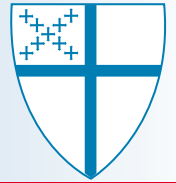


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Children's Charter

FOR THE CHURCH



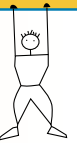
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Caring for Children

Children are a gift from the Lord — Psalm 127:4 (adapted)

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to treasure each child as a gift from God
- ◆ to tell and show children that God is love
- ◆ to make working with children one of the most important things the church does
- ◆ to include children in everything the church does – from Sunday worship to helping others



Ministry to Children

Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them and blessed them.— Mark 10:16

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to love and protect children, in the church and in the world, especially children who are in danger
- ◆ to support families so that their children know their own special gifts as children of God
- ◆ to welcome all children who come to us, including those who come alone
- ◆ to stand up for children's rights in our churches, communities and the world

Ministry by Children

A child shall lead them — Isaiah 11:6

THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to receive children's special gifts as signs of the grace of God
- ◆ to be a community where children and adults know one another by name, care about one another, and work together to follow Jesus' teachings and do God's work
- ◆ to encourage children's ability to show and share God's love and grace in the church and in the world

