



HOW TO BEGIN A NEIGHBORHOOD KIDZ CLUB

Have any of these thoughts ever gone through your mind?

- I know that God is leading me to reach out and share the gospel with children but I don't have a clue where to begin.
- I believe my calling is to work with families outside the walls of a church but I'm unsure about starting something by myself. What do I do?
- I live in an area where children are everywhere. I have been wondering if there is a way I could work with children after school?
- I have heard about the Great Commission in church that we are supposed to go everywhere and tell everyone the good news about Jesus. I don't want to go to another country to be a missionary. I wonder if there is something I could do right where I live?

If any of those thoughts sound like you, then you are in the right place. Here are a few simple steps you can follow to get your club launched. There are a wide variety of approaches to outreach ministry so don't do anything until you pray for direction. (The core of this document will focus on beginning a Bible Club but some of the ideas may be utilized in planning for other ministries.)



- Gather a small group of friends to pray for God's guidance:
 - **Who** is God calling you to reach out to?
 - **What** does God want you to do?
 - **Where** does He want you to minister?
 - **When** would you do this?
 - **How** would you do this?



WHO

- Ask God to reveal who around you is in need?
 - A group of children? What ages or grades?
 - A group of youth?
 - A group of women or entire families?
- Ask God to show you who to partner with?
 - Church?
 - Consider what ministries are already fully operational. There could be a way to add on a Bible Club.
 - Talk to the leader over missions. There may be funding available to start a new ministry.
 - A charitable organization?
 - A friend willing to open up her backyard to neighborhood children?
 - Empty nesters looking for a way to give back?
 - Retired teachers?
 - Local business people who can give an hour once a week?
 - High school students needing service hours?
- Any of these people could make perfect volunteers as Bible Club teachers or assistants, as mentors for a youth leadership program, as reading buddies or tutors for after-school tutoring or to help behind-the-scenes.

WHAT

- Ask God to show you what the needs are.
 - Children who need to hear about Jesus? Start a Bible Club.
 - Children who need help with homework after school? Start an after-school tutoring program to give homework help.
 - Youth who need direction? Start a youth leadership program.
 - Young moms needing support? Begin a ladies' Bible study.
- No matter what group of people God is calling you to minister to, the next step is to determine where you will gather.



WHERE

- Use whatever information is available to you to determine what area you should go into.
 - Demographic surveys
 - Research potential areas. Consider venues such as:
 - Backyard in a subdivision
 - Apartment complexes
 - Mobile home parks
 - Community centers
 - Laundromats
 - Playgrounds
 - After-school program at a local school
 - Other areas where children could gather.

WHEN

If you have decided to pursue launching a Bible Club with children you will need to determine the following:

- Time to gather
 - After school
 - Saturday morning
 - Sunday afternoon
 - Weekday morning or afternoon (summer only)
- Length of time (Consider the activities and length of daylight)
 - 45 minutes
 - 1 hour
 - 1 hour 15 min.
 - 1 hour 30 min.
- Time of year (Consider your local weather if holding outside.)
 - Fall
 - Spring
 - Summer
- Duration of club (Consider sustainability of volunteers)
 - 4 weeks per season
 - 6 weeks per season
 - 8 weeks per season
 - Entire semester



NEIGHBORHOOD KIDZ CLUB SYSTEM

Although some NKC locations use a different schedule, the typical system utilized is listed below:

- Time to gather: Straight from the bus after school during the fall and spring;
One morning a week during the summer
- Length of time – 1 hour 15 min.
 - 15 min. - snack & play
 - 10 min. – Memory Verse
 - 10 min. – Gospel Activity
 - 20 min. – Bible story
 - 10 min. – Review game
 - 10 min. - Singing
- Time of year and duration: fall 8 weeks, spring 8 weeks, summer 4 weeks

HOW

- Venue
 - Outside – Locate a grassy area that can hold a 12' x 24' tarp; purchase a tarp to put on the ground
 - Inside – contact the manager or director of the facility to determine space available

- Curriculum
 - NKC uses Child Evangelism Fellowship material
 - Recommendation on where to begin
 - Fall start-up: “God the Creator King” (Story of creation and the fall of Adam and Eve)
 - Spring start-up: “Jesus, God Who Saves” (

- Grouping of children and volunteers
 - Find at least 2 volunteers for each group of children
 - Determine what ages and grades you will serve. Examples are:
 - K – 5th grade
 - 1st – 5th grade
 - 2nd – 5th grade
 - Once you have 15 – 20 regular attendees, consider breaking up into 2 groups if you have adequate volunteers. Example is:
 - K – 2nd; 3rd – 5th
 - As you grow, consider inviting preschool children also. (CEF has available a separate curriculum for 4 and 5 year olds.)



- Registration
 - Pick a start date
 - Create a registration form
 - Plan a registration event (Hold up to a week prior to the first club date)
 - Create a flyer
 - Pass out the flyer for the registration event

- Preparing for first Bible Club lesson
 - Order curriculum if using commercially prepared
 - Create attendance sheet based on registration
 - Make and/or gather supplies for activities
 - Plan for snack
 - Pray and prepare for lesson

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Contact Neighborhood KidZ Club for more information
Phone: 281-676-8436
E-mail: peggynorwood@neighborhoodkidzclub.org

- Neighborhood KidZ Club Handbook coming soon – Leave your email if you would like to be notified when the handbook is ready for purchase

