

## Children as Vital Participants in the Life of the Congregation

This checklist is a guide to help you see where your congregation is meeting the formational needs of children. Use it to assist in planning ways to make your church more inclusive of children. Use the space below to jot down how you live this out, new ideas, and changes.

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<b>Observations of the culture of our church community</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Our congregation feels comfortable with children in worship		
Our congregation prays intentionally for children		
Our congregation welcomes children in intergenerational church ministries and activities		
Children participate in multiple small groups within the church		
The adults in our congregation know the children's names and take an interest in the gifts the children bring to the church		
The adults in our congregation greet children on their physical level		
Our church displays symbols and artwork that are created by children and/or are child-friendly		
The adults in our congregation encourage children to use their gifts, and they support those efforts		
Our congregation is committed to nurturing children in a way that sets a faithful Christian foundation		