



Course Title

MVP Leadership for Children's Ministry (Level 2)

Course Description

We believe that God passionately loves children. He has given parents and church a mission to nurture the young ones well in the Kingdom of God. Children are not only our future spiritual warriors but also church of today. They deserve our best attention, resources and effort. As a pastor, a church leader, a Sunday school teacher or a parent, we have to work together to provide the best environment for their spiritual growth and to share with them the love of God

This course will move into advanced topics in Children's Ministry leadership. Through lecturing, hands-on activities and small group discussions, students will gain insights of top issues in this ministry field. The approach of a learning community is employed in class for encouraging shared expertise. Students will also be introduced to practical tips and strategies in leading Children's Ministry to move forward in this fast-paced world as well as to examine our own leadership. Topics include CM leadership, volunteerism, family ministry, safety and security.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should gain an understanding and practical suggestions on the following topics:

- Leadership in Children's Ministry
 - Keys of CM leadership
 - Stepping into a new CM role
 - Leading the team in a new dimension
- Examine church safety and security issues
- Volunteerism
 - Recruitment
 - Training
 - Retention
 - Team building
- Family ministry
- Family-church partnership

Course Requirements

Text Book

“I Blew It: the biggest mistakes I’ve made in kids’ ministry and how you can avoid them”
by Brian Dollar. (Springfield, Missouri: Influence Resources, 2012)

Course Schedule

(Every Monday 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *** online course via Zoom ***)

Sept 14, 2026	7 Pillars of Children’s Ministry Leadership (Part 1)
Sept 21, 2026	7 Pillars of Children’s Ministry Leadership (Part 2)
Sept 28, 2026	Volunteer Recruitment (to be discussed in class for the date)
Oct 05, 2026	Team Building of CM
Oct 12/Oct 13 (TBD)	Family-Church Partnership (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Oct 19, 2026	CM Leadership in a New Role / New Dimension
Oct 26, 2026	Safety and Security
Nov 02, 2026	Group Presentations

Assignments

1. Class Participation and Attendance – 10%

- This course is designed for significant discussion in small groups and participation. Students are expected to attend all 8 classes in order to gain the greatest benefit. To complete this course successfully, participants must NOT miss more than 2 classes.

2. Insights from Class Materials and Textbook Reading
 - a. One insight (a paragraph) per week from the lecture – 25%
 - b. One insight (a paragraph) for each chapter of reading – 25%
 - c. Due date: Oct 12 (for Lesson #1-4 and Ch. 1, 2, 6, 9, 7, 12) and
Nov 02 (for Lesson #5-7 and Ch. 5, 11, 3, 4, 8, 10)

3. Small Group Discussion and Presentation – 40%

This course encourages interaction and discussion within a learning community for mutual benefits. Students will discuss on insights they gained from the previous class materials and assigned reading chapters from the textbook. In the last class (Nov 02), the small group gives a creative presentation on a selected course topic

** Note: Format of submitted reports → double spacing, fonts 12, Times New Roman

Group Presentation Requirements

Group contents:

- Choice 1: Volunteer Recruitment & Training
- Choice 2: Team Building
- Choice 3: Family Ministry

Group Presentation:

- 20 minutes max.
- Suggestions for improvements on the assigned topic
- Scenario:
 - Mid-size church (350 people in total):
 - 120 young couples
 - 40 young adults
 - 60 middle aged
 - 30 seniors
 - 30 youth (aged 12 – 18)
 - 60 children (aged 4-11)
 - 10 babies/ toddlers
 - Congregations:
 - 2 Worships (E+C)
 - 2 Sunday Schools (E+C)
 - Children Sunday School (4 classes) + Children Worship
 - CM Team:
 - 24 volunteers, monthly rotation
 - CM committee with 4 people
- Comments to / from other groups

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