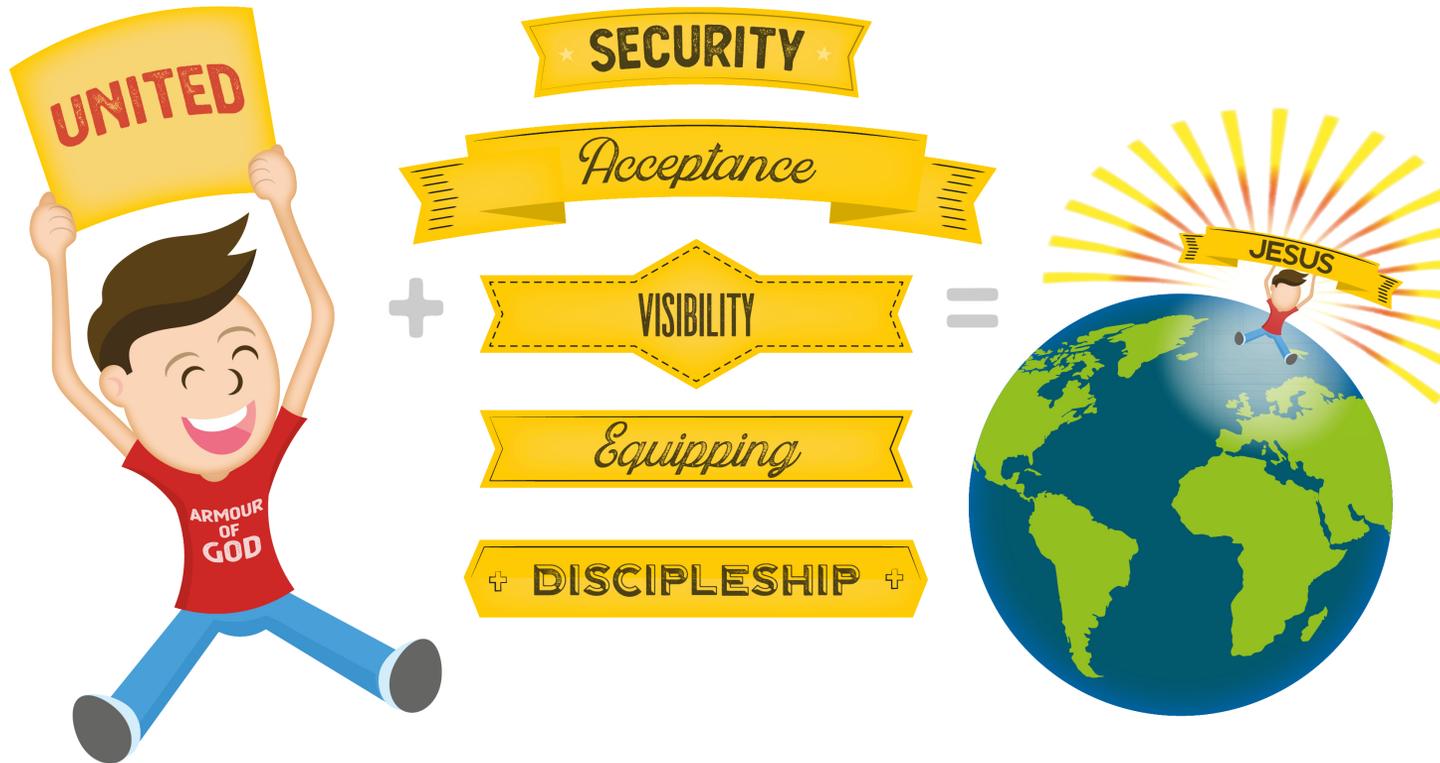


United's Vision



Vision

- ▶ Our desire and what we believe to be our ‘mandate’ from God, is based on Deuteronomy 6 vs 5 - 7 ” **Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that’s in you, love him with all you’ve got! Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children.” (MSG)**

- ▶ Our vision is

“Equipping our children to dig deeper and know Jesus for themselves”.

Our plan is to see the outworking of this in the following 3 ways:

1. Building blocks: discipling our children, building a strong foundation
2. Equipping: enabling the outworking of their faith
3. Outreach: taking their faith ‘out’ and taking the message of Jesus to their friends, schools, families and communities

Building blocks

Our children will:

- ▶ Love the Lord their God with all their hearts, and be on fire for Him
- ▶ Hear God and the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Be rooted / established / grounded in Him and in their spiritual family (the church)
- ▶ Know the word 'write it on their hearts' from a young age
- ▶ Know their gifts and have a 'safe place' at church to practice and grow in them
- ▶ Pray regularly, believing with faith and trusting God
- ▶ Demonstrate the fruit of the spirit as their 'normal' way of behaving, flowing out of being in love with God with 'all their hearts'
- ▶ Be resilient and confident to stand firm when the storms come - particularly in an increasingly faithless culture and society
- ▶ Feel safe and loved at church, knowing they have a 'home' where they belong, and that this is sustained
- ▶ Be secure in the knowledge of who they are in Christ
- ▶ Put on the armour of God daily - their 'first' nature
- ▶ Worship - well practiced in worship from a heart in Love with Jesus

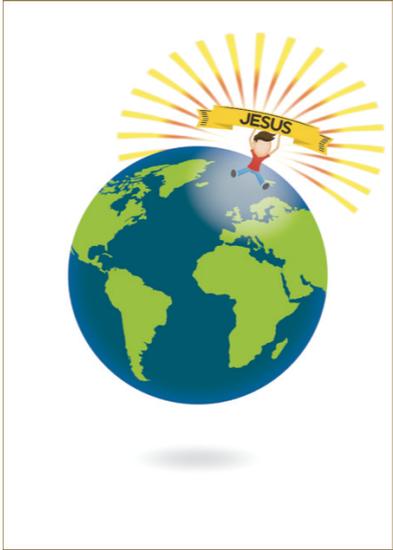


Equipping



- ▶ Our church and leaders will:
 - ▶ Provide a secure, welcoming church where our children are valued and safe
 - ▶ Help our children to recognize and move in their gifts, and provide a safe place where they are loved and allowed to make mistakes.
 - ▶ Offer the opportunity for our children to be included, involved, and practice their gifts
 - ▶ Provide a platform (not necessarily on the stage) for our children to be visible
 - ▶ Encourage the equipping and discipleship of our children

Outreach



- ▶ In the SCF family, everyone (adults, leaders, children and youth) will:
 - ▶ Participate in worship and prayer on Sundays and weekly groups
 - ▶ Be different - not conformed to this world
 - ▶ Recognise that our faith is not just for us, so will actively seek and participate in mission / outreach opportunities
 - ▶ Provide opportunity to express worship in dance for those who want to do this
 - ▶ Trust God to see miracles and encourage our children to openly celebrate answered prayer
 - ▶ Allow our children to influence our church and community for Jesus
 - ▶ Encourage our children to walk in God's purposes and not 'despise them for their youth'
 - ▶ Help our children to be a light in their community and live a life of example so they can follow us (the adults and youth)



We know this cycles around, that it's not just a straight equation of how faith works but that in everything we do there is one of the 3 elements. , They work together and rely upon that.