

Kids Online Groups

Bottom Line – With our physical locations closed, CedarCreek Kids will continue our mission to introduce kids to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him through online groups.

Goals:

- Help kids and families feel known, cared for and connected.
- Create an opportunity to partner with parents; supporting the parent's influence through content, application and resources.
- Provide a routine for families to keep church attendance consistent.

Strategy:

- Group Leaders will be encouraged to lead an online Kids Group during the same time as their normal serve, using the Best Practices and Parent Group Guide for direction.
- Best Practice for Preschool Group:
 1. Welcome the group. Have everyone wave.
 2. Ask if everyone has watched Wonder Clubhouse? If not, encourage them to watch the online experience when the group ends.
 3. Ask the key question and review the Bottom Line.
 4. Say the Memory Verse together (Count them down with a 1,2,3 ...)
 5. Ask the parents to pull up the Parent Guide. Choose one activity and explain the instructions.
 6. As the children work on their craft, do your best to interact with each family individually. Encourage the families to complete the other activity on their own throughout the week.
 7. Pray with the group. Ask the kids to repeat after you as you pray.
- Best Practice for an Elementary Group:
 1. Welcome the group. Ask an icebreaker question and have everyone say their name and their answer.
 2. Ask if everyone has watched the So and So Show. If not, encourage them to watch the online experience when the group ends.
 3. Review the Life App and Bottom Line.
 4. Ask the parents to pull up the Parent Guide. If the activity is simple, explain the instructions and have the kids begin. If the activity is more complicated, encourage the family to complete it on their own throughout the week.
 5. Talk through the discussion questions. Do your best to interact with each child.
 6. Ask for prayer requests and pray with the group.

Broad FAQ's

- **When will this go live?**
 - Our goal is to be ready to roll out by March 28/29 along with the church-wide “New Online Groups” Semester.
- **How will we notify Group Leaders?**
 - Kids Directors will cast vision and equip Group Leaders through:
 - A video conference call by March 27 at the latest
 - An email with the details of how to register a group and the best practices of leading a group.
 - Continuing to emphasize during the weekend Huddle.
- **How will we notify parents?**
 - This will be a slow roll out as we know this is a bit of an experiment. We recommend Kids Directors hand-selecting families with fairly consistent attendance to give this a try.
 - We will include information for parents about Kids groups when the New Online Groups Semester is communicated church-wide.
 - We will notify parents again in the April Family Ministries Email.
 - Parents will be encouraged to register their child for a group using the Group Director. We recommend they select the leader/service time their child is used to.
- **Will Group Leaders be scheduled through PCO?**
 - Yes.
- **How will Group Leaders be equipped?**
 - The best practices for leading both a Preschool/Elementary group, along with the weekly Parent Group Guide, will be attached to the PCO plan.
 - In addition, Group Leaders will have access to a Group Leader Resource with additional content, including our Kids Care Card.
- **Who are considered group leaders?**
 - Kids Directors will ask DreamTeam who lead groups with 3-year olds – 5th graders to consider this online option.
- **How many in a group?**
 - We recommend keeping the groups smaller than our normal in-person experience; around 4 or 5 kids per group.
- **Should parents watch with their children?**
 - Preschoolers will require help from a parent during the whole group time. Some elementary students may be able to participate on their own once the group/technology is up and running. We know that many elementary students are becoming familiar with these online platforms due to online schooling.
 - We recognize parents will need to navigate how to best participate in a way that works for them and their family.