

Shortlist for Re-opening Kids Ministry

National Children's Ministry Team

PRAYER - Pray, pray and pray some more. Gather a team of people (possibly 'Grandfriends') to pray with you as you plan and co-ordinate and continue to pray as you meet.



VOLUNTEERS - Talk to your volunteers to see what their comfort level is for returning to In-Person Kids Ministry. You can't run this on your own.

LOCAL GUIDELINES - Check with your local health guidelines for Ministries to Children. This will help you as you plan out how many kids / leaders you will be able to have in each area, guidelines to follow with checking in, etc.

BASICS - Start with the basics. Don't be afraid to combine age groups. Don't feel pressure to start up all programs and activities. This goes for curriculum too. Don't be afraid to make connecting with Kids a high priority of your time together.

TRAINING AND SAFETY - Be sure they are current with their plan to protect training and background checks. Train volunteers about new Covid safety measures.

COMMUNICATION - Communicate to your volunteers, families and children what to expect when they come to your Kid-Min. What will be different? What will stay the same?

- Update your communication lists as kids may have moved into different areas in your Kids Ministry during the Pandemic.
 - Possibly make a video to show families what to expect before they arrive.

SUPPLIES - Decide how you will have supplies (individual / family). Will you use containers with all supplies needed or ziplocs? Decide on how you will sanitize each week. (clean before next use / let sit till the following week)

- Make sure to have a detailed cleaning schedule for your Kids Ministry area for supplies, tables and chairs, and touch surfaces.

TEST - Walk through your area and look for traffic flow (drop off / pick up). You may need to plan, and rework how you do things to prevent gatherings / traffic jams.

PREPARE - Your Kids Ministry space must be ready to respect social distancing and Covid safety protocols.

- Post guidelines in prominent places
 - Sanitation stations
- Tables, or tape on floors to help kids / families social distance.
- Directional arrows for traffic flow

NETWORK - Check with other Children's Pastors / Directors in your area to see what they are doing or work together to plan. Have one of them walk through with different eyes to see what else needs to be done.