

TIPS FOR CHILDREN'S STORYTELLERS

PREPARING

- Plan for about 5 minutes, and remember that rehearsals usually go faster than the real thing.
- Consider stories or illustrations appropriate for a wide age group (preschool - 5th grade)
- Consider stories that fit with the Scripture and theme of the morning's worship service – you should hear from a pastor or worship leader during the week prior to the service.
- Pray for your story and for the kids.
- Practice!
- Be concrete (if possible, avoid complex abstract concepts).

BEFORE THE SERVICE

- Meet in the library at 9:05 for prayer and any details.
- Be sure to find the offering basket and the clip-on mic.

TELLING THE STORY

- Receive the children's offering, giving each child an opportunity to bless it by touching the basket; tell them who the offering is for.
- Introduce yourself.
- Learn kids' names, especially if there is someone new.
- If there are pictures or visual objects, (re)position the group so everyone can see.
- No need to give the children treats or other items unless you feel they add to your story.
- End with a short prayer.



Read "[Instructions for Children's Storytellers](http://www.fmc-cu.org/sunday-morning/worship-resources/)" for more tips and detailed information; available at www.fmc-cu.org/sunday-morning/worship-resources/