

KIDS IN COMMUNITY GROUP

Guidelines



What an amazing opportunity we have to reach the next generation and to show them the love and hope of Jesus in our groups.

Involvement:

Get kids involved, help them know that they are valuable, and are an important part of the group. One of the best ways to do this is include them in group worship. It's amazing to see parents and children praising Jesus together. Expect that the dynamic with children in worship will be different and may be a little difficult the first few times, but the results can be amazing. Kids and parents worshipping in group can lead to kids and parents worshipping together at home. Pick songs with lyrics both kids and parents can sing together. Below are a couple of great websites for worship

rightnow.org

yancynotnancy.com

amberskyrecords.com

Structure:

Having an environment where kids know what to expect will create better experience for both the children and the adults leading the kids. What the structure looks like is dependent on the kids in your group and their attention span. Let the kids know ahead of time what to expect and what your expectations are of them. Be intentional each group to point the children to Jesus. Whether it's a specific lesson or a conversation it is so important to let them know that Jesus is awesome! Each week we provide lessons and activity sheets tied to the Big Kids weekend services. Both the Kid's lesson plan and the activity pack can be found in the Information Center at our Western Branch campus or the Next Steps area at our Kemspville campus. The kid's group lesson can also be found on the website, [here](#). If you would like something that is video driven, utilize Right Now Media. This includes great resources like What's In The Bible that has lessons which explain the importance of each book of Bible and how the entire Bible tells God's story.



Safety:

It's important that parents know their children are in a safe place during group. Make sure that the place the kids are meeting fits the needs of the children in your group. If you have babies create a baby-safe environment. Be aware of what's in the room and think through what's appropriate for a 10 year old is not always appropriate for a 3 year old. Be intentional with those leading your kids group, not only do you want them to have a high level of energy, but also an awareness of parents comfort level in how they lead. This dynamic is specific to each group, but be thinking about the right people to lead kids each week. It's important that everyone in the group understands and respects the expectations of the host if meeting in a home. There should also be unity in the expectations of how to address the kids in different circumstances and when to get the parents involved.

If you have any questions, email groups@communitychurch.info