

Thoughts from a parent of Jurong Christian Church Kindergarten

My son, Joash, is really growing up fast now that he is in primary 1. In a way his "carefree" days are past, given that in Kindergarten his learning involves games and songs and creative play. This makes learning fun and a joy for young children like him. Primary school learning is more structured now and involves more rote learning, reading and writing.



As a parent, I'm actually very grateful to Jurong Christian Church Kindergarten for the education and foundation that they provided for Joash, making the transition over to Primary school a smooth one for him. I knew a parent from JCKK who drew her child out from the school to put her in childcare for the last year. I had a brief conversation with her and she actually regretted doing so as she felt that the teachers at JCKK were more responsible and caring towards the children. As such I am very pleased with the decision that I made in enrolling Joash at JCKK, and more so that he is being inculcated with Christian values.



The childhood education in Singapore is changing. Church-run Kindergartens are facing stiff competition from childcares and the subsidies that the government childcares and kindergartens are providing. In the past most of the childcare education was provided by religious institutions, including the church.

Church kindergartens are actually a very good avenue for outreach as children are being read stories from the Bible and songs sung about Jesus and the gospel message. Jesus said "Let the little children come to me." That is exactly what the church kindergartens do in reaching out to the children and their parents. I



strongly believe that kindergartens are an outreach arm of the church.

As a parent and a Believer, I would be very sad if we lost this opportunity to be salt and light of the world. In this increasingly secularized world, we need to seize any opportunity of sowing the gospel seed. How and when that seed grows and bear fruit we may not know, but our responsibility is to ensure that as a church we need to be faithful in sowing the gospel seed. I am one of the fruits of the gospel seed sowed by JCKK. My parents who were non-believers then, enrolled me in JCKK and the rest is history.

I would like to thank all the past kindergarten principals and the current principal, Betsy and the teachers for their faithfulness in sowing the gospel seed to all the little children.

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." "From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise."



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