

## THE ONLY BOAT AFLOAT!

Turn around twice and your young ones will be grown up! God has made them full of value, promise and talents or “gifts” that are intended by Him for them to use to help build His church. If you were to minister in a Children’s Church, you would soon discover that by the time a child reaches the age of 9 or 10, they are wanting to be “helpers”! This is GREAT and you are wise as a parent or leader, to find a spot to plug them in! If you employ them with small tasks and then give them more things to do, you will train them up, encourage their involvement and develop the giftings that God has given to them. All of this will help them to understand the importance that God has given to us to be in relationship with His church.

Paul spoke of this when he taught men how much to love: “Husbands love your wives, just as CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR HER.” Eph. 5:25 So we teach our kids to love the church because the church is the “BODY OF CHRIST”—full of God’s people—whom He loves and we love also. God’s people are not perfect—but loving and serving God’s people will bring opportunities of spiritual growth and development, opportunities to grow in unity, commitment, accountability and maturity.

IT REALLY IS THE ONLY BOAT AFLOAT—THE ARK OF SAFETY ON THE EARTH—THE CHURCH! God ordained her for His purposes in this world to shine His

light and love—via good deeds and servanthood. Kids can develop an attitude of servanthood early on—that may carry them into an adulthood of ministering to God & others. There are many ways young people can get involved: Caring for or cleaning the church or it’s properties, playing an instrument or singing on a praise team, being a greeter, being a teacher’s assistant and much more...

Church matters— & kids can be part of making a difference in the life and ministry of God’s Church!

**Let’s get them on board!**



### IPHC KID’S MINISTRY

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE CRAFT NEEDED:  
SCRIPTURE PRINT-OUT ON CARD-BOARD  
POPSICLE CRAFT STICKS  
ASSORTED GEMS  
CRAFT GLUE



## THE PROOF OF PATTERNS

We are surrounded by patterns! I walked through a quilt shop this past weekend and the patterned designs on them were beautiful... but they don’t hold a candle to our GREAT DESIGNER’S use of

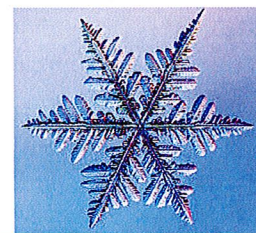


patterns everywhere in nature. His fingerprints and signature have been left for us to see! Take a few minutes today and look at the flowers—they are exquisitely patterned. Leaves, tree branches, insects, bird feathers, sea life of all kinds from sea urchins to sea horses all speak of God’s wonderful and masterful designing for us to behold. Even the snow flakes are patterned—each individual-



ly—truly revealing the God we love! Romans 1:20 says it this way: “For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been

made, so that people are without excuse.” Our God is an AWESOME CREATOR!







**MY FAMILY AND I CAN SERVE OTHERS.**

"By love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).