

partnering with parents

Why We Partner with Parents

- No one has more potential to influence a child's relationship with God than a parent.
- No one has more potential to influence the parent than the church.
- The church's potential to influence a child dramatically increases when it partners with a parent.
- The parent's potential to influence a child dramatically increases when the parent partners with the church.

3,000/40 Principle

- The average church only has 40 hours in a given year to influence a life.
- The average parent has 3,000 hours per year to influence a life.

As leaders, we have to spend some of our energy leveraging the three thousand while prioritizing the forty we have with kids.

How to Partner with Parents

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- Get to know the parents of your Hang 10 kids. When you call your Hang 10 kids, make sure to talk to their parents first.
- Believe that what happens at home is as important as what happens at church.
- Act like every parent can be a better parent. Encourage parents to take the next step in leading their kids spiritually.
- Inform parents of helpful tools to connect spiritually with their kids.
- GodTime Books, Fridge Door Cards, Family Forums, books available for purchase in the Island, etc.
- Communicate upcoming events for families. (En Route, Milestones Events, Salvation/Baptism Classes, etc.)

"Children learn in the context of relationships, when their lives intersect with the lives of others. While the most significant relationships in a child's life are the relationships at home, children have a better chance of understanding and interpreting life-changing truth when multiple influences in their lives are all saying the same thing. When parents and leaders work together to teach the same principles, it gives a child a better chance to make wise decisions in the middle of challenging situations." - Reggie Joiner, Think Orange

Key To Remember

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