

## WORDS TO KIDS

### A Guideline

1. The presentation should be no longer than 5 minutes.
2. Make one point only. Although there may be other related themes that can be brought into the presentation, there needs to be only one theme/idea/point. If possible, use the pastor's theme of the day.
3. There are resource books in the CE office that are specifically written for children's sermons.
4. Speakers must use the wireless lavalier so that their hands are free to gesture, show items, etc. If the children are answering questions, the handheld wireless mic should be used so that those in the congregation who depend on the sound system can also hear the children's answers. (Perhaps enlist the aid of one of the high school kids to move that mic from child to child.)
5. Use props and visual aids (large pictures, objects, etc.) whenever possible and let the children touch items. Children learn visually, aurally, and kinesthetically – try to utilize all three if you can.
6. The presenter should be seated so that the children don't have to keep looking up. If possible, sit on the top step with the children alongside and in front of you (their backs to the congregation is okay). If sitting on the step is not comfortable, then a chair placed at the side will work too. (Women: dress appropriately – slacks or long skirt – if you are sitting on the top step.)
7. Speak slowly and change your voice now and then to keep their attention.
8. Be prepared for unusual answers from the kids and know how you will get back on track. Also, be ready to wrap it up early if you find that you have lost their attention.
9. End with a closing prayer (included in the 5 minutes).