

KDG (KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS)

Purpose: KDGs are designed to introduce children to the BIG IDEA in a setting that gives them individualized attention from their KDG Leader and plenty of interaction with a small group of peers.

Resource: Print Material DVD-ROM contains the KDG leader guides and activity sheets.

How to use:

KDGs are designed to help children understand how the BIG IDEA applies to them. They will discuss real-life experiences, interactive with a group of friends, and participate in a variety of activities that appeal to different learning styles. Life application, connect time, BIG questions, activity sheets, BIG WORD, games and prayer activities are always a part of this hands-on time.

We would suggest each group consists of no more than 10 children, and if possible to have age and gender specific groups. For example you could have a Year 2 KDG of 10 children, and then a Year 3 KDG of 10 children. You will need one KDG Leader for each small group. Ideally, assign the same KDG Leader to the same group of children for the entire year.

Give each of your KDG leaders the leader guide for the BIG PICTURE in advance so they are well equipped to lead their KDG.

KDG consists of:

1. CONNECT TIME

This is a short activity that provides an opportunity for the children to connect with one another.

Length: approximately 5 minutes.

2. THE BIG QUESTION

This is a discussion time with the KDG. The KDG leader will ask the children the BIG QUESTIONS and will discuss the answers together.

Length: approximately 8 minutes.

3. ACTIVITY SHEETS

Print out an activity sheet for each child. You are able to print it in full colour, or you could choose to print the same document only in black and white.

There are 3 types of activity sheets:

- Younger children version designed for children 5 & 6 years of age
- Older children version designed for children 7 to 9 years of age
- Pre Teens version designed for children 10 to 12 years of age (Please note: there are two options for Preteens a postcard version and also a Big Question activity sheet for Pre Teens)

During the KDG ask the children to complete their activity sheet.

For younger children the BIG POINT is written out for them. For older children and preteens they can write the BIG POINT out.

Encourage the children to take their Activity Sheets home with them. There is a Parents section on each of them that provides parents with an opportunity to interact with their children about what they learnt in the program that day. It is a great way for parents to do follow up activities if they choose, such as read relevant Bible passages and discuss questions that their children may have. It also can get the parents thinking how they can bring topics into context with the children's everyday real-life situations.
Length: approximately 10 minutes.

4. THE BIG ACTIVITY

The BIG Activity is an optional small group activity. It is designed for children to have fun and interact with each other whilst illustrating the BIG IDEA. This is great to include if you have a longer service time, or want to extend your KDG time.

Length: approximately 10 minutes

5. THE BIG WORD

The BIG Word activity will assist in reinforcing the BIG Word.

Length: approximately 5 minutes.

6. GAME TIME

This is a small group game designed for the children to have fun and interact with each other whilst reinforcing the BIG IDEA.

Length: approximately 7 minutes.

7. PRAYER

This activity will encourage your children to pray.

Length: approximately 5 minutes.

Length: approximately 40 minutes depending on what activities you choose to include.