

## **Promiseland Vision**

The vision of the Promiseland Ministry is to provide an environment to **help parents disciple children for God's glory.**

We believe parents have the primary responsibilities to shepherd and disciple their children. The volunteers of Promiseland come alongside parents in order to support and encourage them in the process of disciplining children.

The environment of our children's ministry needs to reflect the Promiseland vision by ensuring that children feel unconditionally loved, accepted, and secure. This is accomplished when children:

- Receive clear expectations and consequences for their behavior
- Understand that they are "knitted together" by God and that He has a plan for their life
- Experience and apply this concept to themselves and others - by adults who model this Christ-like attitude
- Interact with age-appropriate curricular materials that challenge them to think, feel and act in a way that Jesus would

## **Promiseland: The Big Picture**

Promiseland will provide:

- A physical environment that is safe, child-friendly, and aesthetically pleasing
- A policy for the selection, screening, and supervision of those who work directly with the children (see policy details on next page)
- Opportunities for adults to use their specific God-given gifts to support and serve this ministry (more than 80 adults volunteer each month)
- Training and workshops for the children's ministry volunteers
- Enthusiastic teachers who motivate children to learn and apply God's truths to their life
- Sunday school curriculum that is Bible-based, innovative, age-appropriate, personally relevant, and fun (9.00-10:15AM)
- Children's Church that encourages children to learn to worship God and serve other people (10:45—12:00PM)

*This policy or Confidential Child Protection Program* requires that an application packet be completed by all Promiseland volunteers. (We will interview new volunteers and do background checks for every volunteer.) The application packet includes a questionnaire and a volunteer covenant indicating a commitment to the following:

- Modeling a Christ-like character (e.g., dress, language, interpersonal relationships, etc.)
- Striving for teaching excellence
- Participating in meetings, workshops, and other Promiseland fellowship opportunities
- Listening to feed-back from experienced teacher and other observers

### **Promiseland Objectives**

- To evangelize children
- To shepherd children with love, acceptance, and discipline
- To encourage parents to participate in their child's spiritual growth
- To teach children how to worship, pray, and serve
- To develop children with godly character and a Christian worldview
- To learn and apply the Bible

### **Promiseland Values**

**CHRIST:** Jesus is our Lord and savior; we model our lives after him.

**CHILDREN:** an environment of fun, excitement, and participation.

**CREATIVE:** a teaching style that includes drama, art, and music.

**CARING:** a place that encourages listening, sharing, and praying.

**CHANGE:** a new way of living (thinking, values, and attitudes).