Why Do We Have to Be So Quiet in Church?

And 12 Other Questions Kids Have About God

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God, did you make church just for me?
I think you did. Thank you.
Wait . . . I mean, Amen!