



OFFICIAL CLOSING — A Charge to Our STUDENTS

August 14th, 2025

Dear JosiahKids Students,

With love in our hearts and deep gratitude for the journey we've shared, we want to let you know that JosiahKids will formally conclude its mission and dissolve its operations this coming April.

It is not easy to put into words the weight of this moment—for we are not simply parting ways with an organization, we are letting go of something we have nurtured, loved, and breathed life into together for seven unforgettable years. This decision was not made lightly. It follows countless hours of soul-searching, heartfelt conversations with the LORD, and an earnest evaluation of how things are going.

Since 2018, we've gathered as a community to learn, grow, and serve—engaging in bold conversations, diving into the Word during discipleship classes, moving with joy in performing arts, standing tall through public speaking, budgeting with wisdom, honoring and celebrating each other's strengths during our annual Buford Harvest events, and strengthening our bodies in fitness classes. Every workshop, every event, every moment has been a testament to your growth and determination.

Though this chapter is coming to a close, the story we've written together is far from over.

JosiahKids was created to educate, empower, and equip young leaders like you in faith, leadership, community service, and the arts. Our vision was clear: to raise a community of virtuous, service-minded leaders committed to reinvesting their acquired success back into their communities. And you—each of you—are living proof of that dream.

We see you crossing the finish line of childhood—happy, fulfilled, and empowered to make a meaningful life as well as a meaningful difference. We see you taking on

honorable work, shaping policies, building businesses, pursuing academic excellence, and yes—changing the world. We see you navigating complexity with courage, and most importantly, leading your families and communities well.

So, as we say goodbye, we leave you with this charge:

- Keep pressing forward.
- Keep dreaming boldly.
- Keep living your values with integrity.
- And above all, remember that you were made for impact.

The JosiahKids legacy now lives within you. Carry it proudly. Let it guide you through life's obstacles and fuel your fire to serve, lead, and uplift those around you.

Even though JosiahKids is closing this chapter of our journey together, I am not. I remain deeply committed to you and your journey—and I welcome you to reach out anytime you need guidance, encouragement, or simply someone to talk to. Your growth still matters to me, and I'll always be in your corner.

As we prepare to walk through this season of transition, please know that we are committed to keeping you close. We'll need your ideas, your voices, and your hearts to help us finish strong and say our goodbye well. Let's begin imagining creative ways to gather, celebrate, and honor the work and the relationships that made JosiahKids more than a nonprofit—we became a family.

It has been the greatest privilege of my life to walk beside you these past seven years. I have come to love each of you in ways I cannot quite explain. Know that the team and I all believe in you—today and always.

Please don't hesitate to send your questions, thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to us at contactus@josiahkids.com.

With all our love and prayers,

Mrs. Marlene | And The Team @ JosiahKids
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