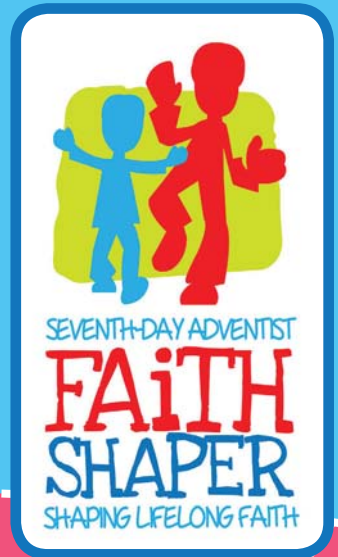


7 Essential Faith Experiences

God Encounters



- Provide an environment and experiences that allow children to encounter Jesus intimately, personally and regularly through prayer and reflection.
- Use learning activities that are experiential, multisensory, engaging and varied in learning styles.
- Tell awesome Bible stories and stories of faith that reach the heart and the mind.
- Provide opportunities for children to experience and imagine how their personal story is intertwined with the big picture of the Bible.
- Help children to enter into the wonder and mystery of the Bible through discussion and questioning and to respond using their individual gifts such as art, music, construction or drama.

“When children realize that they are part of this story, that God’s story is also their story, that God’s story connects with their own expanding self- narratives, they become responsible for ensuring that the episodes in which they make appearances are faithful to the overall script.” (David Csinos and Ivy Beckwith, Children’s Ministry in the way of Jesus, 2013)



“Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalms 119:105) “The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:3-5)