

Kids Crusade Recommendations

Contest

A *contest* can be helpful in reaching families outside of your church. Children would receive points for attendance(x1), memory verse(x5) and bringing friends(x10). Usually there are three top prizes awarded with the option of smaller prizes for more kids.

Registration Table

Need 1-3 volunteers for check-in time (to register kids at table)

Snack Time

We also recommend having a *snack time* (20-30 minutes) following the evening services. This will give your church family an opportunity to connect with the kids as well as the parents who pick them up.

Parents Night

In conjunction with a contest, the last service can be called "*Parents Night*" to encourage unchurched parents to attend to see their kids receive prizes and at the same time hear the Gospel in a non-threatening way (you may even award bonus points to kids whose parents attend). Some churches host a *free dinner* before or after a Parents Night service to boost attendance and give opportunity to build relationships with new families.

Publicity

Posters and newspaper ads are great, but usually function as a reminder to personal invitations. If you choose to go door-to-door to invite kids, it is a great help to have transportation available for them. Personal invitations are always the most effective way to bring visitors to an event.

Volunteers

*Would like adults in services to sit with kids and pray for them at the altar time. Preschool children should have a parent or other adult sitting with them.

*We recommend that all current and potential children's ministry workers attend.

*This is a great opportunity to include teens in a church-wide ministry.

Prayer

As with any ministry, the effectiveness of what we do comes only through the power of the Holy Spirit working in hearts. We encourage you to enlist prayer partners who will intercede between now and the end of the crusade.

We need two special volunteers for the first service:

*a child to be Power Kid – they need to fit one of our costumes, so we usually recommend that they are around 7-10 yrs old. This child should be a Christian and not afraid to talk in front of people.

*a volunteer who is willing to get really messy for an illustration which involves ketchup, mustard, eggs, etc. If this is a child, we need to have their parent's permission and an adult available to help them clean up immediately afterward. A teen or adult could also work.