

KBF

Kids' Bible Fellowship Meeting Aug. 2009

Theme Verse

1 Peter 2:9: "...that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Mission Statement

"Partnering with parents in leading kids to walk in the light."

Why Small Groups?

KBF small groups were designed for the purpose of relationship building. We want the kids to look forward to coming back to church each Sunday because there are other kids and leaders there who love them and want to teach them about our great God. The 10-15 minutes that a KBF leader spends with the children should primarily be spent getting to know the kids.

KBF Group Priorities

1. Get to know the kids by going around the table and asking them questions. (you answer the questions, too)
2. Conduct the activity, game, craft that has been planned for that day (1st-2nd) Guide the kids through lesson application (3rd-5th).
3. Review Philippians 2 together.
4. Pray together

Curriculum

Generations of Grace: Revelation, Genesis-Numbers

****God-Centered**

****Small group leaders "take the baton" from the master teachers, build friendships with the kids, and help them apply the lessons to their lives.**

Memorization

This year, we are challenging our kids, parents, and small group leaders to memorize Philippians 2 together. Your role is to partner with the parents in memorizing the passages right along with the kids in your small group, so you can review with them. Along with reviewing, take time to remind the kids why we memorize. See the sheet called "Why Memorize Scripture?" Your role will also be to listen to the kids recite the passages to you. This should be done before or after church, not during small group time.

Attendance

Remember to check that all your kids have nametags each week. If they don't, they most likely did not check in. Please mark "P" on your attendance form for these kids. When you send out a postcard, mark "C" on the sheet

Dismissal

While the 3rd-5th graders are dismissed at 10:30, the 1st-2nd graders must be released to a parent. Each week, one or two 1st/2nd grade leaders should rotate to wait in the corner of the hallway with remaining kids after 10:35. Parents should be reminded to pick their kids up by 10:35.

5 Ways to be an Effective KBF Leader

1. Draw near to God.

In Psalm 73:23 Asaph says, "But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds." Are you drawing near to him in the Word, in prayer, in worship? Your impact on and relationship with the kids will be a direct result of your fellowship with the Lord. Keep Him your priority!

2. Pray for your kids.

Sunday mornings are a great time to pray for and with your kids. But, take time in your week to pray for them, and let them know it! Send them a card or give a quick phone call. Along with their parents, you can model how important and effective prayer is.

3. Be on time.

To say the least, things are rushed on Sunday mornings. For parents with kids, many times to just get all the kids here in one piece with their clothes on, is a huge success! But, I'm asking you to be ready to greet the kids by **9:15** on Sunday mornings. **And, if you can make it, we meet for prayer every Sunday at 9:05.** Being here when the kids arrive speaks volumes about how much you value them.

4. Model how you worship to the kids.

Singing is just one form of worship, but it is a very visible form that the kids can see and hear. Please show them how important singing praises to the Lord is by being in the CMC at 9:30 and participating in worship with them. And, it's okay for you to try to hand motions, too 😊.

5. Stay in touch with the kids.

I know this is difficult to do, especially when there are a thousand other responsibilities we have. Try to make contact at least once a month with your kids, whether it be a postcard, phone call, or showing up to a game or play. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "Kids won't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Make a point to talk with them anywhere outside the classroom on Sundays, even in the hallways.

Presenting the Gospel

I. Warnings

A. Decisional **Regeneration**

This is equating a particular act with salvation (like repeating a prayer, raising a hand, going forward, etc.) Children can be easily manipulated by someone simply saying, "who wants to go to heaven?"

B. "**Dumming down**" the gospel by using extra-biblical terminology (Just ask Jesus to come into your heart)

C. Giving immediate verbal assurance to a child who recently made a profession. (only God knows the heart—Jeremiah 17:10—"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.")

II. Reminders

A. Who is the one responsible for drawing a child to Christ? (**God** is: John 6:44—"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...")

B. Our role

1. **Pray** regularly for the children's salvation.
 - a. That God will enable you to present truth clearly.
 - b. That God will be pleased to open their hearts to the gospel (2 Cor. 4:6).
2. Answer the question "Who is God and what does He expect from us? (magnify His character)
3. Teach them about a biblical understanding of **sin**—how we live to please self other than God (2 Tim. 3:1-5)
Teach them the eternal **consequences** of sin (Rev.
4. Teach them the **gospel** of the **kingdom**
We have been rescued from darkness and called to live in the light!
5. Remind kids that we must:

Admit we are sinners (Romans 3:23).

Believe that Jesus is God's Son who paid the penalty of our sins. (Romans 6:23)

Confess Jesus as your Savior and King (Rom. 10:9).

Postcards

Postcards are a great way to stay in touch with your kids. Please send a card when the kids have birthdays, are sick, or haven't shown up for two weeks in a row. If you leave the cards on the paperclip in your folder, we will be happy to affix postage and send them out for you.

Sunday Schedule:

Prayer

9:05-9:15

Please be in the CMRC to gather with other CM leaders for prayer. Make this a priority, as this will help us keep our focus on Him.

Arrival

9:15-9:30

Be in the CMC by 9:15 every Sunday morning, ready to welcome the kids and their parents. Wear your name tag, and pick up your folder on the counter. When visitors come, ask the parent to fill out a yellow registration card. Connect the child to a kids greeter and a KBF leader.

Opening

9:30-9:45

Sit among the kids in the CMC and actively participate in the singing. Focus the kids' attention on what is going on up front. Two leaders should never sit by each other.

Lesson

9:50-10:10

Be a good example to the kids by following along in your Bible and focusing on the teacher. When you notice kids being distracted, gently remind them to focus on the lesson. If the behavior continues, reposition the kids.

Small Group

10:10-10:30

Move to your small group location. Start off by taking attendance and registering any new visitors (if they weren't already registered). Leave the registration card in your folder.

Closing

10:30

At 10:30, wait for the kids' parents to pick them up (1st/2nd) or dismiss them to meet their parents (3rd, 4th, 5th). Never leave another leader alone with a child. Please stick around until all of the kids leave. Return your folder and nametag to the CMC.

Questions?

If you have any questions, need assistance, or can't make it on a Sunday, give Brien a call at church 586-445-8910, home 586-741-6353, or cell 586-838-7200 anytime.