

LARGE GROUP TEAM SUCCESS TIPS

Prepare for Success

- **Know who is on your team:** Host(s), Worship Leader(s), Production Team
 - **Communicate** who is responsible for which elements. Be able to answer the following questions:
 - Who is gathering any props? Which mics will be used? Who will turn on/off mics and when? Who is updating the offering slide each night? Who has access to Planning Center? Who is checking the ProPresenter files? Which cues are you using to transition smoothly? How will you communicate any last minute changes with each other? What changes will be made if there is bad weather? How will offering be collected? Which doors will be used for dismissal? What will the set look like?
 - Walk through the schedule, expectations, flow of service and scripts together.
 - Schedule a run-through without the Worship Team kids to work through transitions
- **Read the entire script!** - seriously, the whole thing. Every person on the Large Group team should know it well.
 - Have a full picture of what to expect so you're able to remain flexible.
 - Hosts and Worship Leaders: Internalize the script so that you are able to look UP and OUT at the kids and so that your words are organic and engaging.
- Ask questions as they come up:
 - If there are any questions you all are unable to answer together, please send them to your Children's Minister for their input, as soon as possible!

During Adventure Week VBS:

- Participate even when you're not "on" - You're a leader in our environment
- Look ahead each night - Use the time after the opening large group to prepare and setup the next session.
 - Review the service flow and script in Planning Center, conduct a final run-through, and ensure all equipment and props are prepared.
- After each session: Debrief with your team, celebrate wins, laugh at mistakes, discuss improvements, and prepare for the next session.
- Prepare kids to be on stage - When you choose kids to share the Biblical elements from stage, give them a heads up and share specifically what you'll ask them to do.
- Celebrate kids who are winning at the right things - praise things we want to see again, high-five the things that further our mission of connecting them to life in Christ.
- Use your role to reel kids back in - use countdowns, call and response, change your vocal inflection, dim the lights, and during crucial moments (prayer) wait for silence.
 - Be strategic about your high energy, crowd-participation moments (screaming!).
- Read the room - avoid talking over the kids and speak directly to crew leaders to lead through actions to refocus kids' attention.
- Enjoy! This will be an amazing week of fun discipleship!!



Sunday, June 9, 2024

- **3:30pm - Full Dress Rehearsal**
 - Provide a full run-through of the first session with the worship team
 - Practice with lighting, mics, videos, etc to be sure all elements run as expected.
- **4:45pm Join all BBs for prayer huddle.**
 - All Large Group Teams should be clear of the lobby.
 - Know where to get your dinner and what room to eat it in
 - 5:15pm All large group and crew leaders will head to their spots in the auditorium.
 - 5:25pm Worship team can be dismissed to their crew leaders.

Order of Large Group

- **5:30 - 6:00 Crew Leader Connection (30 mins)**
 - A calmer, more intentional environment for kids to be known by their crew leaders, lights will be up, large group stage members will float around the room being personable with kids and leaders
 - Provide directional prompts from stage to help kids meet expectations
 - ie: "Welcome, as you find your crew leader, sit down with them and share the answer to this question!"
- **6:00 - 6:10 Jump Start (10 mins)**
 - The purpose of Jump Start is to kick things off with excitement, fun, and give time for registration to close before large group starts.
- **6:10 - 6:40 Opening Session (30 mins)**
 - 6:10 Countdown (encourage high energy, counting down with you, then quiet)
 - 6:10 Host Welcome
 - Daily Truth, Main Point
 - Intro to Worship (Pre-decide the verbal transition into worship.)
 - 6:15 Worship
 - Worship - Song 1
 - Worship - Song 2
 - 6:25 Bible Story- Host(s)
 - 6:30 Wrap-Up/ Main Point
 - Worship- Song 3
 - 6:35 Preschool Dismissal
 - Give clear directions - Which crew numbers are leaving? Which doors are they walking through? What should everyone else do (ie: wave bye!)?



- 6:35 Missions Introduction
 - We will play a video to share about the need for water in Sudan and South Sudan. Offering will be collected by team members holding buckets at the doors as kids exit large group.
- 6:40 Prayer/Dismissal
 - Remind kids to have their offering in hand and drop it in the bucket on their way out)
- **6:45-7:50 Rotations**
 - Use this time to evaluate, celebrate, adjust and prepare for future sessions.
 - Identify kids to participate in sharing the Biblical elements from stage in future sessions.
 - Find out how much offering was received and update the slide to reflect giving.
 - Visit crews as they move rooms and hand out tokens as you catch kids doing well!
- **7:50 - 8:15 Closing Assembly (30 mins)**
 - 7:50-8:00 Mini Jump Start
 - 8:00-8:15 Closing Session
 - Recap
 - Offering Update
 - Worship - Song 4
 - 8:15 Dismissal

Gospel Presentation: The Gospel will be shared during the Small Group rotation and kids will have a chance to take a next step every night. On Tuesday, kids in 2nd grade and older can speak one-on-one with a team member about following Jesus, baptism, or questions.

Late Crews: If crews are late returning to large group without communication of a plan change, continue with whoever is present. We've allowed extra time for transitions and breaks to help us stay on schedule.

Rain Plan: Check with your Children's Minister about whether you will use the Opening/Closing Session room for rotations during rain. Adjustments may be needed; please maintain a "How can I help?" attitude.

****Bonus Tip:** If you are not aware of your role during June's First Wednesday Service, please ask your Children's Minister!

