

Evangelism & Kids

How to build a last minute program for children



One Stop Shop Resource

It Is Written's "Buried Treasure"



Make Use of What You've Got

Old VBS kits are a great resource to create a program



Made from "Scratch"

Pull together object lessons, crafts, and sermonette from online and books

First Things First

Oh no! A last minute call from your pastor and they want you to lead out with the children during the upcoming prophecy meetings! What's your next step?

It's important to understand the expectations for the role you've been asked to take on. Is what's being asked a good fit for your gifts? Or, would someone else be a better fit? Before saying yes or no, here are a few questions to ask yourself.

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WHAT'S THE ASK

Program or childcare? These are very different from each other in resources and people.

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WHAT'S THE BUDGET

You'll need funds to provide a quality experience for the children attending.

3

WHO'S HELPING

Is it all hands on deck, or will you be sailing this ship alone?

Building a Program

You have your 3 questions answered and are wanting to build your children's program, but where to start?

Your first step is to create a scope and sequence. The *scope* is the content that will be taught to the children. *Sequence* is the order the content will be taught. To develop your scope and sequence, meet with your pastor to find out the main bible point for each night's meeting.

Second step, find a child-friendly Bible story that corresponds with each night's theme. This could be the same story that is being shared with the adults or something different. This story can be told to the children, acted out by youth or puppets, or you may find an animated version of the story online.

Third step, fill in the rest of your nightly program by finding songs, object lessons, crafts, and games that match the Bible story for each night. For resources check the ABC, AdventSource or free websites like children.org/resources. When searching the web, use keywords like "object lesson" and then the Bible story.



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To make sure you have enough content or aren't planning too much, divide the time of the adult meeting by the amount of program components you intend to have. Remember to take into account the amount of time it takes to transition between activities.

Building your own program takes a lot of planning, but it can be rewarding. And, what the kids learn will be with them for a lifetime. Adults have returned to the church due to such meetings.

BUILDING NEW LEADERSHIP WITH OUR YOUTH

Sometimes it's hard to find volunteers for various reasons. One untapped resource is your youth. Sure, we may use them as crew leaders during VBS or an assist during Sabbath school, but they are capable of doing so much more. They have tons of energy and a longing to serve.

Visit your Juniors-Youth Sabbath school classes and explain the different leadership roles you're looking for. Once you have your volunteers take time to teach them how to lead, then step back and let them shine. Your job now is to mentor and develop relationships with the church youth as they minister to the children.

