

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET



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Vision:

The meaning of "Lionheart" is *extraordinarily courageous*. As our kids are brought up in the things of God, our heart is that they will know who they are in Christ with an unshakable faith in the midst of an ever-changing world. They won't doubt their identity, but know who they are and know who their God is. With this kind of confidence they will shine brightly as world-changers and carriers of God's presence to be a showy display for the Kingdom of God.

Mission:

“Extraordinarily courageous lovers of God reforming our world for His Kingdom.”

Core Values:

Looking In—Building a firm foundation of identity, destiny, purpose, and truth

Stepping Up—Equipping, empowering, and activating in the things of God

Reaching Out—Raising up reformers to transform culture with contagious passion and the light of Jesus

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WELCOME

Dear Parents,

We are honored to have your child as a part of the Lionheart Children's Church Ministry. Our heart is to develop a culture where each child can receive the truth of Jesus and experience His great love for them. The secure, loving environment of the classroom provides a safe place where uncompromised truth is established and a desire is stirred to learn and grow in the things of God.

In this classroom, we teach and minister to the group using learning styles that make it easy for your child to receive and retain spiritual truths. Each child is loved and respected as an individual with a special purpose chosen by God. We, as teachers, pray for sensitivity to their individual personality and what will help them to fulfill their unique destiny.

This welcome packet is provided to inform you of all that the Lionheart Children's Church Ministry offers and to give you an overview of our class time. Please complete your child's information form and return it to the teacher next Sunday.

The Lionheart Children's Ministry Team is available to answer questions, listen to your concerns and receive your comments. We are here to serve you and your family.

Again, welcome! Your child is important to us and a treasure and delight to God's heart. We look forward to partnering with you in believing for God's highest and best in your child's life.

Faithfully serving Jesus,

The Lionheart Children's Ministry Team

Purpose & Vision

Our purpose in the Lionheart Children’s Church Ministry is to equip each child to fulfill his or her destiny. The foundation for all growth is a close personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ—knowing who God is and who they are in Him. As they become secure in this truth, they will be able to go forth empowered for the call of God upon their lives to be leaders in their generation.

In this classroom, children are taught and activated in how to be good leaders on age-appropriate levels. In an interactive and fun setting, they learn how to make good choices, take responsibility, and build teamwork through a teaching time designed to engage the mind and the spirit. During this age of learning and maturing, this class is challenged to develop personal closeness to the Holy Spirit through listening to His voice, reading the Word of God, and activating the gifts of God inside of them both inside and outside of the classroom.

In this class, these young men and women are equipped with uncompromised truth and empowered to live as conduits for the supernatural. They will learn and exercise their authority as sons and daughters of God and by His grace represent the Kingdom of heaven everywhere they go.

Trained and experienced teachers enhance class times by the passion, excitement, and encouragement that they bring to help each child release what God has already placed inside of them.

We believe every child is born with a unique calling that only they can fulfill. Our desire is to see them raised up with confidence and security in who they are in Christ and to take personal ownership of their individual purpose.

“But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.” 1 Peter 2:9-10, The Message Bible

Child Information Form

In order to provide the best care for your child, please provide the following information:

Parents' Names: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Birthday: _____

Sibling's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive emails regarding children's ministry news?

Yes No

Please list any allergies your child has:

Name of Child's School: _____

Present Grade: _____

Has your child previously been a part of a church or ministry?

Yes No

Is there anything that you would like to share that would aid the teaching team as they minister to your child?

Lionheart Children's Church Instructions for Parents

It is a pleasure to minister to your extraordinary child. The pastors and teaching team welcome you! To help make the class time safe and provide the best environment for learning, we offer you this guide for a successful experience. We trust this will be a rewarding relationship for you and your family at Giving Light.

1. As part of their spiritual maturing, Lionheart Children's Church will partner with the adults during the worship portion of the service. Children will be released to their classroom after worship.
2. During class an offering is received from children. Should you want your child to be a part of this, please provide your child with their offering before they enter class.
 - a. The offerings of the children are in total support for the Lionheart Children's Ministry. These offerings enable us to purchase curriculum, supplies, snacks, gifts, and upgrades to further invest into the children of the Lionheart Children's Church Ministry.
 - b. Your support financially shows the value you place on the ministry your child receives from their class time. As your child sees your generosity, they will follow your example to become generous givers.
 - c. If your child receives an allowance or other form of income, please instruct them to take their tithe from that to put in the class offering.
3. All children are released to parents immediately after the end of the service. Please be aware of your child's whereabouts as they leave the classroom.
 - a. Giving Light, its ministers and teachers are not liable for any mishap that could possibly occur after your child is released from their class.

- 4. Should an occasion arise in the classroom that a teacher is not authorized or able to resolve, an usher will call you to pick up your child from the classroom and you and your child may finish the service together in the sanctuary. Please contact the teacher after the service to bring understanding to the events leading to you being called for your child's removal from class.**

- 5. A child is advanced from the Lionheart Children's Church when they enter sixth grade. We desire for them to grow spiritually and emotionally, so this will be a very easy adjustment for each child as they advance with other children in their age-range.**

Spiritual Authority Consent Form

As children’s ministers, our hearts’ desire is to see your child living in the fullness God has provided. We are delighted for the agreement we share in regards to God’s best for your child.

The Lionheart Children’s Church team has been trained specifically for the class your child is a part of. They minister the Word of God in spirit and in truth. As situations arise in the classroom, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will reveal to us at times, an area in a child that would benefit from personal prayer ministry. This could include prayers of healing, forgiveness, repentance, and agreement to live according to the principles of God’s Word.

Another way a child is trained is to take authority over his own house (his heart). This is also a way for the child to gain victory over the enemy who wants to stop the purposes of God in their life.

If you would like us to minister fully to your child, your signature below will bring you as parents in agreement with the ministry team. “...If two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19)



I give permission for the children’s ministry team of Giving Light to minister as directed by the Holy Spirit to my child as revealed through the gifts of the Spirit, by direct observation, or as instructed by us as parents to known personal needs.

(Parent’s signature)

(Parent’s signature)

(Date)

Parent's Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray and confess Your Word over my children. I surround them with faith in Your Word and believe that You watch over it to perform it. I confess and believe that my children are disciples of Christ, taught of the Lord and obedient to Your will. Great is the peace of my children, because You, God, contend with that which contends with my children. They find safety and security in You.

Father, I believe You will perfect that which concerns me. I commit and cast the care of my children once and for all over to You. They are in Your hands. I am positively persuaded that You are able to guard and keep that which I committed to You. You are more than enough, Lord.

My children are called to obey their parents in the Lord as His representatives, because this is just and right. My children, _____, honor, esteem, and value their parents; for this is the first commandment with a promise: that all may be well with them and that they may live long on the earth. I speak truth over my children that they have been created to choose life, and to love You, Lord, to obey Your voice, and cling to You; for You are their life and the length of their days. My children are the head and not the tail, and shall be above only and not beneath. They are blessed when they come in and when they go out.

I thank you Father, that you give Your angels charge over my children. I ask You to release them now to accompany and defend and preserve my children in all their ways. You, Lord, are their refuge and strength. You are their glory and the lifter of their heads.

By Your grace Lord, I will not provoke, irritate, or fret over my children or make them feel inferior or unworthy. As stewards of the children You have entrusted to me, I commit to raising them tenderly in the instruction, discipline, counsel, and admonition of the Lord. As they are trained in the way of the Lord, I believe I will see them mature into the Godly man or woman You have destined for them to be. I decree over them that they will live for God all the days of their life.

Lionheart Children's Ministry Website

In addition to weekly service times, Giving Light's passion for children extends beyond the classroom.

Our website provides an equipping center full of resources for parents, teachers, and caregivers. Our heart is for a child's spiritual growth to continue beyond the classroom as they grow and mature in God.

You can visit the Lionheart Children's Ministry website at:
www.givinglight.org/lionheart

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**Thank you for this opportunity to minister to your child. They are a joy and a valuable treasure!
Be blessed as you and your family continue to grow in God!**