Good Theology in Children’s ministry keeps Children in the Church

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*Handout*

The main point of this little book of Jude is verse 3.  *It is the duty of every genuine believer to contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints*. Let’s unfold the meaning of this doctrine under four headings.

1. There is a faith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. This faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. This faith is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from within the church.
4. Every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the faith.

Why do Children/Teens **leave** the church?

People leave for “intellectual reasons”  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Religious trauma \_\_\_\_\_\_

Personal adversity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ social reasons - religious community didn’t welcome them

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Do’s and Don’t’s. Don’t Drink or smoke or chew or . . .
   1. Over 150 years ago Archibald Alexander, the first president of Princeton Theological Seminary, wrote some thoughts on “hindrances to spiritual growth.” The first hindrance he listed was “a defect in our belief in the freeness of divine grace.”
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to People – no community
5. Not live by \_\_\_\_\_
6. Only good things will happen if you read your \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Why do Children/Teens **stay in** the church?

1. Firm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has the Words of Eternal life (John 6:68) – \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a process Galatians 5:17; Romans 7:18.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bookends of Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is found in God’s Word
5. Three priorities, \_\_\_\_\_ first, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last
6. Walk with them in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith - stay relationally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them for this
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to talk with you
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in knowing when to reach out
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we can’t understand God or his ways

A Study was done – why do those stay who stay

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ -centered community experience
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worldview development
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disciplines
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - more the better