



UNOFFENDABLES
Graduation Manual



MEET THE UNOFFENDABLES



CAPTAIN UNOFFENDABLE
Unapologetic Bearer of God's Truth



COMMANDER COMPASSION
Loves God and Loves Others



FAITHMAN
Believes God and all of His Promises



SPIRITMAN
Represents the Holy Spirit and Fruits of the Spirit



WORD WOMAN
Knows and Applies the Word of God

VISION AND GOALS

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Rock City Church Children's Department, "Unoffendables," is committed to joining with parents, teachers, and classroom assistants to train up an **ARMY** of youth who advance the Kingdom of God:

A= Anointed
R= Righteous
M= Mighty
Y= Youth

We believe in ministering to children from birth to age eleven. Upon turning 12, our children graduate from Children's Ministry. These graduates complete First Principles Classes and become grafted into serving in the various Ministries of Rock City Church. As you look around our church, you'll see youth serving on the Performing Arts Team, Drama Team, Video Team, Pastoral Care Team, and Children's Team.

Did you know that a child's personality and character is often shaped by age three? During the course of a year, the Children's Department has the ability to impact the development of children for the Kingdom of God at least 104 times or roughly 30% of the 365 days in a year.

We believe that our efforts to impart the Kingdom of God into another generation will preserve a generation of children who will grow up to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, and mind and impact their culture for Christ. We believe that God still uses and speaks to children. God shows us the importance of children and highly esteems them in His Word (Matthew 18:3).

Children will pray, worship, make crafts, perform skits, listen to Bible stories, and watch live performances. We believe that our children should receive opportunities to put into practice what they are learning in class: winning souls, worshiping, praying in the spirit, laying hands on the sick, giving to others, and leading. Our children visit local nursing homes and minister at special events such as block parties and other special occasions throughout the year.

Above all, we believe children can experience God's presence and can come to know Him in a personal way. It is our prayer that you and your children will hunger after God and experience His presence.

GRADUATION OVERVIEW

The Rock City Church "Unoffendables" Children's Ministry hosts graduations in the spring and fall for children who have turned 12 yrs. old. The graduation is specifically geared to honor children who have regularly attended RCC Unoffendables Children's Ministry. This special ceremony is held on a Sunday morning during service. The graduates submit biographies that describe their talents, interests, what they'd like to do later in life, and how they would like to serve in ministry at Rock City Church upon their First Principles graduation and baptism. The graduates hand over a beloved childhood toy in exchange for a graduation certificate and a bookbag filled with special items, such as: a personalized Bible, personalized ring, gift cards, and other exciting items that would be of interest to a young teen.

Our children are called to be "Kings" and "Priests." The Bible (sword) represents being a king; whereas, the ring represents being a priest in covenant with the church.





**WELCOME
SUPERHEROES**

GRADUATION PREPARATION

The following steps are taken to prepare:

- 1. CONFIRM GRADUATES**
- 2. RECEIVE BIOGRAPHIES**
- 3. RECEIVE RINGS & BIBLES**
- 4. ORDER BIBLES/RINGS**
- 5. COLLECT DONATIONS OF GIFTS**
- 6. REMINDERS TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE TOY**
- 7. PREPARE CERTIFICATES, RINGS, BIBLES & GIFT BAGS**

A checklist has been enclosed to cover preparations for the graduation in more detail.

UNOFFENDABLES GRADUATION EVENT CHECKLIST

**This document outlines responsibilities and assignments for preparing for the graduation ceremony. You'll want to allow 6-8 weeks to prepare for the ceremony.*

I. Logistics

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Children's Rosters for Candidates | Debbie/Julie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finalize Graduates List & Invitations | Debbie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melai Bartley | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nyla Langford | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethan Vanja | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obtain Graduate Biographies | Debbie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tell Graduates About Bringing a Toy | Debbie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obtain Graduate Photographs | Debbie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographies Typed for Pulpit | Julie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order custom rings & Bibles | Julie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video Slides Created | Angela |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduation Certificates | Daniel Epps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reminder Calls to Graduates | Debbie |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Graduation Gifts | Children's Min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Amazon Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Below Gift Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (Sword: Representing Being a King) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chick-fil-A Gift Certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Stone Creamery Gift Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compassion Commission Certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journal for Notes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCC Bookstore Gift Certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring (Representing Covenant: Priests unto God) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rita's Italian Ice Gift Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subway Gift Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walmart Gift Card | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Interest Gifts for Graduates | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melai- Art Supplies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethan- Computer Supplies | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nyla- Firefighter Gear/CPR Training | |

Graduation Agenda

- Introduce Graduates
- Read Graduate Biographies
- Exchange Toys for Gift
- Present Certificates & Take Photos
- Prayer for Graduates & Honor Bishop



CEREMONY DETAILS



Graduates stand before the congregation. Children are introduced one at a time by having their photos shown on the screen and biographies read.

Graduates surrender their favorite childhood toy as a sign on maturing and stepping into what God has called them to in ministry.



After surrendering the toy, graduates receive a personalized ring, certificate, and gift bag that includes a Bible and various gifts centered around their likes & interests.



CERTIFICATES & RINGS

The framed certificate congratulates the graduate on completing Children's Ministry at RCC. The certificate is signed by Bishop and the Children's Director



A graduate with his ring, certificate, and gift



Personalized rings are given to the graduate, symbolizing how they are in covenant with the church. The ring serves as a reminder that they are "priests" and under covering of the Body of Christ!



HONOR & THANKSGIVING

Each graduate is presented to the congregation and a photo is taken with the graduate and Bishop! Bishop has the congregation stretch out their hands towards the graduates and he leads a prayer of covering. The graduates honor and thank Bishop for training and equipping them during their childhood by presenting him with a card and gift. The congregation comes down towards the graduates to high-five, hug, and congratulate them!

