

Student Ministry – Meeting Recaps Wednesday Nights Only

Mission: Show Jesus, Connect to Jesus in all aspects of our ministry. Provide our children with a Christian foundation that will go with them wherever life takes them. SEE CHRIST IN EVERYTHING, PRAY AT ALL TIMES.

General Ideas:

- Provide a safe, positive, fun atmosphere for our children where they can be who God created them to be without fear of judgement.
- Keep lessons simple, focused on 1-2 scriptures. Younger children may still work better within more story-oriented lesson. All ages will work on the same scripture/content. This will allow us to cover for each other without much notice as well.
- Each night will consist of the below
 - 5:50-6 – try to have all children dropped off by 5:50 in order to burn off energy and get some outdoor time
 - 6 – 6:20 – prayer, meal and fellowship
 - 6:20-6:45 – break out into 5th and under, 6th and up for message. Utilize classrooms.
 - 6:45 – 7 – go to sanctuary for P&W, meditation on message. ALL children will be expected to spread out in the sanctuary to promote a quiet atmosphere
- To keep it simple, we will take off the same weeks as school (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years)
- There will be a student ministry yearly calendar in the P&W storage area. We will use this to provide our topic information, schedule for extra resources, kitchen, and availability.
- We will follow a quarterly theme with 3 sub topics. See THEMES below for more information.
- It would be great to send something home monthly, wrapping up our topic. If the Ladies Ministry (or anyone in the church that would like to help!) could make small trinkets. We can provide ideas for each topic.

Needs:

- 'Simple' bibles for our young children, 2nd grade and down. I will see what I can find online.
- Food
- Large bottle of hand sanitizer
- Lots of small bottled water
- The 3 above can be donated by our church family that would like to be a part of our ministry, but can't be on Wed night

Resources (PEOPLE!!!!):

- Please commit for the school year. This doesn't mean every extra resource has to be there every Wed., but stick to a consistent schedule.
- Kitchen help: Initially we will stick with sandwiches so that we can make these last minute based on the volume of kids that show up each Wednesday night. As we grow or stabilize in number, we can alter this. Gayle and Kay had both offered to help with this. I will contact them to see how frequently they want to be involved.
- At least one man and an extra woman to assist in general, and provide a means for removing problem children. Suggestions: Jeff, Tony G, Terry R, Pastor, Andy, Rachel, Johni, Sheila

- Men van drivers! Rebecca, Crystal and I can rotate as the woman on the van (Rebecca and I can also both drive). Same men suggestions as above with the exception of Pastor. Pastor needs to be free to handle whatever needs arise.

Opening Night/Ice Breaker!

- Oct. 28th
- We will pass out fliers several days prior. These fliers will have content about what we will be doing on Wed, and will also serve as a permission slip for the parents to sign. I have request Toni send me the soft copy of the current permission slip.
- This night will consist of getting reacquainted and filling out a questionnaire that we are working on.
- We will just have sandwiches, made at time of kids arriving.
- Last, we will have the children help establish our rules and expectations. We will be prepared to back up each one with scripture. These will be posted in our classrooms.

Questionnaire Ideas – this is a means for us to learn more about them personally, and where they are/are not spiritually.

- What does God mean to you, who is He?
- What does Jesus mean to you, who is He?
- Why do you come to Wednesday night ministry?
- What do you want to receive out of our time together?
- What is prayer? Do you pray?
- How do you best learn? Listening, reading, hands on....
- What kind of outings would you like to do?
- What is your birthday?
- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite food?
- What is your favorite candy?
- Are you allergic to anything?
- What hobbies do you have?
- Do you like to read?
- Other ideas?

Themes

- Nov/Dec/Jan – Falling in Love with Jesus (thank you Crystal!)
 - Nov - Prayer
 - What is prayer? Jer 29:12,
 - God is present
 - Jesus prayed
 - How to prayer? Eph 6:18, supporting Matt 6:9-13
 - 1 on 1 conversation
 - Remind God of His promises
 - Wrap up – Prayer Room Matt 6:6
 - We will setup the small classroom as a prayer room
 - Dec – Birth of Jesus Christ
 - Jan – Hope
- Feb/Mar/Apr – Stay on the Right Track (thank you Crystal!)

- Ideas: Prayer again, reading the Word, fellowship with Christians, my identity in Christ
- May/Jun/Jul – Jesus is our Treasure
 - Ideas: Fruits of the spirit, forgiveness, resurrection