

# Discipleship: Building Relationships

Building relationships with children is vital to a child's growing relationship with the Lord. Sharing Christ's love for the children is important inside and outside of class. The Children will grow to enjoy seeing you at church and in the community.

Here are some ways you can continue to build relationships that began in Youth Group, Confirmation, community activities, your neighborhood, Sunday School class or Vacation Bible School.

1. A few sentences on a colorful card will let a child/youth know that you are thinking about them. Perhaps add a short Bible verse or an inspirational story.
2. Remember Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, or the birth of a new sibling by sending a card, email or calling.
3. If a child has missed youth group/class, you and/or the group can send a note to show they are missed and loved. Remind them that you are praying for them if they are sick or have experienced the loss of a loved one.



4. Call or send notes about special events at the church or with the group. A group gathering for fun activities outside of church is a great way to get to know the kids.
5. Take them out for ice cream or pizza to talk about what is going on in their life. Share ways God is working in your life. Ask "how have you seen God working in your life this week?"
6. Send notes of encouragement if the child has done something special in the church, school or in the community. Compliment them on ways they have exhibited behaviors that are positive and Christ-like.

