

## TIPS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

We encourage parents to bring their children to the Kids Discipleship Hour and also attend a corporate worship service together as a family. There is great value in having your child participate in a service with you. Here are some practical tips to help you and your child worship together with the body:

### Prepare for the Service

Talk with your child in advance about the different elements of the service. Explain to them what they will see as well as why they are important. It may be helpful to make your expectations clear before you take your child into the service for the first time.

### Lead by example

Remember, your children are watching you :) How you view the service will translate to your child.

### Encourage Participation

Encourage your children to sing along with the music. You can find and download the songs for the upcoming week at [idcworship.com](http://idcworship.com) Encourage your child to take notes with you by providing them with a journal and paper. Have young children draw a picture that represents what they have heard. As your children get older, you may ask them to write down words that they hear multiple times or questions they have. Utilize the provided [Kids Sermon Notes](#).

### Follow Up

Talk with your child about what they saw and heard. The corporate worship service provides many opportunities for you to have gospel centered conversations with your children.

### Have Reasonable Expectations

The body of IDC is thankful to have your child in corporate worship and supports you in your efforts to teach them. We understand short attention spans, active boys, and talkative girls. Children are a gift from the Lord and we are blessed and encouraged by their presence in the service.