

Children at Fivehead Baptist Church

At Fivehead Baptist Church we believe every child is a blessing from God to the world. As such we believe our responsibility towards children is huge. We must care for them and help them as they start their life's journey, remembering that Jesus said we adults also have much to learn from them.

It is well known that the lessons we learn as children shape who we are and how we will think as we grow into adulthood. No other period in life shapes us as much as those early years. As a church we therefore take very seriously the lessons we pass on to our children through our words and actions.

Below are some key values we want to teach children to help them become healthy and thriving individuals, committed to loving God and loving others in the same way as they love themselves. If you bring your children to our church these are the values you can expect us to teach.

- **LOVE**

We are loved by God. We will teach our children that God loves them and that Jesus has shown this in his life, death, and resurrection. They need never feel alone because God is always with them. We should show the same love to others.

- **GRATITUDE**

We are blessed by God. We will teach our children that God gives many blessings to the world. We can therefore live with gratitude each day and should reflect God's generosity to each other.

- **SELF-WORTH**

We are valued by God. We will teach our children that God values them, so that every child can know their identity and worth comes from God. We should see the same value and worth in others.

- **BELONGING**

We are welcomed by God. We will teach our children that they belong to the community that is God's church family and should show the same welcome to others.

- **FORGIVENESS**

We are forgiven by God. We will teach our children that God forgives us when we make mistakes, and that he teaches us to forgive others too.

- **CREATIVITY**

We are gifted by God. We will teach our children that they are all uniquely gifted in wonderful ways, encouraging diversity and creativity in their lives. Through this God shows us that we need each other and that we can use our gifts to bless each other.

- **PURPOSE**

We are sent by God. We will teach our children that God gives purpose to their lives, sending them out into the world to share his goodness with others.