



Modern-Day Joseph's: How Child Discipleship Builds Leaders





Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15



MISSION

THE MISSION OF AWANA IS TO EQUIP LEADERS TO REACH KIDS WITH THE GOSPEL AND ENGAGE THEM IN LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP.

VISION

OUR VISION OF AWANA IS THAT ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Awana By the Numbers

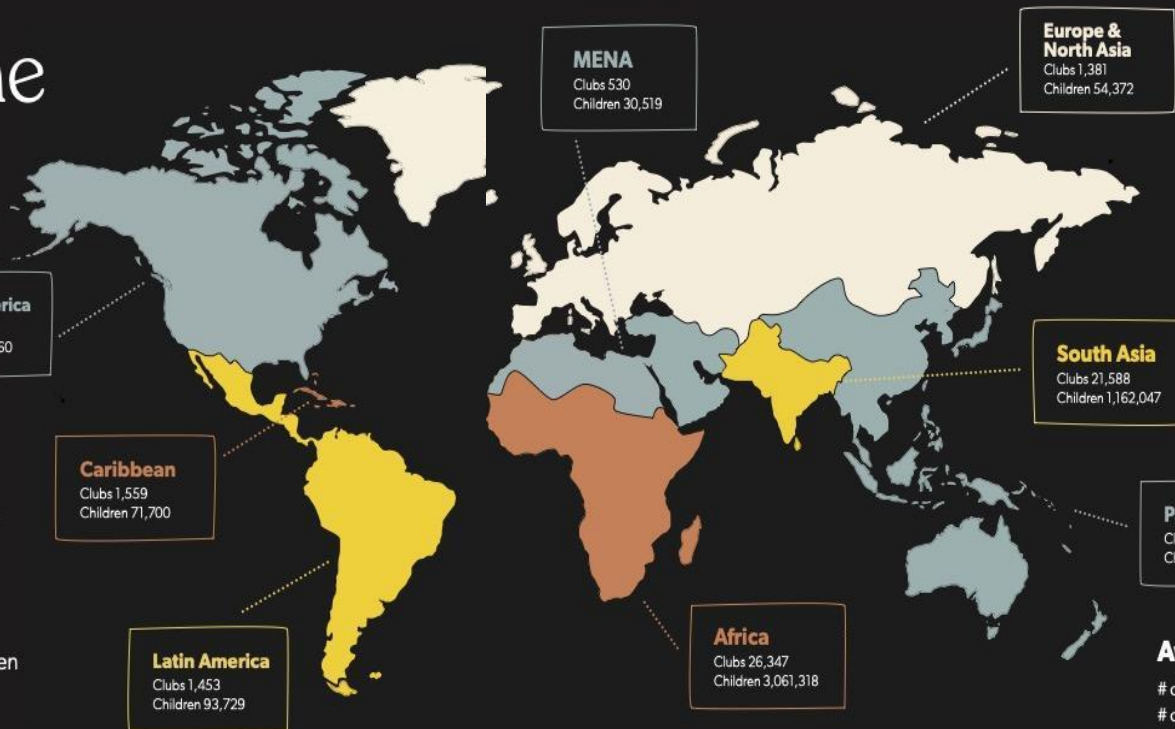


Total Numbers

133 Countries

69,982 Clubs

5,372,269 Children



Awana Missionaries

Clubs 10,142
Children 539,424

Awana Missionaries

of US missionaries: **60**

of international missionaries: **92**

Total: **152**

2050



Joseph: A Clear Target

Master Life Thread 1: Respect

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.



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Master Life Thread 1: Respect

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

(Genesis 39:6b-9)



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Master Life Thread 1: Respect

- Teach your children to respect human relationships.
- Teach your children to respect God's standards.
- Teach your children to respect human authority.
- Teach your children to respect God.



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Master Life Thread 2: Wisdom

*Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.”
(Genesis 40:8b)*



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Master Life Thread 2: Wisdom

- Teach your kids to know that wisdom is based upon God's truth.
- Build into your children biblical foundations for wisdom.
- Teach them to have confidence in relying on God's wisdom.



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Master Life Thread 3: Grace

Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

(Genesis 41:51-52)



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Master Life Thread 3: Grace

- Teach your children to respond with grace and mercy when wronged.
- Teach your children to view good things they enjoy as from the grace of God.



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Master Life Thread 4: Destiny

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.



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Master Life Thread 4: Destiny

But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.”

(Genesis 45:4-8a)



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Master Life Thread 4: Destiny

- Transfer a sense of destiny to your children.
- Teach them that their destiny is God's to choose; they must be willing to follow it.



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Master Life Thread 5: Perspective

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” (Genesis 50:19-21a)



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Master Life Thread 5: Perspective

- Teach your children the right perspective.
- Teach them to interpret events in light of God's sovereignty.



Planning for Their Life

Master Life Threads

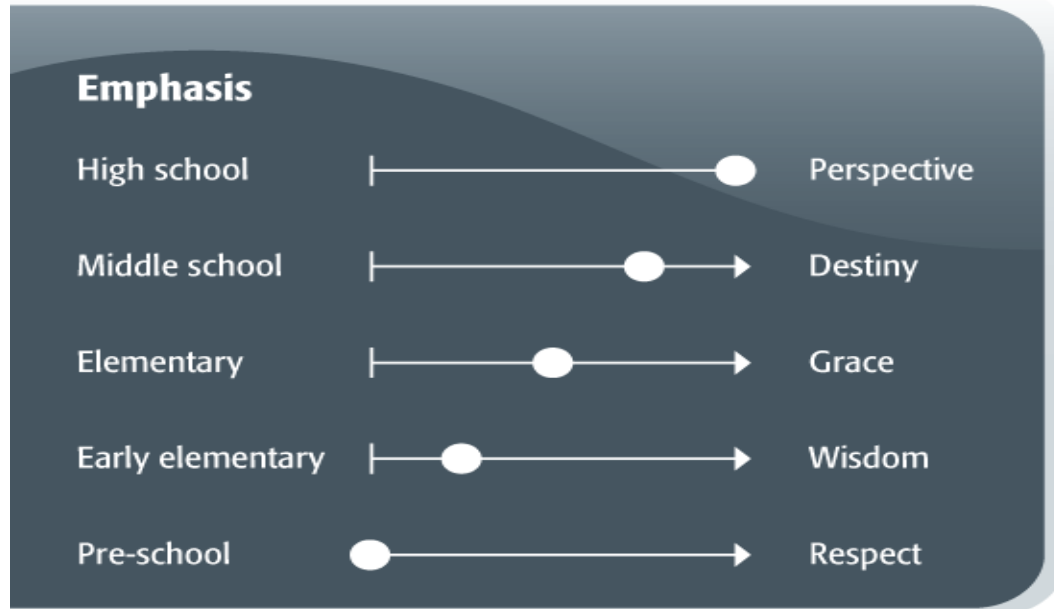


- ◀ Perspective
- ◀ Destiny
- ◀ Grace
- ◀ Wisdom
- ◀ Respect



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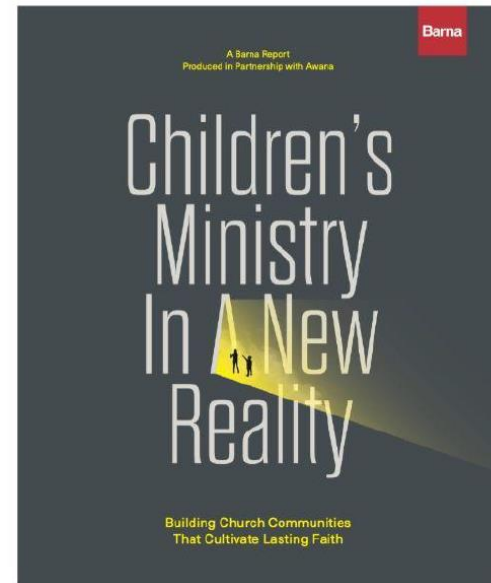
What To Do

Start asking questions of your church

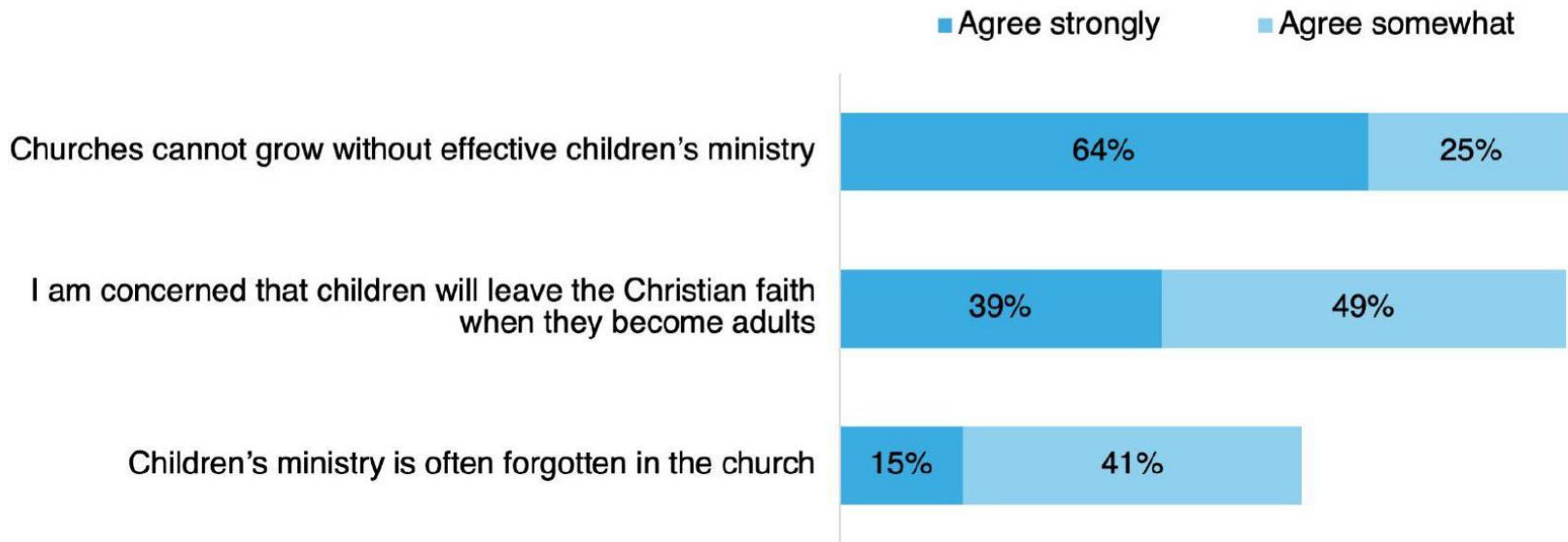
- How are *our* young people doing spiritually?
- Do we have a target for our kids?
- Can children's ministry and youth ministry be integrated?

Resilient Children's Discipleship

Research among Children's Ministry
Leaders and U.S. Churchgoers

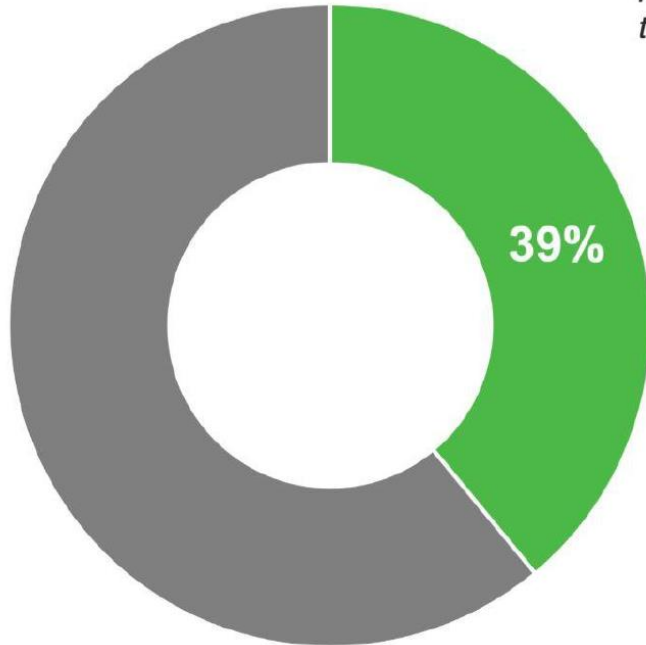


Children's ministry leaders agree that churches cannot grow without effective children's ministry, but collectively they are concerned about children's future faith and over half agree their work is often forgotten.



A positive, meaningful relationship with a mentoring adult

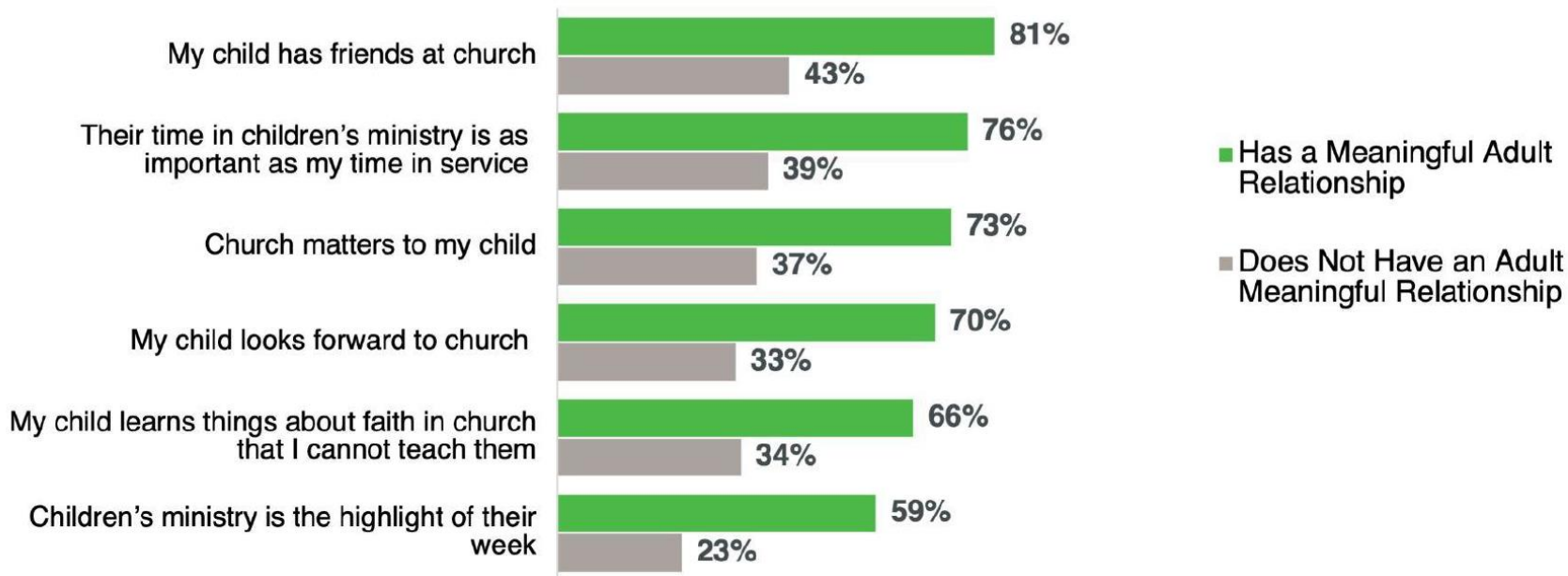
“Yes” that ‘Other than yourself, does your child have a positive, meaningful relationship with an adult at your church?’ and “Completely true” that ‘My child has a meaningful relationship with a mentoring adult’



2 out of 5 children in the children's ministry have a positive, meaningful relationship with a mentoring adult.

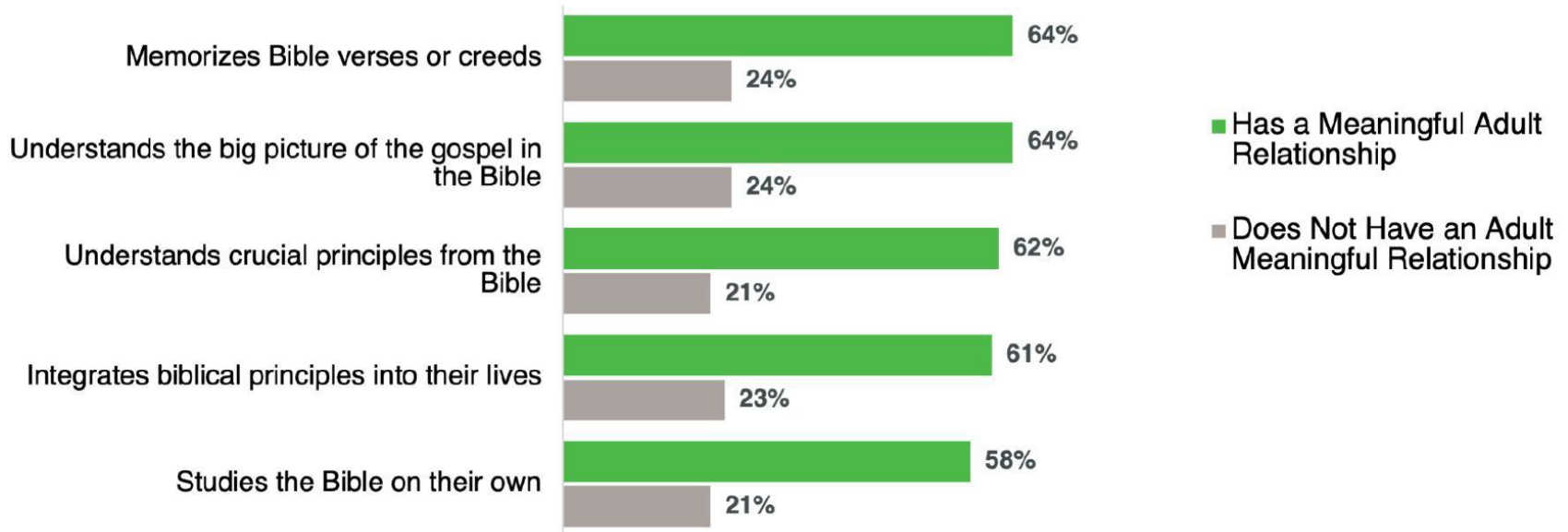
Children with a meaningful relationship with an adult are more likely to engage in their church...

Thinking about how your children interact with church and children's ministry, how much would you agree or disagree with the following?
% Agree Strongly



... and are nearly 3 times more likely to be rooted in scripture.

Thinking about your child and their experience at church, how true are the following about them? “My child...”
% Completely True





What To Do

Start asking questions of parents

- What do you want to be able to say about your children when they are in their 30s?
- When is the best time of life to impact that?
- Who can make the best impact?
- Do you need help?



What's Important?

To raise young people who know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, churches and parents must work together to carry out a plan that focuses on a clear target.

For such a time as this, our target is a **Modern-Day Joseph.**

