

# The Kidologist's Top Ten Experiences for Children's Ministers

1. **Sunday Worship** (See *your* church website for details)  
There is no substitute for regular weekly worship with your local Body of Christ. You are a Christian before you are a leader. "Do not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing..." (O.K., getting off the soap box!)
2. **Children's Pastors Conference**  
The #1 children's ministry conference. Often imitated, never duplicated. CPC is the first major conference any children's minister leader should attend. *No other conference* offers an Exhibit Hall packed with resources like CPC.
3. **Conspire Conference** (Willow Creek)  
Amazing corporate worship, "big name" speakers, and a wide variety of breakouts. Plus, it's in Chicago!
4. **Orange Conference**  
The conference with the most "buzz" due to speaker line-up and a unified message and challenge to creatively adapt ministry to a new era. Strong focus on partnering with parents.
5. **D6 Conference** (NEW!)  
A brand new conference from D6family.com championing a comprehensive approach to children and family ministry inspired by Deuteronomy chapter six.
6. **How 2 Conference** (NEW)  
Group's regional conferencing promising to help children's ministry leaders get organized and then be prepared to train their own leaders back at their home church.
7. **One Way Street** Conferences  
Puppet Festivals and creative art conferences around the country and as entertaining as they are practical.
8. **Kidology Coaching**  
If you can't travel to a conference, a seasoned personal coach can guide you through helpful materials customized to your ministry at your own pace while responding your current needs and struggles.
9. **Kidology.org Online Training**  
Leadership Development right on your computer that also equips you to turn around and train your own leaders and volunteers. Conferences are great, but when they aren't possible, focused training is still possible.
10. **Yosemite Summit**  
The UNconference for children's ministry leaders. No workshops - Just worship; No resources - just relationships; No networking - just God working. Spend four exhilarating days hiking in the spectacular Yosemite Valley with other children's pastors. It may be that the best thing for your ministry, is to disconnect from ministry, and reconnect with God.