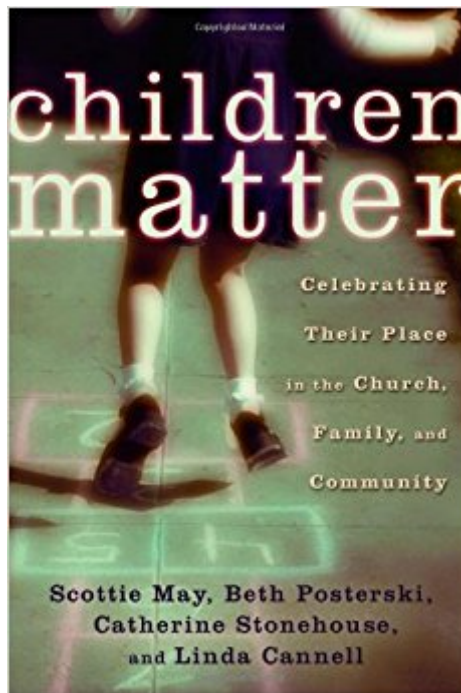




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# Children Matter: Celebrating Their Place In The Church, Family, And Community



## Synopsis

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Karen-Marie Yust *Children Matter* invites Christian educators to imagine the faith journey with children as a pilgrimage or dance with God. Pastors and teachers are encouraged to explore the contexts in which children live, investigate the biblical and historical roots of children's ministries, and make an informed and animated commitment to nurture a vibrant faith in their youngest church members. Through stories of their own ministry experiences, the authors make a strong case for true belonging and meaningful participation in the church for all of God's children. Theory and practice are interwoven so that church leaders can explore and try out new ideas, extending the conversation begun in the book to their own setting. This book matters for churches in which children matter!

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such a great book! This is something that children's ministries and all church leadership need to read, especially if children seem to be overlooked or falling to the wayside. I am not sure about the children being little adults (they've not gotten that far mentally or emotionally yet, as shown by The Whole-Brain Child book by Siegel, which I also recommend highly), but this is a treasure of a book and well-deserving for any class on children's ministry, as well as for church members and parents, etc.

Excellent information about ministering to children (and their families) in the church. Written by experts, but easy to understand. Helpful ideas and comparisons of different strategies and models for caring well for children in the church.

This book is an absolute must read if you are working in children's ministry.

This book has some good meat to it. I bought it to use in my study with the Nazarene Church's Discipleship Matters program. This is one of the required books. I find a lot of the book is outdated. It would be nice to see it revised. Good resource.

Ordered for an online course.

This is an insightful look into Children's Ministry. It brought about a tremendous shift in how I relate to my own children, and those with whom I have the privileged of working in our church.

it was good,i like it and i hope to finish it soon, i would recommend this boo to a friend

Awesome book

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