

## Children's Ministry Assessment Test

Where is your children's ministry today in relation to discipling children and releasing them in ministry in your church? By honestly answering the questions below, you can assess the effectiveness of your children's ministry. Score your answers in the following way: 1 is rarely or never, and 5 is fully agree.

1. When I walk down the hall of my church, I see children praying together in their rooms on a regular basis. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Every believing child in my church from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up knows how to share their faith. 1 2 3 4 5
3. All of my teachers have been properly trained and know how to lead a child in our church to Christ. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I provide training for my leaders and teachers on a regular basis. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Every teacher in my church knows the spiritual gifts of the believing children in their group, and they release them to use their gifts within their group. 1 2 3 4 5
6. Children in my church understand spiritual warfare and pray on the armor of God daily. 1 2 3 4 5
7. Older children (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders) are teaching and discipling younger children in my church. 1 2 3 4 5
8. Children and students of all ages are trained for ministry in my church and given regular opportunities to serve and minister. 1 2 3 4 5
9. My church has developed an environment for children to serve and minister on a regular basis. 1 2 3 4 5
10. Children in my church regularly pray for their parents and family members. 1 2 3 4 5
11. Parents know the spiritual gift(s) of their believing child and understand their child's role in the body of Christ. 1 2 3 4 5
12. Children in my church have an Acts 1:8 missions mindset. 1 2 3 4 5
13. Children in my church are trained and equipped to be missionaries, and they are regularly taken into our community to do evangelistic events. 1 2 3 4 5
14. I take our children and preteens on mission trips where they are fully released to share the Gospel. 1 2 3 4 5
15. Parents serve alongside their children in my church. 1 2 3 4 5
16. Parents in my church understand what a Christian worldview is. 1 2 3 4 5
17. Children in my church regularly memorize Scripture and know how to apply what they have learned to their lives. 1 2 3 4 5
18. My former children who are in the student ministry are actively involved in ministry in the church. 1 2 3 4 5
19. Children in my church are in a mentor relationship like Paul and Timothy. 1 2 3 4 5
20. My small group leaders understand their role and know how to disciple a child. 1 2 3 4 5

21. Small group leaders in my church fully engage children in their groups by allowing them to lead the sessions. 1 2 3 4 5
22. Parents in my church are trained how to disciple their child at home and have been given tools to do so. 1 2 3 4 5
23. Parents understand the importance of the church and the church's role in equipping their child for ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
24. Children in my church understand Jesus' calling for every believer to lay down their life to Him on a daily basis (Luke 9:23). 1 2 3 4 5
25. Children have a heart for their lost friends and regularly share the Gospel with them. 1 2 3 4 5
26. My small group leaders/teachers have given ownership to the children in their groups by allowing them to express their spiritual gifts during their time together. 1 2 3 4 5
27. Children in my church know how to effectively pray for international missions. 1 2 3 4 5
28. Children in my church have been taught how to use a Prayer Journal and personally witness God answering their prayers. 1 2 3 4 5
29. My pastor is fully on-board with the discipleship of children and releasing children and students to use their gifts in my church. 1 2 3 4 5
30. I understand my role as children's minister/director is to equip children for ministry. 1 2 3 4 5

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

If your score is 85 or above, you are moving your children's ministry in a positive direction that will impact children for a lifetime. Don't despair! We are here to help you be successful.

### **How Do You Get There?**

This may seem impossible, but it is achievable when you have the right training and tools at your disposal. We are here to help. For the past 15 years, L.I.T. has impacted thousands of children and students through proven methods of discipleship and equipping them for ministry. This process gains its success through connecting parents to a local church in a partnership to develop their child into a spiritually mature believer in Christ.

L.I.T. Ministries offers three facets of training:

1. **Investing in Parents:** Parents want to be active in the faith development of their children; however, they do not understand how to or have not been disciplined themselves. Many parents are unaware that their believing child has spiritual gifts and that those gifts give their child identity and purpose. Parents also need to understand that the church has leaders who are gifted and have a calling to equip their child for ministry (Eph. 4:11-13). We will show you how to properly

train parents and give them tools to successfully disciple their children at home as well as connect them to a leader in your church.

2. **Discipling Children:** A child's faith comes alive through active engagement in the discipleship process by making Scripture come alive. We will show you how to teach children six spiritual disciplines that are proven to bring transformation and a sustainable faith for life. We will give you the tools to train and equip leaders who can disciple children in their groups.
3. **Engaging Children in Ministry:** Believing children have a role in the church today because of the gifts and working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Our goal is to show you how to train your team to recognize the gifts of children in your church and release them in ministry in their group and in the church family. We will show you how to train your team to fully embrace children as younger brothers and sisters in Christ and to recognize the importance of equipping and releasing them to minister today. We will connect you with successful ministry leaders who have developed multiple ministry opportunities within their churches.

Making these changes in your church in many cases is a huge paradigm shift. That is where we will help you to develop a unique vision for your church and show you how to properly cast that vision. We will partner you with individuals who have been successful in implementing this model in their churches for several years. For more information, go to [www.leadersintraining.com](http://www.leadersintraining.com)

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming training events. We will cover these key areas:

- Partnering with parents in the discipleship of their children
- Creating an environment in your church for children to minister using their spiritual gifts
- Developing a plan of action to disciple children and teach them how to walk with Christ on a daily basis
- Developing missions-minded children: How to train them and take them out of your church to reach your community
- Casting a vision to your church of the importance of embracing children as the church today and bringing the church into the process of discipling children
- Building a contagious children's ministry that your whole church will want to be involved in