SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

General Information

- Small groups run from 10.50am – 11.30am each day of Kids Games

- You will always have the same kids, in the same place each day.

- You will find out the location of your small group at the Final Wrap Up Meeting on Tues 16th Sept.

Preparation

To prepare for each lesson, you need to:

a. Read through the appropriate scripture

b. Read through the lesson so you are familiar with the direction of the teaching spot.

c. Bring any extra materials you think you will need.

d. Work out and assign which leaders will do what section.

What are we teaching?

- Small groups are an extension of the teaching that was first introduced in the drama and then expanded on during the teaching time. Small groups are where we try to apply the teaching aim on a personal and relevant way to the children

- For that reason the ‘Teaching Spot’ in each small group is divided into:

a. Making Connection 🡪 Questions about the drama and teaching time

b. So what? 🡪 Where we apply that message to the children

c. Be Found 🡪 Where we explore what is look like to live out the teaching point!

Work Booklets

- Each child is given a workbook that they can use during teaching time.
- Each day has relevant worksheet activities (normally two pages). You will have references to the workbooks throughout the ‘Teaching Spot’ space. Therefore be careful to not let the kids jump forward.

- There will also be fun pages with puzzles and activities in case you have extra time.

Do I have to stick to The program?

- We encourage you to yes, but we also want you to be sensitive to answering children’s questions, their knowledge and capabilities and any prompting that you get by Holy Spirit.

- We have worked hard at ensuring the small group material links to the rest of the teaching time and is theologically sound.

- We have some parts of the ‘Teaching Spot’ under an EXPLAIN subheading. This means you can have the freedom to explain it in your own words, but you can use the one provided if you feel more comfortable.

Equipment

- While ALL your equipment is provided for the small group lesson, it is your responsibility at the start of the day to check you have everything.

- We encourage each leader to bring their own bible.

- We do not provide any lollies, chocolate or food. That is your responsibility and be sensitive to allergies.

Assistant Leaders

- It is the main group leader’s job to run the overall program and to involve the assistant leaders as much as possible.

- We have suggested aspects of the time that would be suitable for an assistant leader to run with a \* through out the program.

Prayer and Salvation

- Small groups are wonderful opportunities to lead our children to a place where they can accept Jesus as their friend and saviour.
- Please take the time to make yourself comfortable with doing this and leading children in prayer.

Hard questions

- ‘I’m not sure but I will find out!’ is a good response if a child asks a hard question but make sure you actually attempt to find it out!

- Talk to your year advisor, or any of the Key Leaders if you are unsure of how to answer a question.

Mandatory Reporting and child protection

- As children’s leaders, you are obligated to share if you have any concerns that a child is or might be at risk of significant harm. It is the main group leaders responsibility to tell Sophie or Craig if you have any concerns. Do not share this information with anyone else.

- Do not speak about sensitive or controversial issues with children.

- Be safe, be transparent, look out for one another and never be alone with a child

- More of this will be covered in Final Wrap Up Meeting.

Sign out at the End of the Day

- After Circus Championships, you will go to you sign out location for parents to sign the children out.

- Please note your sign out location may be different to your small group location.

- Please remember to give out postcards (Every day) and bookmarks (Day 3).s