

Crossroad's Special Needs Ministry Purpose Statement

It is the purpose of Crossroad's Special Needs ministry to minister to and encourage the families of special-needs children, with acceptance and understanding.

We believe that ALL children have value and are gifted with an innate ability to know and experience God in their own way. Our ultimate goal is to facilitate ***inclusion**** of God's special children, that they might come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, and find a place of belonging and serving.

Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest."

Luke 9:48

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:12-14

*At Crossroad's, inclusion means that special-needs children are not set apart in separate "special" classes, but included with their peers in mainstream Sunday School, assisted by our loving, special-needs buddies.