

# Discover Your Vision for Ministry:

Emphasize the Right Things

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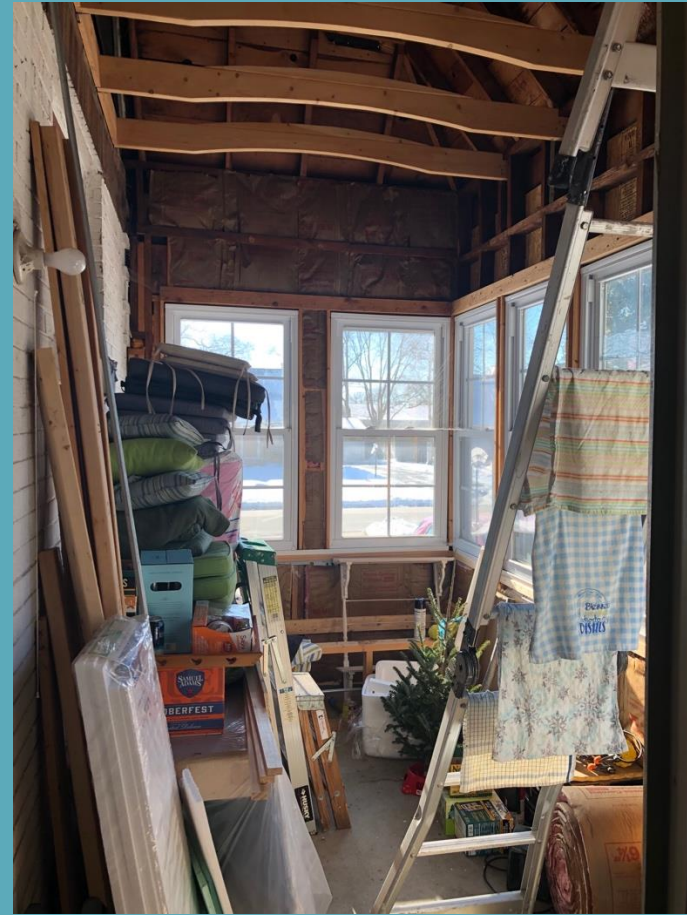
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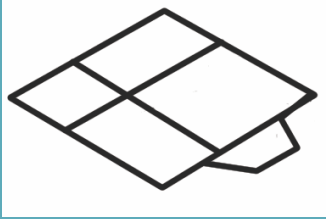
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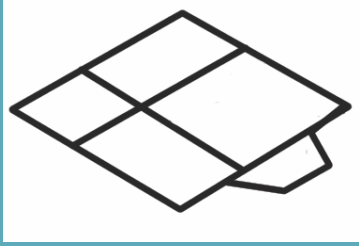
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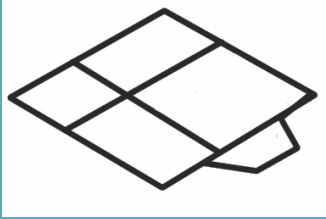
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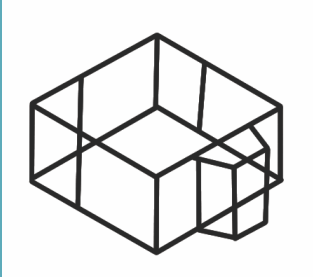
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A children's ministry might state...

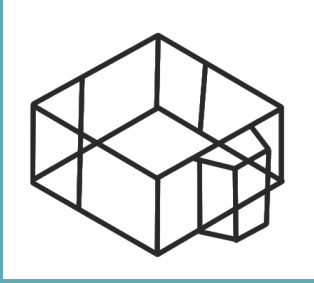
- We exist to disciple children to know, love, and serve God.
- Our ministry equips children with God's truth.
- We are committed to help children act like Jesus.



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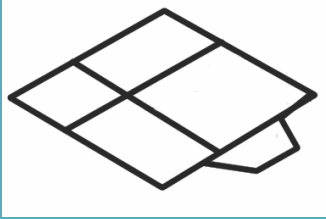
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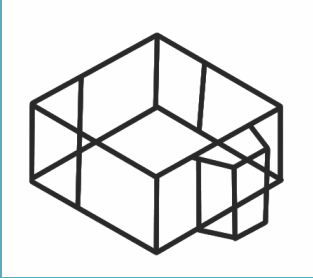
## Step 2: Building the Walls

A children's ministry leader might say...

- Large suburban, intergenerational church with focus on families (including multiple generations of families attending); consistent influx of new Christians; rich theological heritage.
- Small but thriving inner city church that is rich in diversity; equal mixture of traditional families, single-parent families, and single people; Highly values and invests in the children of the church, teaching not just biblical truths, but proper behavior.
- Mid-size church located in the trendy part of town; young congregation (most under 50) and very laid back; values new innovative ways of ministry; congregation is a mix of theological backgrounds, economic status, and age.



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Step 3: Building the Roof  
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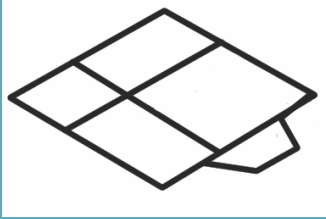


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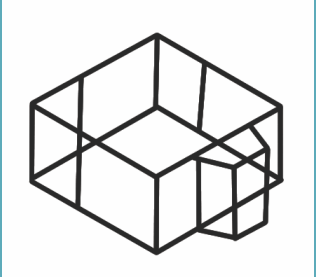
A church might say it this way:

We want each child in our ministry to be able to

- Know and articulate that God loves them.
- Show love to others - both in their families and in their neighborhood.
- Memorize and recite certain Bible verses.



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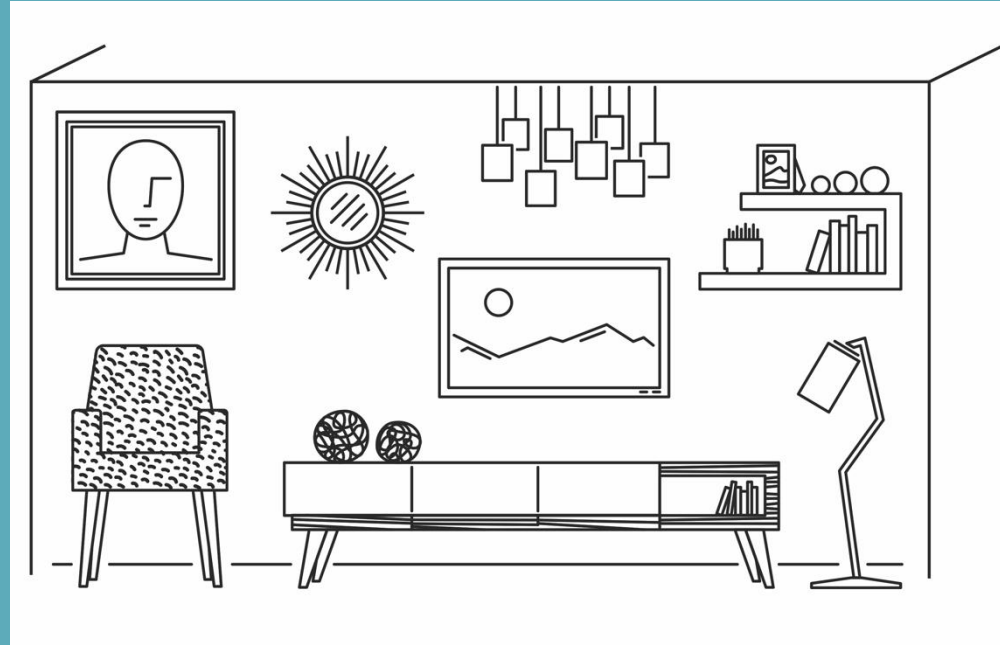
Step 4: Finishing the Roof  
What are the **BEST WAYS** to form a child's faith?



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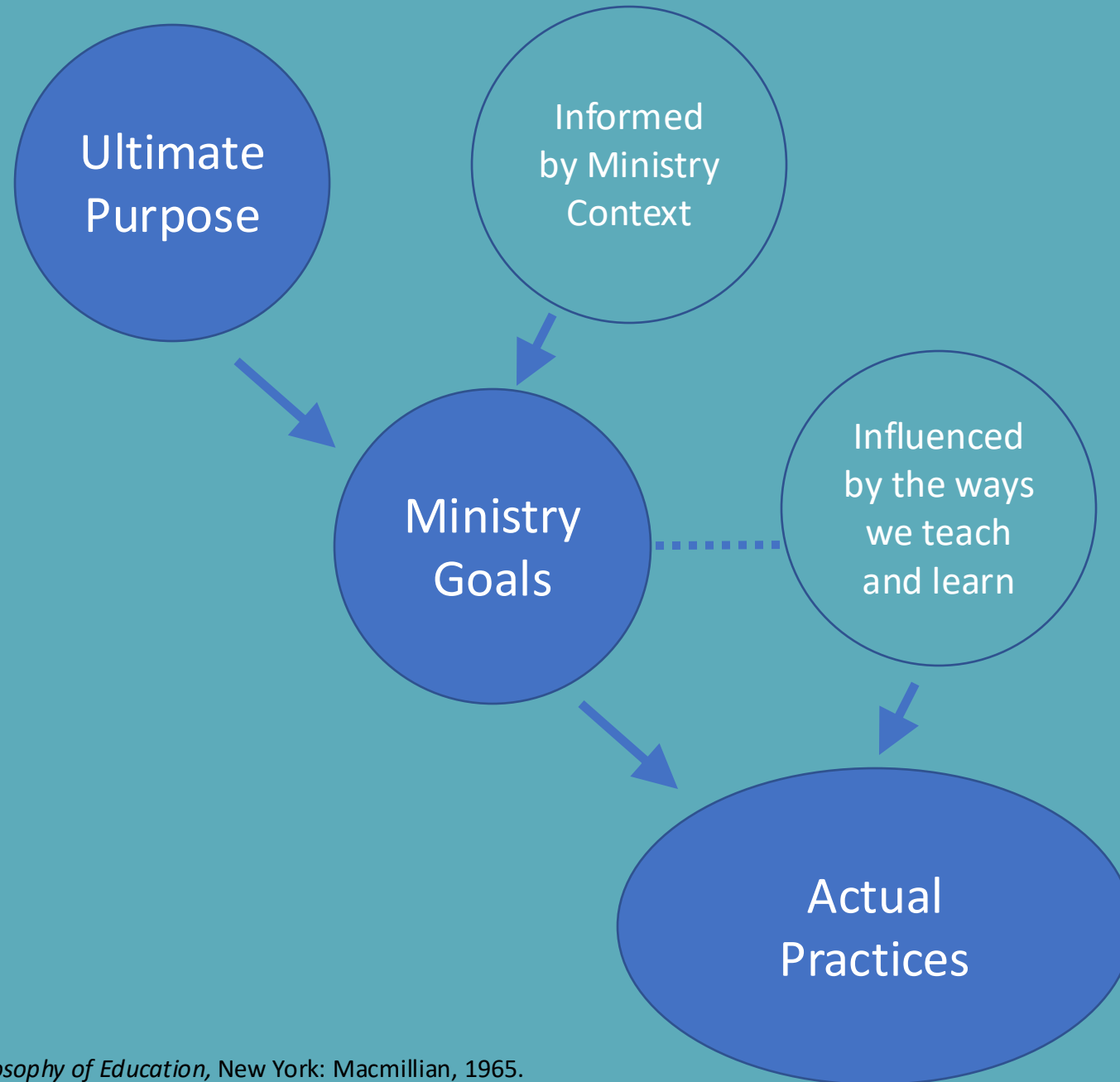
A church might articulate their understanding of how children learn this way:

- We believe a child's faith is greatly impacted by the people around them— young and old—so we embrace a relational type of ministry.
- We believe children learn through various ways, so we want a diverse style of teaching that engages all those different aspects of a child.
- We believe that story is foundational to learning. Jesus taught through stories. God's Word is full of his story. And we gain an understanding of God and ourselves by sharing our stories. Thus, we strive to be a storytelling ministry.



## Step 5: Decorating Your House

What actual practices will you utilize in your ministry?





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