**Appreciative Inquiry: Interview Guide**

What do you appreciate most about our children’s ministry?

Can you share a story about a time when you felt most engaged or inspired in the ministry? Saw God at work in a big way? Saw children “get it”?

What do you think are the unique strengths of our children’s ministry?

What three wishes or prayers do you have for the children’s ministry over the next year or two?

FOR INTERVIEWER: What three themes stood out most for you during the interview?

DREAM

*In 3 years from now…*

What does our ideal children’s ministry look like?

How are we affecting the lives of our members and the community?

What possibilities can you see for the future of our children’s ministry that do not yet exist?

PART 2

From our themes create a visual image of our preferred future.

Create a word image (provocative statement) to go with our visual image that represents the future coming to life for our children’s ministry.

*(Provocative Statements are action oriented, stimulate curiosity, grounded in experience. These statements should be in the present tense.)*