

## Workshop Descriptions

### Kid Min Volunteer Workshops

**Effective Teaching/Engaging Children in Worship**—This workshop is for beginning and veteran teachers. It will review the basics of an effective lesson and then dig deeper into creative teaching methods to engage students in God's Word. Attention will also be given to time management and making effective transitions during the lesson time.

A core purpose for ECC's Kids Min is "Fostering hearts filled with joyful worship of God." This workshop will focus on accomplishing this purpose during a Kids Min hour in different engaging and effective ways.

**Effective Classroom Management/Positive & Constructive Communication with Kids**—Teachers, old and new, can struggle with managing students in the classroom. Instead of being stressed or frustrated by student behavior, this workshop will help volunteers learn the joy of discipling students through using relational boundaries-based education.

We live in a culture where negative and destructive practices and words are used in culture, schools, homes, and even with kids in church classrooms. This workshop will identify the nature of these practices, but most importantly will discuss how to develop Spirit-filled communication with our kids specifically in our homes and at church.

**Ministering to Children with Special Needs**—Volunteers will learn the policies and best practices for working with children with special needs to share with them the love of God and His Gospel promises.

**Fruitful Preparation Practices**—Being prepared for a Kids Min class does not need to be overwhelming, time consuming, or exasperating. This workshop will share ways to cultivate a productive and manageable preparation process to hit the mark each week with students in class.

**Panel Discussion: Building Healthy Communities**—This panel discussion forum will investigate ways to produce Christ honoring communities among teams of volunteers, among students in the classrooms, among leaders, in the campus community of parents, etc.

**Teaching Children to Pray**—Many times adults and parents are at a loss when it comes to teaching children how to pray. However, there are a number of different practices and ways to help children to learn what prayer is, why it is important, and to develop to talk to God personally and in a fellowship with others.

### Parent Workshops

**Intentional Discipleship in the Family/Cultivating Mission Minded Kids**—The most important job of Christian parents is to raise their children up in the Lord to be disciples of Jesus. This can feel very overwhelming and even sometimes it gets lost in the busy nature of our modern lives. This workshop will focus on pursuing God as disciples of Christ and investing in our children to pursue God with us. In this way helping them to see the beauty, blessings, and eternal promises of God's Kingdom as we live for Him and share Him with others.

It is easy for us to forget that God's Church has a global mission and is a global family. One of the most powerful things we can help kids understand is how they are part of a world-wide family and that God's global family needs to share His love and Gospel with all the people of the world.

**Raising a Strong-Willed Child and Other Challenging Discipline Issues**—How can we deal with the challenges of a strong-willed child and other tough behavioral problems with our children? That is the exciting focus of this workshop, and to show how God is faithful and His ways are powerful.

**Navigating the Digital World as Christian Families**—The title explains it all. How do Christian parents keep their kids safe, help them develop healthy tech habits, and discuss ways to shepherd the content they are seeing or might be exposed to on their screens.

**Devotional and Prayer Practices at Home**—Parents often feel weak in this area, and even guilty that they are not doing a good job with devotions or prayer at home. This workshop will share different ways to develop these practices at home and to also help parents see that every family is unique and that there is not one secret formula or method.

**Navigating the Modern World of Sexual and Gender Identity Issues**—This is a reality that we cannot ignore when it comes to raising our kids. How do we discuss these issues and help our kids see the truth of God's design for us and why it is important to live according to God's design in an age-appropriate manner? That is the focus of this workshop.

**Parent Group: Dealing with Challenges**—This panel discussion forum will discuss challenges students and their families encounter. Wisdom and biblical principles will not only be shared by the discussion panel, but can also be shared by other parents who have experience navigating these challenges.