

Throughout West  
Michigan Schools



Since 1962

## HOW TO START A KIDS' LIFE BIBLE CLUB

Begin with prayer. If you have a passion for children's ministry and feel that God has affirmed your desire to lead a Kids' Life Bible Club, pray for team members to join you in this important ministry. Inform your church of our program and tell them that KLBC staff is available to meet with the Outreach Committee, or any appropriate group, to present our program. Ask friends to pray for you as you form your ministry team.

When you have assembled your team, all of the members must complete a KLBC *Volunteer Application* form and agree to have a background check. If your Club starts in the fall, attend the annual *Kick-Off* training session in September. You will receive all the supplies necessary to begin teaching and the flyers necessary to invite children to your Club.

## PROCEDURE FOR WORKING WITH SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A NEW BIBLE CLUB

1. KLBC will secure permission from the school to conduct a Bible Club. They will also complete a *Building Use Form* and take care of any room rental fees.
2. Introduce yourself to the principal of the school and the office staff.
  - A. Determine whether or not you will need to have a background check to volunteer in the school (GR does require this). Complete the paperwork as soon as possible to be approved before the school year begins. Also ask if you have to check into the office each time you arrive for Bible Club.
  - B. Determine the school's policy for handing our flyers to invite the children to Bible Club. Some schools have open houses in August where you may, with permission, hand out the flyers to parents/guardians.
  - C. Find out what time the school dismisses classes to determine your club's start time.
  - D. If there is an after-school program such as LOOP, speak with LOOP leader to determine how you will get the children from that program to your club and back again.
3. Visit the school office one week before Bible Club begins to get your room assignment. If possible visit the room to see the layout of tables, chairs, etc.
4. On Bible Club day arrive early enough to set up your room. Do not expect to use school equipment, other than tables and chairs. End club at the proper time. Discharge children to their parent or escort them to another program. Always leave the room in good order. Do not allow children to wander the school unattended.

## **AN HOUR WITH BIBLE CLUB**

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**Welcome:** Greet the children warmly and make them welcome.

**Nametags:** Have nametags available for children to put on.

**Snack:** You may offer a light snack to the children. Keep it simple, apple slices or a cookie. Avoid messy, crumbly snacks.

**Attendance:** Have a list to record the children who attend each session.

**Memory work:** Allow the children to recite the assigned memory work. You may want to reward them with a piece of candy or a prize.

**Prayer:** Open each club session with prayer to show that God is the center of Bible Club. Allow children to pray if possible.

**Songs:** Lead children in singing songs that correspond to the lesson or favorites of the group.

**Puppet Skit:** Introduces the concept for the session.

**Lesson introduction:** Offer an object lesson or ask a pertinent question to grab their attention.

**Bible Story:** This is the central part of the Bible Club. Using flannel-graph figures and a background or other means tell an interesting and animated God-centered Bible story.

**Bible memory work:** Use creative, fun ways of reinforcing the verses.

**Other:** If time allows you may play a game, or work on a simple craft or other activity.

**End:** Pray. Dismiss the children to their parent/guardian or escort them to another program. Do not allow them to wander unescorted in the school.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is Kids' Life Bible Clubs (KLBC)?**

KLBC is a non-profit (501)(c)(3), non-denominational organization that sponsors Bible Clubs in public elementary schools and other places where children gather, such as neighborhood homes, mobile home parks, and apartment buildings.

### **Who teaches the Club?**

A team of at least 2 trained volunteers from local Christian churches serve as the teachers and assistants. Materials are given out at a September *Kick-Off* training event. Training sessions are held twice a month during the school year.

### **What is Kids' Life Bible Clubs Mission?**

To present the Good News of Jesus Christ to every child in the public schools.

### **Does the Law allow Bible Clubs in Public Schools?**

Yes, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2001 that Christian youth groups can meet in public schools after school hours. KLBC rents the classroom space.

### **Does it Cost the students anything?**

There is no cost to the students.

### **What Costs are the teachers responsible for?**

Teachers are responsible for providing snacks for the students. They will also provide a CD player. KLBC provides all teaching materials and gifts for the kids. Teachers may purchase other teaching aids or gifts for the kids.