

SERIES: *why?*

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DATE: Saturday - Sunday, June 11-12, 2022

SERMON: Why Some Kids Remain in the Faith

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:1-11 NIV

[1] Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

[2] Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

[3] His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

[4] Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

[5] For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

[6] and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

[7] and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

[8] For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[9] But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

[10] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble,

[11] and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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1. Why do some kids remain in the faith?

- They have _____ faith through Jesus.
- They _____ in the divine nature.
- As Christians - living a Godly life ought to be the _____ part of our lives.
- Parents _____ the gospel and _____ the gospel to them.

2. Five ways to practically show your kids the gospel:

1. Show your kids your _____.
2. Show your kids what _____ looks like.
3. Show your kids what _____ looks like.
4. Show your kids what _____ with God looks like.
5. Show them how the gospel is _____ your life.

3. Why do some kids remain in the faith?

- They _____ the faithfulness of God.
- **Proverbs 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he grows older he will not abandon it.*

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I want to tell you about **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This past week our *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 780 children who participated and over 400 volunteers. Both groups together averaged over 1230 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 \$700 to be used for missions with a sister church in Colombia. 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 collected over 1000 food items to be given to the Samaritan Center who we partner with in helping our local community. We filled the beds of 3 pick-up trucks with the jars/cans of spaghetti sauce, boxes/packages of pasta, boxes of crackers, and canned goods that were packed in crates and stacked. It was an incredible sight to see!

Fourth, we believe over 100 children gave their life to Christ. We will now begin the process of follow-up. I thank God for the eternal difference made by our VBS.

Fifth, we will repurpose our decorations and literature by giving them to FBC Kenner and FBC Slidell and Red Bluff Baptist Church in Folsom. We do this as we continually try to be good stewards of the money you give for God's work.

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.

