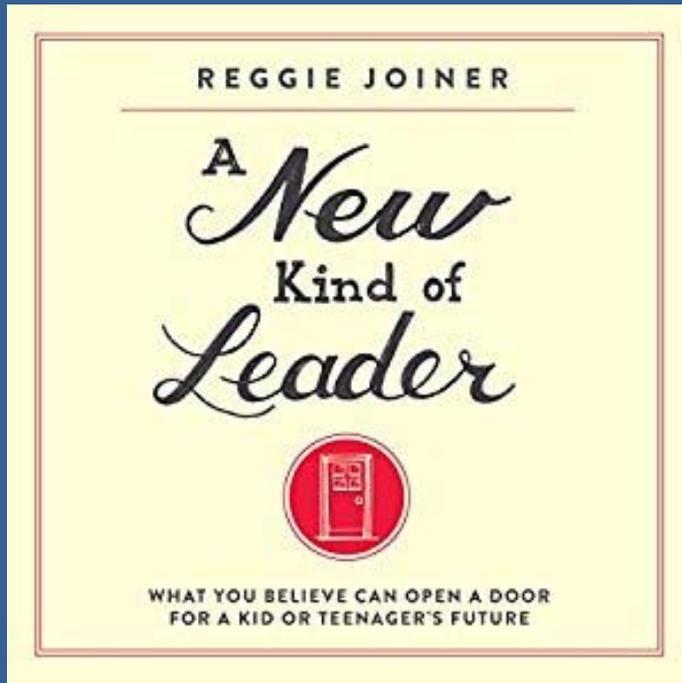


A New Kind of Leader



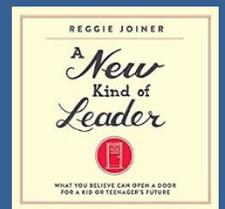
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KIDS Matter

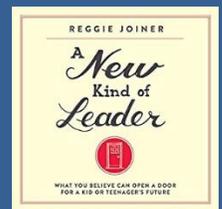
YOUNG PEOPLE Matter



Your church doesn't grow because you **believe** something.

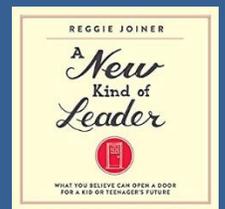


Your church grows when you **do** something about what you believe.



KIDS MATTER

Do you **ACT** like
Kids Matter?

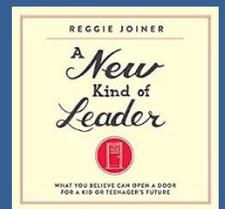


“It’s easy to get **distracted**”

“Whoever **welcomes a child**
in my name welcomes me.”

Matthew 18:5

“How you treat kids is a
reflection of how you treat me.”





Not only do KIDS MATTER
But **KIDS MATTER MORE THAN ADULTS.**

What you do for kids matters more
than what you do for adults.

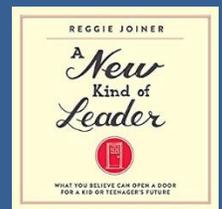
What you do for kids matters more
than you think it does.



What your **CHURCH** does for kids
will keep your church from dying.



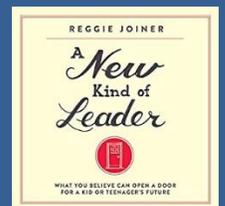
What your **CHURCH** does for kids
will keep your Sabbaths more
interesting.



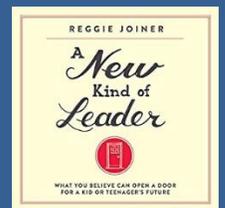
What your **CHURCH** does for kids will make adults better Christians.



What your **CHURCH** does for kids will change how they see God.

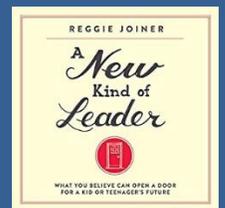


You may be **the best chance**
some kids have to **SEE God.**



What you DO for kids will transform the **culture** of your church

- Parents become more engaged
- Volunteers become more motivated
- Staff becomes more focused
- Everybody becomes more involved

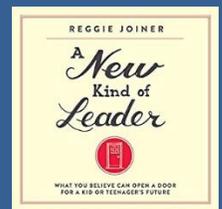


If you're not volunteering, **start**.



If you are volunteering some,
consider volunteering **more**.

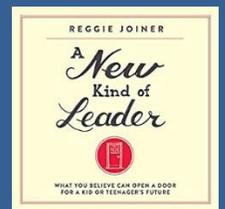
If you are volunteering a lot,
Then **find someone else to volunteer**.



**Kids need a NEW Kind of
Leader who will ...**

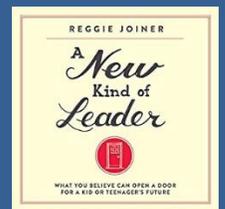


**VOLUNTEER to do
SOMETHING MORE.**



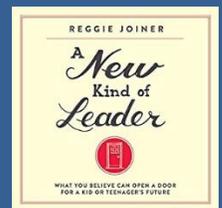


2 – Every **FAMILY** Matters



The **CHURCH** is strategically positioned in culture to remind us that **family** matters.

If every family matters, then we may need to consider the possibility that **every parent** (or guardian) matters.



Every person who is
raising, nurturing, and
parenting a kid
or teenager matters.

Regardless.

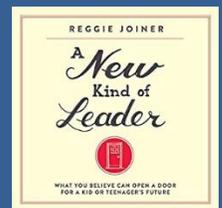
regardless



Every parent matters because
they matter to **God**.

Every parent matters because
they matter to their **kid**.

Every parent matters because
their kids matter to **them**.

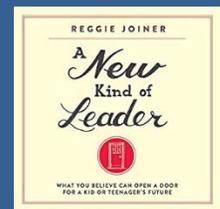


What happens at **HOME** is more important than what happens at Church.



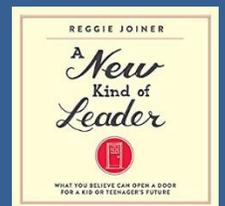
No one has more potential to **influence** a kid than a parent.

A parent isn't the **only** influence that a kid needs.



Truth ...

If parents don't think your
church matters,
you will have a hard time
influencing their family.

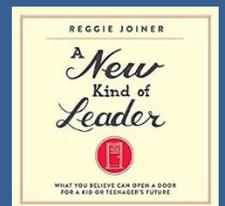


Families outside the church
don't **TRUST** us.

Families outside the church
don't **BELIEVE** us.

Families outside the church
don't **GET** us.

Families outside the church
don't **NEED** us.



Consider this ...

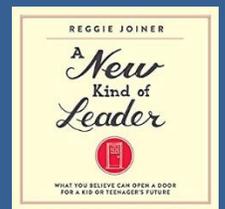
Your church has one of two
perspectives.

It's **their** problem.

It's **our** mission.



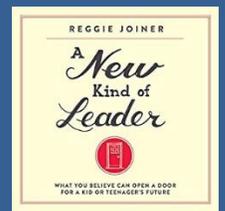
We won't change the way families **outside** the church see us until we change the way we see them.



Two Truths ...

Every parent
wants to be a **good** parent.

Every parent
can do something **more**.

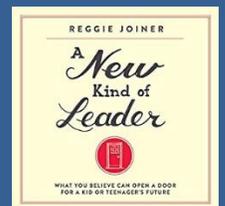


Every parent needs ...

To have an **ally**,
so they don't feel alone

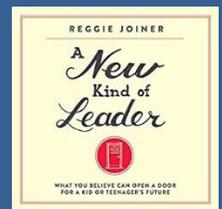
To know what to do today,
so they have a **plan**

To see how they are winning,
so they have **hope**



Kids need A NEW Kind of Leader Who will ...

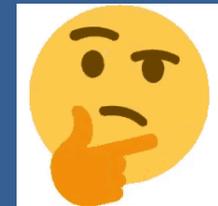
CONNECT with a PARENT.



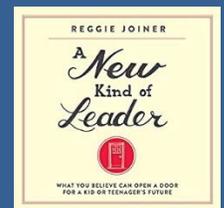


3 – Your **CHURCH** Matters

Thought ...



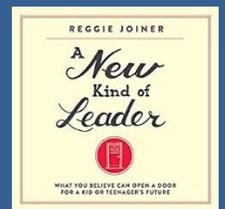
You are surrounded by
people in your **community**
who don't think your
church matters at all.



My church matters because ...

It's a **place**

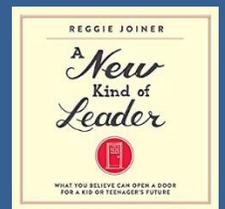
**Where I can help other people
And other people can help me
To **win** at what really matters.**



Your church is a place
(physical location)

Where you
(an individual)

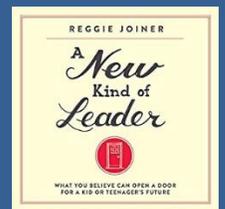
Can help
(get involved using your gifts
and talents)



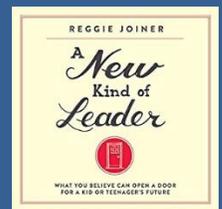
And other people
(a community that loves you)

Can help
(use their gifts and talents)

You win
**(keep moving in the right
direction)**



At what really matters.
**(God, Jesus, family, relationships,
worth, life, purpose, worship,
truth, belonging, identity,
vocation, love, etc.)**



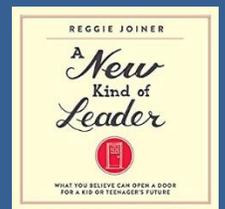
Here's the point.



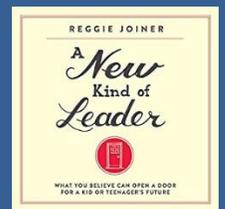
It's important to think
about church as **a place**
simply because
kids need a place.



You may be the best
chance a kid will have to
find a **place to belong.**



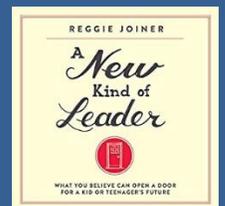
When you get serious about **influencing** the hearts of this generation, you start thinking about creating a visible, tangible **place** where kids know they belong.



You can't make
relationships happen.

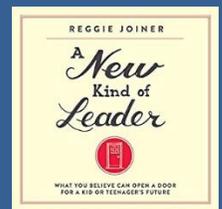
You can only create
environments that make
it easier for relationships to
happen.

Improve Your ...
Environment



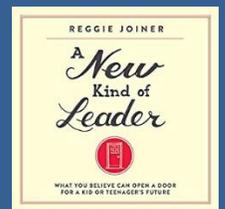
Kids feel like they **belong**
When they know they are
welcome.

Kids feel like they **belong**
when they know it's for them.



Kids feel like they **belong**
When they know they are
known.

Do for a few kids what
you wish you could do for
every kid.



Teen?

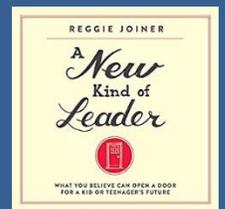
Tween?

Baby?



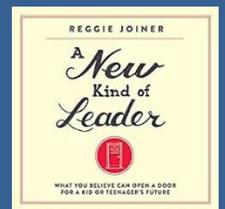
Kids need
A NEW Kind of Leader
Who will ...

**IMPROVE the
ENVIRONMENT.**



WARNING

“If you are a LEADER who believes that KIDS MATTER, at some point you will try to **CHANGE** some things.”





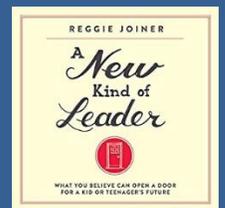
4 – **A STRATEGY Matters**

What is your **strategy**?



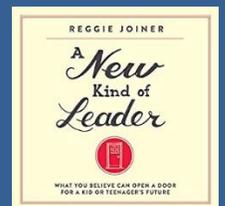
Strategy – a plan of action
with an end in mind

It's your **strategy**,
not your mission,
that determines
your **success**.

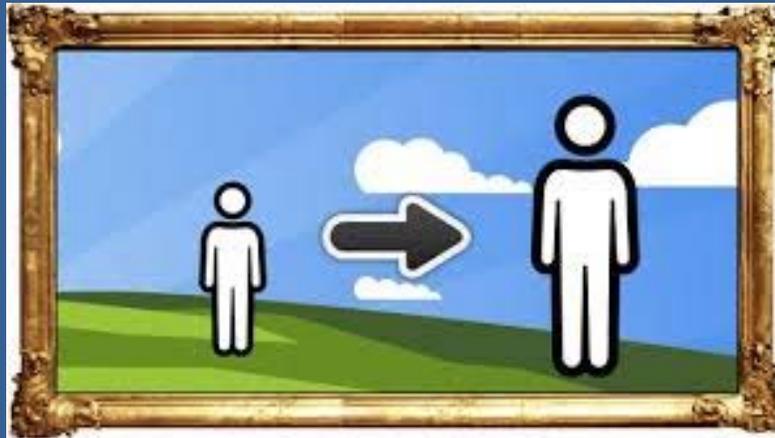


Good intentions without an
intentional strategy won't
lead anyone very far.

You aren't really leading kids
anywhere if you don't have
a **plan**.

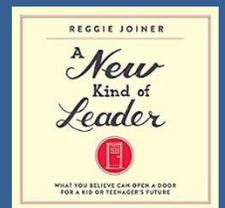


What do you want kids to **become?**



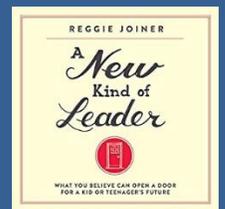
One big idea: **LOVE**

Love God
Love Others
Love Life

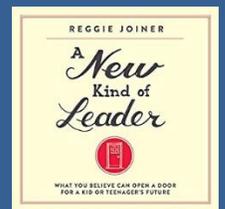


Where do you want kids to
be?

BE



What is the **optimal environment** in your church where kids can **grow** in their relationship with Jesus?



Leader who play as a team will ...

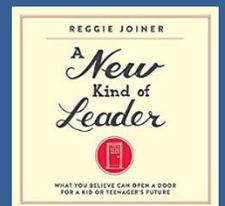
Articulate the common language.

Stay **focused** on what matters most.

Move kids toward **positive relationships**.

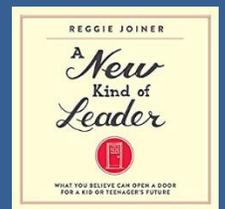
Champion whatever needs to **change**.

Follow the leader.



Kids need a **NEW** Kind of
Leader who will ...

PLAY as a **TEAM**.



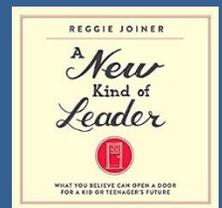
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A *New*
Kind of
Leader

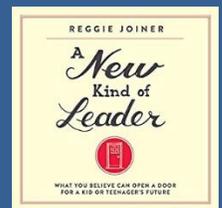


WHAT YOU BELIEVE CAN OPEN A DOOR
FOR A KID OR TEENAGER'S FUTURE

5 – **THIS WEEK** Matters

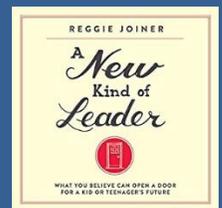


There are approximately
936 weeks
from the time a baby
is born until they grow up
and move out.

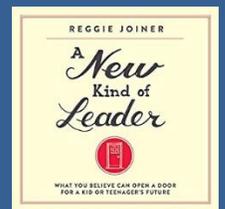


This week matters when
you **make it count.**

This week matters when
you **add it to next week**
and the next ...

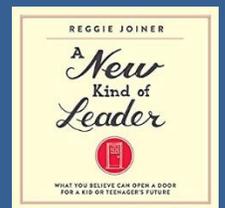


Some things take **time**.
Some things take **repetition**.
Some things can't be
accomplished in a **week** ...



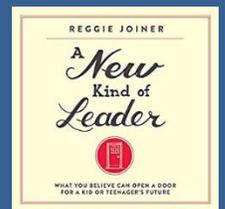
This week matters **even**
when you don't think it
matters.

WHAT you do this week
Matters More
When You
DO IT EVERY WEEK.



**Kids need
A NEW Kind of Leader
Who will ...**

KEEP SHOWING UP.

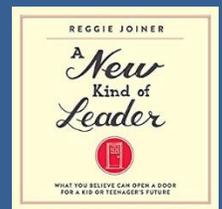


You can **show up** to help a kid do at least four things:

1) **Hear from God** by navigating the Bible, listening to stories of faith, and personalizing Scripture.



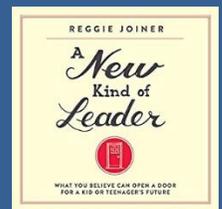
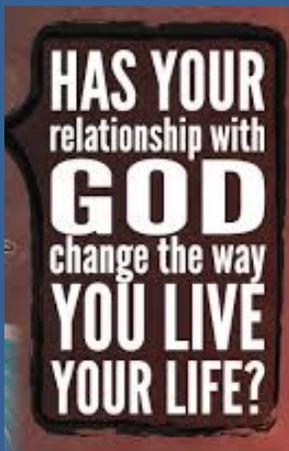
2) **Pray to God** together and learn to pray  personally and privately for the needs of others.



3) **Talk about God** with friends and other adults who trust.

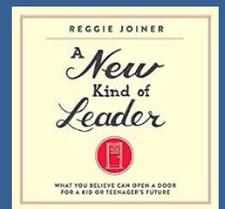


4) **Live for God** through giving, service, praise, and obedience.



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