

# NT-NL Parish Lay Minister (PLM) Program

## Children's Ministry – Course Syllabus

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### **Suggested Reading** – Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions

George Barna, Regal Books from Gospel Light

This is an excellent book that challenges and encourages churches to mentor children from the earliest years of their lives. Barna admits that, for years, the focus of churches in general has been on adults and the reasons why we need to make children's ministries a priority within the church.

**Course Description** - This course is an overview of the ministries that typically fall under the children's ministry umbrella. We will explore the following:

- Why is children's ministry important?
- The sad truth about children's ministry in today's churches.
- How children's ministry looks different at every church.
- Large outreach programs and events.
- Service projects for children.
- Fundraisers.
- Sunday school do's and don'ts.
- Multiple Intelligence Theory.
- Creative teaching ideas.
- Reward systems.
- Children's sermons during worship.
- Gospel Magic.
- Organization and communication.
- Managing volunteers.
- Curriculum.
- Low cost to free online resources.
- CPC (Children's Pastors Conference)