

**SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday - Sunday, June 15-16, 2019**

**SERIES TITLE: REFLECT - Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships**

**SERMON TITLE: What Every Child – and Parent - Needs**

**SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:20-21**

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**Title: What Every Child – and Parent - Needs**

**1. Every child needs to know and experience God.**

- Knowing God builds a life source within a person.
- The sooner a person comes to God through Christ the better.

**2. Every child needs encouragement.**

- *Colossians 3:21* *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*

**3. Every child needs discipline.**

- *Colossians 3:20* *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

**4. Every child needs adventure.**

**5. Every child needs protection.**

- “Don’t let me hurt myself”

## **Lagniappe**

Last week’s Vacation Bible School was a whirlwind of energy, excitement, fun, and great spiritual devotion. In short, we had a good time as we sought to be pleasing to God.

Here are some of the things you need to know about our Vacation Bible School.

**First, we had over 1100 children who participated and over 550 volunteers.** Both groups together averaged over 1300 in attendance each day.

You can see what a big undertaking this is. As you've heard me say, "The people who run VBS at FBC could run small countries (and maybe a very large one as well)!"

**Second, our children gave over 2300 pounds of coins to be used for missions in our parish, in Alaska, and in the African nation of Rwanda.** None of us knows what this will mean in eternity, but we can thank God for our children who are learning to give and who are already giving.

**Third, we had many, many decisions for Christ (over 100).** I spoke with a nine-year-old Sunday who was saved during the week. Though he didn't use the word "repentance" he knew the concept perfectly. I thank God for the eternal difference made by our VBS.

Thank you to all who volunteered, and thanks to all of you who give your offerings week by week. Together you make our Vacation Bible School possible.

**Finally, I was deeply encouraged by the teachers who indicated a deep desire on the part of the children to know about God and to grow deeper in Him.** Nothing is as important as knowing God.