

Dear Parent:

While you are attending "The Most Excellent Way" Support Meeting, your child is invited to attend their own support meeting — "The Children's Meeting." It is important for *all* family members to be able to share the changes they are experiencing in their lives in a safe and loving environment.

The children and their Mentor will discuss the effects of drugs and alcohol in their lives, and how to handle the past, present and future with the help of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.

As parents, we hope our children have not been negatively affected by our past addictive, self-centered behaviors. We hope our *born again* identity and new behaviors will be enough to erase their memories and insecurities of their pasts.

Children, especially, internalize and avoid talking about family experiences and problems. They are often trapped by past fears and insecurity because of our behavior as addicted parents. Children, however, are more resilient than we are. Given the opportunity to "speak the truth" with their peers, they are freed to trust in the new lifestyle you are now living and sharing with your child(ren).

Just as we profit and grow from the encouragement and comfort of those who understand where we've been, so will our children.

"The Children's Meeting" is a strictly *confidential* environment.

Just as we have learned the power of God's Holy Spirit guiding us into making right choices, we trust He will do the same for our children. Jesus Christ — His friendship, love and caring — and Biblical values will be the center of our meeting. Our children will learn how to choose and develop right attitudes.

We look forward to serving your sons and daughters! ♥

"The Children's Meeting
Volunteer Leaders

"The Children's Meeting"

is a unique environment — an alternative to childcare — in which youngsters freely express their feelings of confusion, fear, hopelessness, guilt and frustration typically experienced by children living with chemically dependent parents. Our children are loved and validated.

And . . .

We sing songs together.

We pray and play together.

We learn about Jesus from the Bible.

We encourage each other.

We do craft projects and enjoy a treat.

We have fun . . . together!



MEETING INFORMATION

Day: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Meeting Leader: _____

Telephone: _____



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"The Children's Meeting"



"Helping Our Children Grow in God's
Love, Acceptance and Forgiveness"

The Most Excellent Way

"Ten Attitudes of Victorious Living"

for "The Children's Meeting"

1. I know I can't change what drugs and alcohol have done to my life, and I know I'm not responsible for how others behave.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 NIV

2. I believe Jesus Christ can make me into a new person and give me a new life.

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NIV

3. I give myself and my life to Jesus.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 NIV

4. I learn about God and His love in the Bible. I will be the person Jesus wants me to be.

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Matthew 5:6 NIV

5. I ask God to forgive me for my sins. I forgive people who hurt me.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 NIV

6. I want to live the way God wants me to, by doing my best everyday.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8 NIV

7. I say I'm sorry to the people I have hurt, whether I hurt their bodies or their feelings.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 NIV

8. I believe Jesus has the power to help me through hard times and when I don't understand things happening around me.

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10 NIV

9. I believe Jesus is in control of all things.

Jesus said: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. . . ." Matthew 5:11-12 NIV

10. As a new person in Christ, I will tell others how Jesus has saved me from an unhappy life.

Jesus said: "You ARE the salt of the earth . . . You ARE the light of the world . . . Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

Jesus said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33 KJV

"The Children's Meeting"

Rules & Guidelines

1. Please visit the restroom with your child(ren) before signing-in.
2. Sign-in each child and indicate which meeting you are attending.
3. Make a name tag for your child and mark his/her belongings with child's name.
4. Save "sugar" treats for after the meeting.
5. No sick children, please.
6. Children who misbehave and will not cooperate with the Meeting Leader will be disciplined with "time out."
7. Pick-up your child promptly after your meeting — he/she is tired and is waiting for you!
8. "The Children's Meeting" is for the children of parents attending "The Most Excellent Way" Support Meeting. No exceptions.
9. Lessons and activities are prepared for children ages 4 and up. The number of children admitted to "The Children's Meeting" is at the Meeting Leader's discretion — usually six children for each adult leader.

Please pray for "The Children's Meeting" as we serve you and minister to your children.

May GOD richly bless you as you continue to grow in His Love and Grace — individually, and as a family!