

Characteristics of an Effective Mentor

A mentor is an adult believer whom a student respects for his/her commitment to the faith, and whom students freely choose to support, challenge, and encourage them as they seek to grow in faith and prepare to be adult Christians in the church.

An effective mentor is *not* a super Christian who knows all the answers. Nor is an effective mentor a perfect person who has never in his or her life done anything wrong. *(In fact, part of what this program will do is teach our kids that church isn't made up of super Christians who know all the answers or perfect people who've never messed anything up!)*

But an effective mentor is someone who:

- loves the Lord
- cares about kids
- is respected by a student for the way in which he/she tries to "live the faith"
- is willing to grow
- attends worship regularly (or is willing to do so this year)
- is willing to attend class time with his/her student, taught by Deb
- is willing to meet with his/her student one other time per month to get to know each other, and to discuss the month's "assigned discussion questions"
- is willing to pray for his/her assigned student, by name, every day
- is not the student's parent
- is the same gender as the student