

ABSTRACT

In my opinion, children evangelism is a much-neglected ministry in the Anglican Church of the Diocesan of Sabah. In some churches, children ministry is merely a baby-sitting ministry. Churches use all means to try to reach out to the lost. However, they fail to recognize that out-reach through the children can be one of the most effective tools of evangelism. This thesis therefore is set out to examine the various aspects of children evangelism and to determine whether children ministry can be an effective evangelistic tool.

The first part of the thesis seeks to analyze critically some issues concerning children evangelism and to listen to the opinion of some scholars on this subject. It is crucial that ministry with children, like all other ministries, must be evaluated from the perspective of theology. Thus, we will then proceed to examine and to explore the theological foundation on issues relating to children especially in relation to outreach to children.

Next, we will look into the critical areas in child development that will help us to further understand how we can shape ministry with children. We will then try to integrate both the human developmental theories with theology and explore the implications of bringing these two studies together as there is apparently an advantage in embracing and integrating both biblical theology and human development theory in the study of child evangelism

Finally, we will then attempt to suggest some workable solutions and to design an effective evangelistic children program that can be implemented in some of the Anglican churches in the Diocese of Sabah.