

**East Shore Baptist Church**  
**Children's Ministry Mission Statement**

Partner with families to lead children to know God personally through Jesus Christ, to mature in the character and likeness of Christ and to put their faith into practice for all of their lives.

**Children's Ministry Core Values**

1. We believe all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17.
2. We believe that the soul lives for eternity and will either spend eternity in heaven or hell.
3. We believe that people can know God intimately and personally through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that Jesus is the only way to God and to eternal life with God.
5. We believe that prayer is essential in the life of Children's Ministry teams and in the individual lives of Children's Ministry team members.
6. We believe that unity in the body, which includes regular and effective communication within and between all Children's Ministries.
7. We believe that unselfish love (agape) allows us to overlook each other's imperfections and love each other through Christ.
8. We believe that each believer is equipped with spiritual gifts.
9. We believe that families are critical members of the Children's Ministry and as partners need to be included in all areas of ministry as consultants, participants, observers, co-workers and prayer partners.
10. We believe that every child is loved by God
11. We believe that God desires that every child come to a knowledge, love and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
12. We believe that every child needs to be taught and lead to a mature faith in Christ.
13. We believe that children need taught to be people of high moral character.
14. We believe that Scripture needs to be taught from a historical perspective and in present day application.
15. We believe that children are to be taught reverence for the Lord's house.
16. We believe that all children can learn even though they may have limitations that are not typical
17. We believe that God will equip his Children's Ministry Team with the skills, talents and gifts we need to minister to every child He brings.
18. We believe that we are responsible to watch for where God is working and join Him in His work.
19. We believe that each ministry team member needs to be held lovingly accountable by other team members to serve at their highest potential.
20. We believe that planning and communication are requirements of an effective Children's Ministry.
21. We believe that accurate and realistic assessment is required in order to provide consistent excellence in ministry.
22. We believe that every event needs to provide a safe, loving and caring environment for all children.