



# **SLAYING THE GOLIATHS:** CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN THE SMALL CHURCH

# SMALLER-CHURCH GOLIATHS

Here are a few of the more common giants you've probably already battled:

- Volunteers
- Money
- Attendance
- Facilities and Space
- Envy and Comparison

# BECOMING A DAVID

David wasn't concerned about what other people thought or what *HE* couldn't do.

Instead he concentrated on what GOD could do through him.

# VOLUNTEERS

## WHAT NOT TO DO:

- Never stand in front of your congregation and make a plea for help.
- Never beg people to join your ministry.
- Never invite someone to join your ministry team unless you're confident in their abilities to fulfill the roles you assign.

# VOLUNTEERS

## WHAT TO DO:

- Be thankful for what you do have and show appreciation often.
- Talk with other people about potential recruits.
- Invite the recruit to become a part of the ministry as a fly on the wall.
- Enlist preteens and teens.

# BUDGET

Tip #1: Carefully think through curriculum

Tip #2: Invest into leaders

Tip #3: Plan out expenses for each month

Tip #4: Keep it flexible

Tip #5: Plan for an income

# BUDGET

Tip #6: Prioritize the funds

Tip #7: Run it by a couple adult youth leaders

Tip #8: Be careful about mixing your own finances

Tip #9: Fundraisers and Sponsorships.

# ATTENDANCE

- Build personal relationships with the kids you're in touch with.
- Build personal relationships with the parents of the kids you're in touch with.
- Remain in touch throughout the week.
- Facilitate an environment where those kids can build relationships with each other.



# **FACILITIES AND SPACE**



# CAST VISION

A smaller-church children's ministry must envision what it can accomplish through a reliance upon God's power. Too many times we see the obstacles and forget this is God's opportunity.

What we see as a barrier might really be God's eventual blessing. What stands before us as a problem is likely possibility in disguise. When we look with temporary eyes, we will always miss the eternal.