

Tips for Parents and Other Leaders in Intergenerational Ministry

Scan through the following list of gifts that are most often exhibited in effective leadership. Congregations are, for the most part, leader-dependent and so it is vital that people with the utmost passion and sensitivity are chosen to welcome and engage children, youth and adults in this way.

Seek leaders for multi-generational program ministries who exhibit the following gifts:

- Comfortable with children, youth and adults
- Honor a variety of different learning styles
- Willing to create a space and place of grace
- Spontaneity and flexibility
- Understand the heart of a servant and strive to model it in their leadership
- Known for their relational skills: hospitality, listening and communication, interest in affirming and encouraging others.
- Organization and Advance preparation
- Moving toward maturity in their faith development
- Include humor and creativity in teaching
- Appreciate, respect, and understand diversity
- Facilitate programs in ways that engage many different age groups and levels of faith development
- An openness to partner with others in program preparation and implementation

Parents are encouraged to pray for the following gifts to model and share with members of their own families:

- Effective communication skills, e.g. listening
- Flexibility
- Openness to talk about faith
- Showing gratitude and humility
- Organizational skills as you plan your activities and gather the supplies necessary
- Preparedness - emotionally and spiritually - to engage your family members in opportunities to grow in faith together
- Considering prayer a vital priority