

# MAY 20 - 21, 2022

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A RETREAT FOR LOCAL CHILDRENS LEADERS

## Saturday, May 20 @ 8:00 PM

### Teach Kids to Pray - Mary Sims

Discover key ingredients to success in teaching kids how to pray at whatever age and stage they may be. Experience multiple prayer styles and get some great ideas, and tools for creating a culture of prayer in your ministry.

## Breakout Session 1::Saturday, May 21 @ 9:45 AM

### The Secret to Unlimited Object Lessons - Eric Ward

This is a fun, interactive, objects-in-hand workshop! Give me ANY object and I will INSTANTLY create a biblical object lesson from that object – and show you how to do it, too. Not only will you learn how to use any object to teach the Bible, you will learn to teach any passage from the Bible with an object. By the end of the workshop, you'll be able to teach with object lessons just like Jesus did.

### Accessible Worship (A Simple Plan) - Victoria White

If you have 5 year-olds and 55-year-olds in your congregation, you are worshiping with people with varied abilities. As you think about how to engage people of all ages, and who come with a variety of gifts and challenges, it's easy to get stuck wondering how it can be done. This session focuses on a practical, very doable 3-part plan for congregations you can use to build belonging in your community comprised of perspective, participation and personalization.

## Breakout Session 2::Saturday, May 21 @ 11:00 AM

### Intentional Ministry with Sexual/Gender Diverse Young People - Janet Dean

Sexual/gender diversity is increasing in our churches, especially among our children, teens, and young adults. This session explores a model of intentional ministry – intentionally secure, relational, formational, and Trinitarian - that provides both an overarching approach and corresponding practical advice for churches to support and discipleship these young people as they learn to hold sexual/gender identity together with their faith.

### Redefining the Wins: How to Face Discouragement - Shaun Stevenson

As churches went through the last couple of years, Children's Pastors have seen it all: budget cuts, families leaving, stressful decisions, and more. So how do we face discouragement in such a difficult season? Perhaps it's all about how you "define the win." What does it look like when your Children's Ministry is "winning?" In this session, we'll face discouragement head-on and look at how and where we find our peace in the midst of the storm.

## **Breakout Session 3::Saturday, May 21 @ 1:00 PM**

### **Communicating in Special Needs Ministry - Laura Deeken**

10% of children in ministry have a language disorder. Learn how to implement free and easy strategies so that all children learn The Gospel.

### **The Power Button...of Worship - Yancy Richmond**

We're all looking for that new thing that's going to transform our ministry. We normally look to a resource or technology for this transformation. What if we told you the answer you've been searching for has been here the whole time? Worship has power. The worship of children is powerful, even silencing the enemy. How do we know? The Bible tells us so. Yancy is passionate about raising disciples through worship. She will share how your church can create a rhythm of worship through discipleship. Teaching kids to worship is the secret sauce you've been looking for.

## **Breakout Session 4::Saturday, May 21 @ 2:15 PM**

### **Single Parent & Step Parent Strategies that Protect the Hearts of Children - Tammy Daughtry**

Learn practical ideas to help parents navigate complex family dynamics so that children can thrive. We will discuss how to do a healthy hand-off with children in divided families as well as take a close look at ways to improve their communication skills between households. The church can bring hope and important insight in the midst of what may otherwise be a difficult and chaotic experience for children.

### **Faith at Home - Jennifer Sommers**

God's Word tells us that parents are to be the primary faith influencers of their children. So what does that mean for children and youth ministry leaders? How can we as Kidmin Leaders come alongside families to equip and encourage them in this pursuit? Join me as we seek answers in the Word and tangible ways to begin this conversation in your church. Resources and hands-on ideas will be shared.

## **Breakout Session 5::Saturday, May 21 @ 4:30 PM**

### **Leading into the Future - Beth Rush**

In a post-Christian world, how do we effectively reach kids and their families to impact today and prepare them for the future? In this session, we will explore how we can make a difference in the lives of children, their families, and their community through discipleship to build a solid foundation for the future.

### **Creating Family Discipleship Traditions - Trey Brooks**

Usually, leading up to Christmas Day and Easter Sunday are busy times of school presentations, additional church services, community activities, and family travel. Many people want to make spiritual traditions that are meaningful during these times but are too busy to "fit" it into the schedule. We will talk about simple yet meaningful and impactful ways for families to be intentional during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.