick Gruber

"don't know of many. children's television workshop has a good concept" -- Brian Dollar

"Guide Post Junction, Nickelodeon" -- Greg Phillips

"actually, what I've seen of yours at BAG looks really good, and CMToday has a great one, but to be honest, I haven't looked at very many." -- Abby Sauter

" None. CMToday is difficult to navigate and I don't know of many others. But I really like what I saw of Bloomington Assembly's web page" -- Bryan Braithwaite

"Children's Bible Hour from Grand Rapids, MI? (I don't know)" -- Randy Christensen

"Disney, Nicalodean, Kidforce, Focus on the Family's various kids' sites." -- Mike Reuter

" We could learn a lot from the Baptist Sunday School Board and LifeWay." -- Michael Adams

"Nick's web page, and Big Ideas is not that bad" -- Shantel Young

www.childrensministry.org -- Richard Noble

"Church on the Move, Kids on the Move, (getting started)" -- James Dennis

"Faith Assembly of Orlando has a great site as do Church on the Move in Tulsa OK" -- Grant Foster

"Children's Ministry ring" -- Paul Guerin

"Childrensministry.net" -- Scooter Carson

"Yours is the best!!!" (Bloomington A/G Kids Ministry) -- Larry Sauter

"Disney" -- Mary McGuire

"The national Royal Ranger's official website" -- Michelle Blackburn

"KidzBlitz" -- Evelyn Brown

" Not sure! But some sites I do like are Willow Creek, Kids Domain, Nickelodeon, Veggie Tale Cites, etc." -- Stephen Gill

"Big Idea.com" -- Kelly Dufour

"Professor Pockets and the Veggie Tales sites are fun, but I haven't seen anything that I thought really stood out as a whole package for children's ministry." -- Timothy Koetitz

"kidzblitz.com" -- Brian Bopp

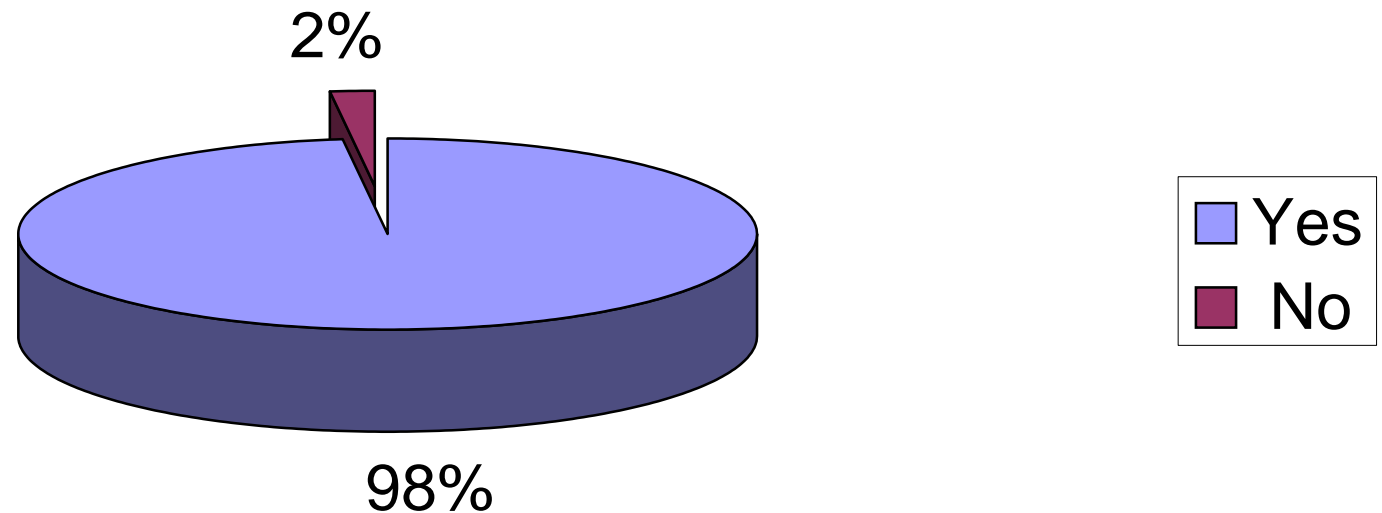"Nickjr.com" -- Ray Richardson

"Disney, Big Idea" -- Les White

"veggietales.com" -- Karla Brogen

"Personally, I love Larry-boy.com" -- Juli Luckett

" I think I saw something similar at a Woody Woodpecker site." -- Bob Hahn

www.biblegames.net -- Shara Taylor

Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for leaders involved in children's ministry?

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Q.29a. *Should the Assemblies of God develop a web site for leaders involved in children's ministry? What kinds of things should be on these web sites?*

Yes. "Rerun old Counselor articles in an archive section. Training materials, meeting ideas, chatroom, question of the month with a place for responses." -- Dick Gruber

Yes. "Ministry training tools, etc. There is a great one at www.childrensministry.org" -- Brian Dollar

Yes. "Holy Ghost inspired teaching from Children's Pastors whose children are experiencing a move of the Holy Spirit. One thing we do not need is more religious presentations." -- Sharon Jackson

Yes. "See Children's Ministry Today" -- Greg Phillips

Yes. "Teachers helps, ask the experts, idea share, children's workers network, recipes for stuff like play dough and other stuff for preschool teachers. Picture share page (post picture from churches around the nation for others to get ideas from." -- Jeff Smith

Yes. " Downloadable curriculum, PowerPoint presentations (even those who don't own power point can use the free viewer), clipart collections of missions clipart, stories the type David Boyd is sending out periodically via email, training ideas, and conference advertisements, and even a flee market for used ministry equipment, magic, puppets, etc." -- Bryan Braithwaite

Yes. "Lists of where to find resources and resource people, in-depth articles about children's ministry from the Word (vision impacting), " -- Randy Christensen

Yes. "See Group Publishing, Charisma Life sites to get good ideas. Practical tips for teaching are what most teachers are looking for." -- Mike Reuter

Yes. "Lesson ideas, object lessons, puppet scripts, sermon notes, discipline ideas, child development info, the list goes on." -- Michael Adams

Yes. "resources, "bulletin board" discussion formats. Good examples are iBelieve.com (discussion section) and Mandocafe.com (bulletin board/issues discussions)." -- Bill Clarkson

Yes. " Make it a journal/magazine with helps and articles for workers. see www.pastors.com" -- Gary Davis

Yes. "newest technology and resources" -- anonymous

Yes. "Idea exchanges. Q & A bulletin board." -- David Spiegel

Yes. "creative ideas, encouraging stories, and resource ratings (like maybe surveys on some of the curriculum)" -- Shantel Young

Yes. " Ministry helps, testimonies, children's ministry info, etc" -- Petey Tellez

Yes. "info on the current trends in CM, Children's Evangelist info, Technology info, updates on children's events around the world, evangelism ideas, latest music available. " -- Tracey Roberts

Yes. "Archives of ministry resources. Department information, like Royal Ranger and Missionette curriculum info. JBQ pages with standings, games and so forth. Chats and discussions with the think-tanks of world-wide children's ministry. The valuable offerings of such a site are unlimited. I know of no web site offering consistently valuable material save the Keys for Kids site." -- Chris Hooten

Yes. "Tools for leadership and ministry, newsgroups, chat rooms, networking" -- Sean Reisenbuechler

Yes. "Resourses that are available for them" -- Trent Fiorino

Yes. "How to's, latest trends and materials" -- Barbara Chevalier

Yes. "LEADERSHIP INFO!!! helpful hints from the old pros,encouragement from the leaders, whats hot whats not in all forms of tech, music and video, etc."

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Yes. "Articles, lesson ideas, products and other helpful links." -- Jamie Doyle

Yes. "helps, ideas, message boards" -- Scooter Carson

Yes. "Chat room. Problem board. Solution Board. Praise and Worship songs, lyrics, movements. Yearly event ideas. Idea board. Missions lessons. Direct "Chat with a missionary". On-line counselor. All denomination children's conference, retreat calendar. Job sites. Help Needed stuff. Puppet stage design shop. Prop shop." -- Pam McNett

Yes. "a list of resources such as puppet skits, object lessons, music, etc.   this could be on the order of the children's minisrty mall web site." -- Roy Augburn

Yes. "kid teaching stuff" - Keith Applegarth

Yes. "teaching tips, curric. tips, game ideas" -- Bryan Matherly

Yes. "Resources; ideas; clip-art; book reviews; everything!!" -- Gina Garitson

Yes. "Devotionals that I can use in my Teachers' meetings. What's working for others in all aspects of CM, i.e., I appreciated the ideas for BGMC recently distributed by email. Articles that remind us that we're not the only ones struggling with staffing, facilities, fresh ideas, etc., but that we are all part of a bigger that is critical to the Church. Encouragement, I guess." -- Nancy Carefoot

Yes. "problem solving opportunities, idea exhanges, online training." -- Larry Sauter

Yes. "It would be a good way to share ideas.   I get on the internet and check things out more easily than ordering a magazine and reading a magazine. To share ideas it is easier for me to sit at my computer and type than for me to type a letter or write a letter. What you say on the phone is not usually remembered correctly or written down properly. It will save the postage and the trip to the post office as well. It will also save the paper and the ink to print the letter, also the storage space to keep it on the computer." -- Charlotte Reed

Yes. "resources, networking and training information" -- Gene Roncone

Yes. "Free curriculum, plays, ministry helps, newletter and Website how tos," -- Mary McGuire

Yes. "Suggestions, guidelines for various aspects of children's ministry - how others are effectively ministering to meet social, intellectual, spiritual needs of various types." -- Bruce Dravneek

Yes. "National calendar; link to GPH AND other publishing houses; 16 fundamentals; articles from the National offices;etc" -- Michelle Blackburn

Yes. "Devotions, articles of encouragement, Q&A, method techniques" -- Pam Inman

Yes. "Idea exchange; Bible study; chat; prayer request; devotion page; refreshment page (for burnout); networking for; pastors and workers; upcoming event bulletin board; email notification" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

Yes. "Encouragement, Idea exchange, relevent news." -- Markus Wolf

Yes. "Resource list, evangelist list, coming events (even non-A/G)" -- John Cosmos

Yes. "Encouraging stories, upcoming training opportunities, networking with other pastors in one's local area, new trends in Children's Ministry (including technology), ideas for LEADERS, not just teachers, on how to manage people, where to find resources, how to creatively find the people, things, & money you need, how to approach church leaders/board/pastors with needs or with ideas for change, decorating ideas for Children's Ministry, info on balancing our time & personal life, specific areas for volunteer leaders vs. paid staff with time management and people relating skills specific to each." -- Maureen Small

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Yes. "Q & A, idea forum, resourses, stories, skits, low cost ideas, praise reports, prayer requests, donated items, job listings." -- John Ellison

Yes. "Experiences, ministrial oppoturnities, Testmonies,lessons.reports etc." -- Glorious Shoo

Yes. "Counseling resources to help the children with issues that we may not know how to answer and links to Christian counselors. Pastoral resource site." -- Keith Jenkins

Yes. "seminars, leaders in ministry, resources" -- Daniel Bourcier

Yes. "children's pastors seminars, trends, etc" -- Evelyn Brown

Yes. "good useful information that can be used for sermons, object lesson, etc" -- Jessica Scolforo

Yes. "News Group teacher helps interactive teaching classes. Resources" -- Jeffrey McAtee

Yes. "They can include the latest ideas developed by other children's ministers for use of other minister's." -- Jorge Gautier

Yes. "testemonies, suggestions, ideas, encouragement" -- Jon & Diana Johnson

Yes. "Ways to contact other people who work with kidz, an idea exchange, a place to link to some other great sites, maybe a search index for topics on children's ministry or teaching ideas (that would be a biggie)" -- Stephen Gill

Yes. " We have been in renewal for a while now and I believe the Lord wants to take the adults as well as the teens and children and train them for what I call is power evangelism. We will be used with the gifts of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders to bring many into the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." --- Bob Brigham

Yes. "ref., contacts, idea page, resources...." -- Vint Norris

Yes. "Curriculum resources, ideas, cultural trends that are affecting kids (Pokemon), divoorce, blended families, ministry ideas.." -- Tim Ryder

Yes. "resources, a place to submit good ideas for: stories, object lessons, games, BGMC ideas. Also a place where people can post questions and others can make comments." -- Jeff Emmett

Yes. " 1.)Ideas of new things for us to try, how it worked in your children's church and what we should change to make it more effective the next go around. 2.) It should have websites and adresses for children's ministry companies that sell puppets, costumes, etc... 3.)Names and e-mail addresses of other children's workers around the country to stay in contact with!" -- Melinda Henderson

Yes. "resources, helps, opportunities to network" -- George Krebs

Yes. "Teacher helps, downloads of PowerPoint presentations for BGMC lessons, other visual resources." -- Kelly Dufour

Yes. "Tools, Encouragement articles, How to page, Chat rooms, ideas corner, and a links page to other helpful web pages." -- Greg Smith

Yes. "New uses for technology, fun creative activities/presentations (florescent lighting on puppets), curriculum updates, ministry opportunities, personal stories of ministry." -- Timothy Koetitz

Yes. "Networking....church needing children's ministers etc." -- Malcolm Mire

Yes. "Resource links, possibly a topical library for illustrations, object lessons, storytelling, etc." -- Brian Bopp

Yes. "new stuff, ideas from other children's pastors, testimonies, chat rooms, etc.." -- Todd Jones

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Yes. "Resouces, online ordering, and weekly encouragements." -- Ray Richardson

Yes. "Sermon Topic Ideas. List different links to Christian companies that might assist or offer services to chilren's ministers. List different workshops, books, others that would help us stay fresh and current within our specific ministries." -- Norm Oberlin

Yes. "Ideas and sources for tecnology." -- Duane Smith

Yes. "Leadership training/encouragement." -- Mark Walberg

Yes. "special event ideas, creative service ideas, magazines to purchase, books to read." -- Marci Batty

Yes. "Ideas, object lessons, skits, resources, message boards, highlight local children's ministries, links, product reviews, ect." -- Les White

Yes. "Resources, Missions for kids stuff, All of our links to BGMC, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, etc.; Chat rooms and regular chat times that are topical (e.g. good videos available, discipline problems, evangelism ideas, etc.)
A direct line to Thomas Trask, The Children's Evangelist's Directory with bios, Links to CM related sites
A place to post stories, songs, activities and ideas" -- Judy Mensch

Yes. "New Books/Resources, Upcoming conferences, Prayer Requests, Ideas, etc." -- Michele Groseclose

Yes. "there are plenty already we would only be duplicating. if we were going to have one, I would recommend that it just be one of suggested links that have been adequately reviewed." -- Andy Robinson

Yes. "Areas of discipline, mission ideas, personal evangelism, after school ideas to link to." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "Ideas site things to share, where to get the laters hotest trick, a place to share magic tricks." -- Barry Jorris

Yes. "Forums; email list for help, ideas, and encouragement; information on programs, methods, or anything that will enhance the quality of ministry." -- Eric Munson

Yes. "helps, ideas, OBJECT LESSONS!" -- Karla Brogen

Yes. "CURRENT ISSUES, teaching helps." -- Kimberly Moraghan

Yes. "Ideas for ministry, How to's, Local contacts of other C.P's for encouragement and support." -- Lana Tilley

Yes. "Look at Children's Ministry Today." -- Jim Bungard

Yes. "Reminders, ways to evangelize their friends, games, announcements, a place for them to type in questions, concerns, or prayer requests." -- Ruth Meyer

Yes. "Information on resources and helpful teaching techniques, as well as current information on child related topics." -- Kathy Jingling

Yes. " Ideas...ideas...ideas...I know I am always looking for something new to share the Gospel in class, on an outreach, etc. I would love to have a bulletin board to leave notes and have other ministers respond with ideas." -- Juli Luckett

Yes. " I like the kidologists pages - I would hope it could be interdenominational not just AOG lingo of "Royal Rangers - BGMC" but childrens ministry area from birth through 6th grade." -- Tessie LaLonde

Yes. "Music that can be downloaded to a midi file. Complete lesson plans ready to print and use." -- Bob Hahn

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Yes. "Listing all different events,websites,topical categories. Maybe some of these already exist and I just don't know about them." -- Duane Swanson

Yes. "Resources, ideas, network of CP's." -- Joey Ellis

Yes. "Informative stuff about new programs and encouraging stories about kids working effectively for the kingdom." -- Linda Fischer

Yes. "Resorces, things that have worked for some people. Success stories." -- Carl Redding

Yes. "Resources for managing/administrating ministry. Articles pertinent to children's ministry. How-to's. Links to good web pages. Current trends." -- Mark Minaker

Yes. "Lots of tips- Starting out (and even now) I rely on people with more wisdom & years and I would love to share with people who have less experience and year than myself. Also Q&A" -- Angel Rodgers

Yes. " Idea sharing for lesson illustrations. Resource connections." -- Douglas Brantley

Yes. "Tricks of the trade, bargain tips, reviews of curriculum and programs, a chat room." -- Debi Leake

Yes. "Upcoming conferences, answers to frequent issues such as discipline, van ministry, staff relationships, devotionals. At recent K.E.E.P. conference, David Boyd's session on classroom discipline has proved invaluable. Making resources available that would enhance ministry such as conference tapes." -- Peggy Williams

Yes. "puppet shows, fresh ideas for parties, object lessons, new songs with chord charts, outreach ideas, a resource guide, how to get started.... (When I was given children's church a year ago, I knew practically nothing. These things would have helped me tramendously. I barely know where to start." -- Shara Taylor

Q.30. What is the single most important piece of advice you could give to a person graduating from college and beginning full-time ministry to children?

"Pray, read your Bible, and love the children." -- Dick Gruber

"Hopefully, they would have already placed themselves underneath someone and learned from them before attempting to go full-time on their own. If not, I would suggest beginning at a smaller church on a part-time basis and learn from a Senior Pastor that has a desire to grow and help his staff grow before moving on to a full-time position." -- Brian Dollar

"Get on your face before the Lord every day. Let Him tell you what to teach on. Let Him direct the children's services. Allow time at every service for the children to be quiet and still before to Lord to hear His voice. Allow God to develop and use you in the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that you can in turn allow that teaching in the lives of children. Don't be so caught up in "programs" that you get stale and routine. It is easy to do this. Learn from people who are "in the river" and have chidren's ministries that are successful in the eyes of the Holy Ghost, not in the eyes of man. Preach to children a message of repentance. Preach hard to them just as you would adults. Be very careful not to train up kids that go through the motions but actually are going to live holy lives." -- Sharon Jackson

"1. Be There, Love them. 2. Be there some more, love them some more. 3. Continue to be there. Love them even more.   Consistency, Longevity. This is not a business or a job." -- Greg Phillips

"Who you work for is more important than where you work. Network with other children's pastors as much as possible. Encourage people in their ministry and dream big. God has no limits." -- Jeff Smith

"Don't be afraid to admit that you don't know everything. Keep learning something new every day and remember that mistakes are okay. If your kids know that you love them and you care about what is happening in their lives, they will gladly overlook a new technique or idea that didn't work out quite the way you planned. There is great value in mentoring and being mentored." -- Abby Sauter

"Teach more leadership and people skills in our schools please. The children's pastor who leaves school with only methods and weak people skills." -- Bryan Braithwaite

"Realize that your schooling has not been completed. It's only just begun. Put yourself in places where you may glean and network and establish relationships with others who have a passion for ministry to kids. This will help you immediately and throughout the future." -- Randy Christensen

"Hear the voice of God, Do exactly what He says and serve your Pastor with all your heart. Learn to relate to adults as well as children." -- Jim Wideman

"Use many tools, not just A/G tools or the tools of your denominations. Other people have blazed the way; learn from the best. Be open-minded, don't be afraid to change traditional ways of looking at things, but be sensitive to the old guard. There is value in tradition, but somehow the present must mix with the past or we will miss this generation and their families. Read "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren. Be prepared for pastors and church members who don't share your vision. If you're too aggressive, you will lose the battle. Be prepared to go slow. You don't know it all. Meet with other pastors, pray. Develop relationships and spread the vision. Only as you develop relationships, will you be effective. Submit and honor your pastor." -- Mike Reuter

"Start by involving more parents, and be sure you link up with a pastor that understands what it takes to effectively minister to kids. Plus you need support from him from the pulpit in communicating about your ministry as well as in inspiring potential recruits." -- Michael Adams

"Learn how to lead the workers. Dealing with the kids is easy--you'll want to do it for the next 50 years. dealing with the adults can be extremely difficult--it will make you want to quit today." -- Ed Deming

"Build relationships at any church that you go to. Don't concentrate as much on programs as the relationships with the kids and their parents." -- Bill Clarkson

"Love God. Love kids. Use technology, but spend 10 times more of your time on God. And 5 times more of your effort on personal relationships with your kids." -- Gary Davis

"With the use of all these great ideas and technological advances leave room for the ALTAR!" -- David Spiegel

Q.30. *What is the single most important piece of advice you could give to a person graduating from college and beginning full-time ministry to children?*

"Don't be afraid to fail! Communicate, communicate, communicate with your Sr. Pastor, the staff, the deacons, your other children's workers, the parents, the community, and the kids." -- Shantel Young

"Love the children; Keep the ministry fun and relevant; Methods come and go, but the "Message" of Christ MUST be preserved." -- Petey Tellez

"Know that if God calls you to be a children's pastor, there is nothing wrong with being a Children's pastor for the rest of your life. It need not be a stepping stone to a Youth or Senior pastor some day. It is a wonderful call on your life and what a wonderful opportunity to shape lives for the kingdom." -- Richard Noble

"Focus on the children, what their needs are, what they are up to, what they think. It is too easy to focus on what you don't have to minister with, not what God wants you to do. Most churches start out small in children's ministry, help elevate children's ministry to the same level of consciousness as youth ministry by leading the children in revival. Bathe everything you do in prayer. Wear clothes you don't mind getting stained. Children are more important then your clothes, and they are messy little people." -- Tracey Roberts

"Trust in the Lord at all times and know Him and His direction daily. Always seek Him in every possible decision, let nothing be done without His guidance" -- Jason Dunn

"Be creative, and don't shy away from anything new. Dive in, get your hands dirty." -- Chris Hooten

"Pour your energy into the people around you. Become a leader that develops others to minister to kids. It's about loving people, not how good you are at puppetry, juggling, etc. I graduated from NCU in '97. Nobody told me these things, so I had to learn it on my own. This was a very difficult process. When we train our ministry leaders, they train their leaders, and we are left with many people trying to impact the lives of kids. We can only effectively touch a limited few on our own. When we leave that church someday, the people that love them will still be there for them. It's all about relationships. Love your leaders. Lead them to loving kids. It's a formula for success. And, seek the Lord for a vision for your church, and never depart from it." -- Sean Reisenbuechler

"Look at your ministry from the child's point of view. Ask yourself if I were a child attending this church what would make me want to keep coming back. Consider making children's ministry your life's work and not a stepping stone to another ministry. At least approach your ministry as if it is your life's work no matter were you might be in the future. " -- Trent Fiorino

"Pray and read the Word, go to conventions and seminars, read ministry magazines" -- Barbara Chevalier

"Love the kids, even the unlovable ones. Make disciples, don't just entertain them. Make a difference in your Youth Pastors life by delivering 6th graders to him that already know how to serve! Challenge and stretch your kids. Never underestimate what God can do through kids! Encourage them to dream really big dreams! " -- James Dennis

"Just get your feet wet! Do the NIKE principal JUST DO IT! I think you have got to learn as you go sometimes books or people can't help you, but experience can. If that means assisting someone else for awhile or teaching a Sunday school class or Royal Rangers group or whatever go for it with all your heart. And stay in one place for awhile, don't always look for greener pastures elsewhere. We all know what makes those pastures greener!! Watch your kid's in ministry grow up it is awesome. This is year #12 for me here." -- Grant Foster

"Forget everything they taught you and get a degree in human resources management. Make sure that the real focus of your ministry is your teachers and leaders. They are your hands and feet." -- Andrew Bracht

"Be Anointed to Serve. Look for ways to minister to kids outside the church. Work with someone good and effective. Be creative and don't put limits on yourself or your ministry. Dream and dream big." -- Dean Bohl

"Be ready for the real world. You don't know everything...yet. Make every day a learning experience. Learn to recruit help because you can't do it alone. "If you always do what you've always done - you'll always have what you've always had." Take your day off. Never compromise your priorities... and never do it for the kids - do it for Jesus." -- Jamie Doyle

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"PRAYER, PRAYER, and more PRAYER." -- Paul Guerin

"Never think you have all the answers. Involve your parents as much as possible and let them have some ownership of your ministry. Always let your Senior Pastor know what is going on and if possible treat him to lunch once a month to share your heart and give him an idea of what is going on in your ministry." -- Scooter Carson

"You have got to be able to get along with parents! They will be your biggest challenge." -- Pam McNett

"Learn to go with the flow. Children are unpredictable. If something dosen't work, change your way of doing it." -- Roy Augburn

"Get a hold of God! And never take yourself too seriously" -- Keith Applegarth

"Love them with all your heart and be willing to have your heart broken" -- Bryan Matherly

"Find balance between programs and people. Partner with children and their parents to develop children in their walk with Christ." -- Gina Garitson

"Love God, love the kids, and be sure of your calling. If you are sure of your calling, you will have the assurance that no matter what comes your way - even technological changes, you be able to deal with it because that is what God has called you to do!" -- Sharon Daniel

"Work hard to keep the method from becoming more important than the message!" -- Nancy Carefoot

"Run the race the Lord has marked out for you with everything you've got. Protect your relationship with the Lord. Never stop learning. Learn all you can about kids and never expect what you are not willing to teach. The relationship you have with the kids will always be more important than what you have to teach. Let them see Jesus in you." -- Larry Sauter

"To be open minded and use every piece of technology available to keep the child's interest. Children today get bored easily. We need to do something different each week to keep their interest." -- Charlotte Reed

"This is the most exciting time in history to serve in Children's Ministry. Serve faithfully where ever God calls you, whether it is a Children's Ministry of 10 or 1,000. God blesses your faithfulness. There are no big "I's" or "little you's". Every child you minister too is worth your very best." -- Scott Roley

"Get out and do it in a local church setting." -- Gene Roncone

"Love God, Love kids, pray a lot & you will have a successful children's ministry. Treat everyone fair and equal, and you will live long and have a happy life. Remember, It is God who you are working for and not man. Don't do anything until God tells you too. Remember this "Don't take one step to the left or to the right until you hear a voice that will say, 'This is the way. Walk this way"" - Jana McCalip

"Serve with humbleness of spirit. Expect miracles every day. Go as far as you can see in your ministry, then when you get there you can see farther." -- Mary McGuire

"Become an intern for a time!!!!! Field work under competent leadership." -- Bruce Dravneek

"Get down on your hands and knees and get to KNOW your kids and remember God loves them...snot and ALL!" -- Michelle Blackburn

"Don't go in your own strength. Rely on the Lord!" -- Pam Inman

"Keep your walk with Christ First , Childrens ministers can be EASLIY burned out If you remember Who you are serving ,and keep your eyes on him , all that follows will not burn you out !" -- Kristan & Robert Prieto

Q.30. *What is the single most important piece of advice you could give to a person graduating from college and beginning full-time ministry to children?*

"Have a real quiet time. Too many new children's pastors are babysitters because they have no spiritual depth. You can't substitute daily time with God, being led by him, with magic tricks, comedy, technology, etc. Don't feed your kids junk food, give em God. You can't compete with the world as well as you'd like with cable TV, cd-roms, most of the time, but they can't compete with you in terms of relationship building and especially in pure experiencing God." -- Markus Wolf

"First I'd ask them why they're doing it. Then I'd remind them to "feed the lambs/sheep." It's OK to use technology to help you but don't become dependent on it. Maybe take a mission trip and minister to kids without any technology." -- John Cosmos

"Pray, keep spiritual, but entertaining. Please remember the sky is the limit, if you feel it is from God, do it!!!!!!!" -- Kevin Shirley

"Stay humbly focussed on who God wants YOU to BE, not on what you think He wants you to DO or accomplish." -- Maureen Small

"Listen to the Holy Spirit, stay in the Word, expect great things, let the children minister!!!!!!" -- John Ellison

"Learning New Ideas from others and any were else will always trigger your ministry." -- Glorious Shoo

"Don't go into the ministry with the attitude you don't like what they are doing, but with an understanding that today's society has caused many of these situations to be forced on our children. So what needs to be understood is, "What can I do to help them "Where they're At?" And that the parents of these children are looking for someone that can help them help their children too. We, as children's Pastors, are there not only for the children, but for the parents too." -- Keith Jenkins

"It's not children's ministry it's family ministry." -- Daniel Bourcier

"Develop relationship with the kids with whom you minister!" -- Evelyn Brown

"Always keep learning! Involve yourself in a network for other Children's Pastors nearby and use that to help your ministry succeed! Love the kids and build relationships!" -- Jessica Scolforo

"Pray Pray Pray" -- Jeffrey McAtee

"I would advice the person to strive to state current with what is being developed for children's ministry. Secondly. don't try to do everything yourself, seek the help of other person's who can support you and your vision for children's ministry. Thirdly, develop a prayer group who will lift you up in prayer, and provide you with good council." -- Jorge Gautier

"It is nothing like you ever thought it was going to be! After 7 years as unpaid Children's Pastors, when we entered the ministry full-time we were surprised maybe even shocked at how different it really was. It is no longer ministry to just children; it is church politics, counseling of adults, functions and expectations. Be prepared and make sure you are really called. Children's Ministry is one of the most fulfilling things you can do with your life-IF God has ordained it. Trust in Him and lean on Him- not people." -- Jon & Diana Johnson

"I've probably already given that away. I have found that being authentic and real is probably the greatest asset in ministering to kids. Probably in ministry for that fact. Absolutely hands down. You could have all the toys, great skills, an outstanding education or even be the best orator, but if you cannot connect with your kids or leaders (people) in a genuine way, your ministry will have little long term effectiveness. It frankly is a component of our character that must be developed and continually refined." -- Stephen Gill

"Pray and seek the heart of the Father." -- Bob Brigham

"Be who God created with the talents and abilities God has gifted you with. Be flexible, be real. Do not enter the ministry with a "selfish" attitude, spend your life... may you be poured out. Attack life and ministry and have not regrets! Enjoy the flowers along the way, cause there will be plenty of poop also." -- Vint Norris

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"You can fool a fool, you can con a con, but you can't kid a kid. Children have the ability to perceive things for what they are, so always be real and sincere. Talk to them on their level, both in understanding and physically (get down on your knees and look them in the eyes). They are also like a sponge which gives us great responsibility in what they learn and absorb from us. They can suck all the energy right out of you, but one good squeeze and you get it right back." -- Tim Ryder

"Don't try to start to many things at one time. Start a few events get them running smoothly and polished then start on something else!!! That's the best way we have found to grow and really be effective. " -- Melinda Henderson

"Know that God has called you, sometimes that is all that will sustain you, and remember you are a servant first of all." -- George Krebs

"Intern with a church that is using today's technology to reach kids -- but don't forget the POWER of the Holy Spirit. Kids can still be changed by the presence of God. Don't get so technical that we "shutdown" God from moving in our ministry." -- Kelly Dufour

"Remember that your pastor is the one that is predominately responsible for the church. You stand behind his vision and his goals. He will become your biggest help! Secondly, don't allow technology to replace a pat on the back or a huge and even a high five. Personal contact is a must. Email can never replace a phone call! There is just something about the voice." -- Greg Smith

"You must be called to children's ministry for they can spot a phoney a mile away. Love the kids." -- Timothy Koetitz

"If God has not called you to children's ministry, do not get involved. You will not like and the children will suffer. If God calls you to anything He will equip and empower you to do the task he has given you." -- Malcolm Mire

"Keep in mind that kids are not likely to remember what technique or gizmo or lesson you taught. They WILL remember your LOVE for them. That in itself is the single most advanced technological breakthrough of all time." -- Brian Bopp

"Keep Christ as the focus on everything you do. We can have all the greatest technology but without Christ at the center, it is useless. Build friendships with other children's pastors and see what they are doing that can help you." -- Todd Jones

"It's not easy. It's a never-ending learning field. Make sure your called because the children will know if you are faking it. They deserve the very best, and it's a ministry that's worth giving your life for. It's takes all you have , so give all you have!!!" -- Ray Richardson

"Always give it to God first. Pray and obey the Holy Spirit. If God is in it you cannot lose!" -- Norm Oberlin

"Wear a helmet and padding." -- Duane Smith

"TRAIN YOUR LEADERS!!!!!!!!   TRAIN YOUR LEADERS!!!!!!! And of course keep learning yourself as none of us have arrived." -- Mark Walberg

"Teach the kids the word of God! Above all the fun and games, kids need to learn the Bible, not just the stories but the verses. If you don't have a JBQ program, start one." -- Marci Batty

"Intern and be mentored by someone that is awesome (the best)!" -- Les White

"Go with God. No technology, no matter how advanced, compares to the moment when you see the light go on in a child's eyes and you know that he just fell in love with Jesus. Go with God. And call me if you need to talk or someone to pray with. I've been doing this for 23 years - half the time as a children's evangelist and the other half as a children's pastor. Sometimes it's just nice to talk to someone who's walked down the road." -- Judy Mensch

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"Keep your focus on Jesus. No matter what marvels you have to use to present the gospel, remember that a hug is often the best tool to reach a hurting child and present the love of Jesus Christ." -- Rita Neve

"Pray and seek God for HIS direction and wisdom. Don't rely on just your education but have a close intimate relationship with God so he will give you what you need and when you need it. There are many things that will come your way that you didn't learn in college so you will need God to be your source and strength! He is faithful! Trust in Him! He will NEVER leave us not forsake us! Hold to that promise!" -- Michele Groseclose

"Love Kids and Jesus full time." -- Andy Robinson

"Don't use children's ministry as a stepping stone, make it a lifetime commitment as long as God calls you. Be willing to be a lifetime associate." -- Duane Swanson

"Never see yourself as "just a children's pastor" and never use children's ministry as a step to something you see is "greater". There is nothing greater." -- Michael Lowder

"Jump in and get started. Don't over work your self trying to prove who you are just serve God and work for Him." -- Barry Jorris

"Call people who have done ministry for a while, ask them if they would meet with you and bring some questions to that meeting. Connect with people who are doing ministry better than you." -- Eric Munson

"Love the Kids!!!" -- Karla Brogen

"Learn from those who do it the best." -- Kimberly Moraghan

"NETWORK!!!!!!!!   With exciting and successful local C.P.'s. May not even by A/G." -- Lana Tilley

"Stay true to God. There are a lot of fads that can lead you down the wrong road of ministry. Not necessarily bad or evil just nonproductive." -- Jim Bungard

"No matter how much you know about teaching, never forget that Gods anointing is critical for effective ministry." -- Kathy Jingling

"Realize that Rome was not built in one day. It takes time to develop programs, train workers, implement new ideas, get budget approval, etc. Sometimes I feel so hindered by the length of time it takes to implement something simple like a new registration system takes a lot of forth thought, even before training workers and parents, etc. Avoid becoming discouraged!!" -- Juli Luckett

"Have a heart like Jesus." -- Curt Zastrow

"Be a Christ follower - don't take the lead, don't lag behind, Just follow. My favorite saying that I remind myself when feeling overwhelmed is ... God doesn't call the equiped, He equips the called. I have been richly equiped by God even by technology :)" -- Tessie LaLonde

"Remember your calling and stay spiritual. ALSO... Keep changing, adapting, and learning. Stay organized and give your Senior Pastor as much respect as you want to have. Be a servant to the people to whom Christ died." -- Bob Hahn

"Don't look at it as a stepping stone and be willing to stay at the same church as long as you can. Be willing to be a lifetime children's pastor." -- Duane Swanson

"Start small. Get into a small setting and learn what college cannot teach you. There are some things you can only learn in a small environment. Do not see small as insignificant. Allow God to advance you only when you are ready. Remain a servant your entire life. You are here to serve, not to be served." -- Joey Ellis

"Spend tons of time in prayer. And make sure that your heart is for the children and you're not just using the position to "move up" to youth or senior pastor. Get to know your kids. They are your sheep! And have fun-it's the best job in the world!" -- Linda Fischer

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"Be diligent in the things that you do. Don't expect to see change right away. Develop a relationship with the kids and minister to them where they are at." -- Carl Redding

"Go for the long-haul! Longevity is more important to children and families (people) than many other concerns. Stability is an increasingly rare commodity in our fast-paced ever-changing society, and children need to see that Jesus is the one sure thing, and the pastor is the one whom children make that immediate connection to Jesus.

I was privileged to participate in a wedding not too long ago of one of the girls from my first place of ministry. I was "her" pastor for 5 years in my mid- to late twenties. The church went through some turbulent times (3 senior pastoral changes in 5 years)and later this family walked through a heart-wrenching divorce. The mother, a dear friend, told me then that my relationship with her kids as pastor was what helped them the most to stay true to Jesus. I have to tell you, as a kid fresh out of college, I felt like I made more mistakes than progress, yet her kids knew that I loved them and I would forever be "their pastor!"" -- Mark Minaker

"Stick with the Bible." - David Collier

"Have a sense of humor.   Sometimes the honesty of children is somewhat insulting-keep peppermints on hand- they don't mind telling you that you have coffee breath!!! Learn from your kids.   Their insight on life is so refreshing and real- it will keep you motivated. Practice what you preach.   Kids will let you know when you mess up!   They'll do the same." -- Angel Rodgers

"Make sure that they seek to have God's heart for the children, develop the talents you can for a variety of presentation styles (puppets, illusions, skits, etc.) but above all trust God to send co-laborers who share the vision and burden and who can do things that you can't. Put a high priority on staying at the right place in your prayer and devotional life, remember that children are saints and servants for ministry today (not when they are "old enough"), and seek to learn the balance of spending time with the kids and the ministry while maintaining adult friendships and study/sharing time." -- Douglas Brantley

"Make your relationship with the Lord the highest priority in your life. It is so easy to get overwhelmed with the work and put Him in the back seat. Not only is this wrong, but you will burn-out real quick if you do not guard your time with Him." -- Debi Leake

"Pray and allow God to give you an individual vision statement you can work around with the ministry entrusted to you. Start with a God-given and vision and then plan to fulfill the vision." -- Peggy Williams

"STAY ORGANIZED! Once one thing is over, you are already behind on the next thing. Kids will keep you moving!" -- Shara Taylor