



## *Children's Ministry Leadership Cohort* In-Person Retreat and Zoom Hybrid

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**What's Included?** Join a group of up to twelve women and men for a unique leadership development experience. We'll begin with a 3-day retreat in downtown Louisville. We'll eat great food, get to know one another, and dive into the first 5 sessions of our cohort. Jared and Trey will tag-team the sessions for the retreat, and at the end you'll have an opportunity to ask them anything before heading home and digging into the rest of the cohort.

Post-retreat you'll have 6 conference calls. You will learn to assimilate and train volunteers, build a child protection policy for your church, and partner with parents. Our goal is that you will be developed as a theologically driven, gospel-centered, mission-focused children's ministry leader.

"Jared has served as an incredible ministry coach in my life. He has helped me lay out a specific and detailed action plan for the church I serve in, held me accountable to it, and provided biblically-informed wisdom as I strive to accomplish this plan. However, as important as the church ministry is, Jared has a deep passion and concern for my personal and family life—leading me to set a similar plan for those areas as well. I highly recommend having Jared involved in your life and ministry."

**Brent Cisson, Family Ministries Pastor at Heritage Fellowship in Medford, Oregon**

"Jared does an incredible job of helping you keep the gospel primary while helping you evaluate your ministry and develop and implement an action plan that will help it grow. Throughout and following the cohort, Jared is personable, accessible and ready to help. As a result of my time with him, our ministry has benefited, and I have grown as a leader. Finally, Jared is a baller in arcade basketball (but I did beat him once)!" —**Cody Timmerman, Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, GA**

**Cost: \$1000** due by July 31 (for the August cohort) or December 31 (for the January cohort). Register before December 15th to lock-in an early-bird rate of **\$800**.

In addition, pastors and leaders affiliated with the following networks can apply for scholarship assistance to bring your cohort costs down.

*Harbor Network* churches should reach out to Kate Killian ([kate@harbornetwork.com](mailto:kate@harbornetwork.com)) to learn more. Please pay in advance, and the network will distribute any scholarship funds to you personally.

Please apply online here: <https://gospelcenteredfamily.com/coachingcohort>

Once you have been accepted, please pay online through the Quickbooks invoice you will receive or make checks payable to Gospel-Centered Family and mail to 1012 Sir Lancelot Lane, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Books Provided:**

Jared Kennedy, *Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission: Practical Strategies for Discipling the Next Generation*. Crossway, 2022.

Deepak Reju and Marty Machowski. *Build on Jesus: A Comprehensive Guide to Gospel-Based Children's Ministry*. New Growth, 2021.

Jana Magruder. *Kids Ministry That Nourishes: Three Essential Nutrients of a Healthy Kids Ministry*. B&H Books, 2016.

Jack Klumpenhouwer, *Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids*, New Growth Press, 2014.

**Cohort Calendar:** Our first six meetings will happen during our Louisville retreat in January. We'll follow that up with cohort video calls that will take place on Thursdays at 1 pm ET / 10 am PT. Dates for the calls will be distributed before the cohort begins. In addition to the retreat and 6 video calls, each participant may set up an additional one 1-on-1 coaching phone call with Jared or Trey to discuss a topic of your choosing.

<b>Meeting 1</b> Retreat	<b>Introductions and Overview of Cohort (Trey and Jared)</b> Read <i>Build on Jesus</i> , chapters 1–3
<b>Meeting 2</b> Retreat	<b>History &amp; Missionary Vision for Family Ministry (Jared)</b> Read <i>Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission</i> , introduction–chapter 2 Read <i>Kids Ministry That Nourishes</i> , chapters 1–3 Introduce strategic planning project
<b>Meeting 3</b> Retreat	<b>Create Welcoming Environments (Trey)</b> Read <i>Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission</i> , chapter 3. Read <i>Kids Ministry That Nourishes</i> , chapters 4–5
<b>Meeting 4</b> Retreat	<b>Recruiting, Training, and Motivating Volunteers (Trey)</b> Read <i>Build on Jesus</i> , chapters 4–6 Read <i>Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission</i> , epilogue Read <i>Kids Ministry That Nourishes</i> , chapter 6.
<b>Meeting 5</b> Retreat	<b>Protecting Against Child Abuse and Neglect Policies and Procedures for Safety and Security (Jared)</b> Read <i>Build on Jesus</i> , chapters 8–10 <i>Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission</i> , chapter 4
<b>Meeting 6</b> Retreat	<b>Ask Us Anything! (Jared and Trey)</b>

**Meeting 7**

Video Call

**Connect Kids to Christ (Jared)***Teaching Focused on Jesus* (The Lesson Plan Model)Read *Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission*, chapters 5–6Read *Kids Ministry That Nourishes*, chapter 10Read *Show Them Jesus*, chapters 6–7 (PDF distributed)**Meeting 8**

Video Call

**Classroom Management (Trey)**Read *Build on Jesus*, chapter 11Read *Kids Ministry That Nourishes*, chapter 11.Read *Show Them Jesus*, chapter 8 (PDF distributed).**Meeting 9**

Video Call

**Engaging Classrooms - Learning Styles Model (Jared)**Read *Build on Jesus*, chapter 12Read *Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission*, chapter 7–8.**Meeting 10**

Video Call

**Grow with Families - Discipleship Plan / Levels of Learning Model (Trey)**Read *Build on Jesus*, chapter 7Read *Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission*, chapter 9Read *Kids Ministry That Nourishes*, chapters 7–9Optional Reading: *Before the Lord, Before the Church* (PDF distributed)**Meeting 11**

Video Call

**Go—Sending Kids on Mission - The Broken Storyline/Sticky Notes Model (Jared)**Read *Keeping Your Children's Ministry on Mission*, chapter 10Read *Kids Ministry That Nourishes*, chapters 12–16**Meeting 12**

Video Call

**Ask Us Anything | Strategic Planning Project Presentations (Jared and Trey)**