

Here are some things you can be doing to prepare you for your children's ministry:

- Work with children in your local church.
- Evangelism training: Learn how to share with children and to teach them to share their faith. One good resource can be found at <http://www.kidzplace.org/>. Check out the Children's Leader Resources at the side for information to read and use. This site has free activities, VBS materials, evangelism tools, and much more, brought to you by the North American Mission Board.
- Familiarize yourself with Backyard Bible Club and VBS material. Check with local Baptist Association office and Baptist Bookstore for sample copies. Attend a VBS or BYBC training seminar offered by the local Baptist Association. One online resource for Children's Material is <http://www.missionarlington.org/resources/rainbowexpress/>
- Work on your scripture memorization.
- Read a good book on Prayer Walking like: *Prayer Walking: Praying on Site with Insight* by Hawthorn and Kendrick or *Walking the Talk* by Dan Crawford and Calvin Miller.
- Physical fitness. Exercise on a regular basis.
- Have a plan for several children fellowships: skits, games, devotionals, music.
- Prepare 4-5 Bible studies for children. Include craft ideas.
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- The basis of your ministry will be building relationships through which you can share your faith. Read one of the books below to help you prepare for sharing through your relationships:

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels

Peppermint-Filled Piñatas by Eric Michael Bryant

Questions to all of Your Answers by Roger Olson

Searching for God Knows What by Donald Miller

More Ready Than You Realize by Brain McLaren

God's Blogs by Lanny Donoho

Getting Your Feet Dirty: A down-to-earth Look at Following Jesus by Don Everts

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey

- Find ways to involve your home and local church. By asking them to:
 - Pray for you and your people group
 - Help collect small gifts for you to give to children like stickers, pencils, etc.
 - Have them collect supplies crafts: colors, construction paper, glue, etc.
 - Have them collect the supplies to make witness bracelets
 - Conduct a Prayer Walk at your church
 - If serving overseas, have them collect small Texas gifts like pencils & postcards
- Visit these websites to find out about your state or country and people group:
 - <http://www.joshuaproject.net/index.php>
 - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>
 - <http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>
 - <http://www.peoplegroups.info/>

