

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

World Vision®

STRENGTHENING
CHRISTIAN FAITH
IN CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE

Global Impact

Nearly **3.5 MILLION**
CHILDREN IN
67 COUNTRIES
participated in **discipleship**
and **values education** in 2016.

Every child deserves to **experience God's love**

In too many impoverished communities, cultural norms in parenting aren't built around the transformative love of Christ, and churches don't focus on kids—or aren't equipped to teach them in ways they can understand. World Vision has been working with parents and churches for decades—providing training, resources, and support that help children learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

» OUR COMMITMENT

Through the Christian Discipleship Signature Initiative, World Vision commits to expand our work to engage at least 2.5 million people* in activities that **STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

» OUR APPROACH

World Vision's proven programs equip and empower children, young people, and the influential adults in their lives: parents, caregivers, pastors, Christian leaders, and church members.

We **EQUIP PARENTS** through our Celebrating Families program to be loving contributors to their children's faith, using **biblical principles of raising children**, forgiveness, and healthy relationships.

We **TRAIN CHRISTIAN LEADERS** to nurture the spiritual growth of parents and children. Our Channels of Hope for Child Protection program equips faith leaders to lead a Christian response in **addressing vital community issues that affect children.**

We **STRENGTHEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**, working with churches and schools on effective, age-appropriate programs—including materials for Sunday School, Bible clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, church camps, leadership, and mentoring.



Children and youth know,
experience, and live **GOD'S LOVE**



“Start children off on the
way they should go, and
even when they are old
they will not turn from it.”

—Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

*Beneficiary numbers for Signature Initiatives are preliminary and represent a portion of World Vision's total expected beneficiary reach in fiscal years 2016 – 2022



A five-year project focused on nurturing spiritual growth in Uganda resulted in:

- Double the number of churches with child-focused ministries
- Nearly double the number of children reporting improved spiritual well-being

Transformational results: a case study in Uganda

From 2010 to 2015, World Vision donors made a significant investment in the spiritual growth of children by supporting the training of parents and church leaders. In Uganda, the results were inspiring. A multitude of children's ministries sprang up, and children experienced great gains in their faith—and their quality of life.

"The children feel proud," said one church leader in Rakai, Uganda, "because they learn a lot and become grounded in their faith." And the ripples of goodness spread: as a Rakai church member said, "... when a child benefits, the family benefits too, and the families make up the community." When World Vision moves on, said a church leader in Hoima, "the skills will remain with us ... we shall also pick up the candle and continue."

When resources are concentrated on encouraging the spiritual growth of children and youth, the results are measurable—and eternally significant. A church member in Butaleja summarized, "We shall [continue to benefit] from the church through our children who have been taught and empowered spiritually."



International Bible Fund

For families living in poverty—and even for some church teachers—a Bible in their own language is impossible to afford. But without one, it's difficult to grow in knowledge of God and relationship with Him. World Vision provides Bibles through partnerships with local churches, so everyone has the chance to read God's Word for themselves.

» A FULL SOLUTION TO POVERTY

We work in thousands of communities worldwide to help people experience God's love and address a variety of needs, including water, health, education, child protection, economic opportunity, and emergency relief—partnering with them to deliver a full solution capable of breaking the cycle of both physical and spiritual poverty.

» HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE

Please pray for this vital Kingdom work and consider partnering with us financially on these active projects:

- Christian Discipleship Where Most Needed (International)
- Bible Fund (International)
- Central America (El Salvador, Honduras)
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Philippines



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Contact your World Vision representative or visit worldvisionphilanthropy.org/Christian-discipleship.