



MIDWEEK CLUBS

GETTING STARTED GUIDE





**BRIDGE THE
GAP BETWEEN
SUNDAYS**



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We're excited that you want to discover what's new for small group discipleship for kids! If you're checking out this option to add to your current midweek discipleship program or you want to introduce a new discipleship opportunity for kids in your church, Midweek Clubs are a great ministry resource to consider.

Midweek Clubs bridge the gap between Sundays, weaving spiritual mentoring and hands-on learning together. These kid-tested lessons explore a variety of fun skills.



Midweek Clubs are also designed to enrich your comprehensive discipleship plan through KidminRoadmap. In conjunction with Bible Engagement Project Kids curriculum, each club time connects a Bible story with the new skill kids are learning.

Best of all, Midweek Clubs are easy to lead! With just a short 8-week commitment for each Club, you can easily engage new volunteers of all ages. Getting grandparents and retirees involved adds the bonus of intergenerational wisdom and guidance as they pass on hobbies and skills to kids.

Sound like fun? Keep reading to find out how Midweek Clubs can enhance kids' curiosity about faith in God through experiential learning.

All About Midweek Clubs

Created by Kidmin leaders and kid-tested in churches of all sizes, Midweek Clubs are ideal for elementary kids. Each Club offers 8 lessons that feature fun, hands-on learning activities that kids will love. They also include a themed Bible lesson that reinforces the skill activities, so kids will learn and remember God’s word. Here’s a sneak peek at some of the activities and Bible lessons that support the Club themes.

Club	Activity	Bible Lesson
Everyday Heroes Club	Royal Rescue	Esther and the King
Fun Arts Club	Balloon Art	Dorcas Blesses Others
Love in Action Club	Welcome Cards and Gift Bags	Barnabas Stands Up for Paul
Picture This!	See Like a Photographer	God Is My Creator

The Club Leader Guide

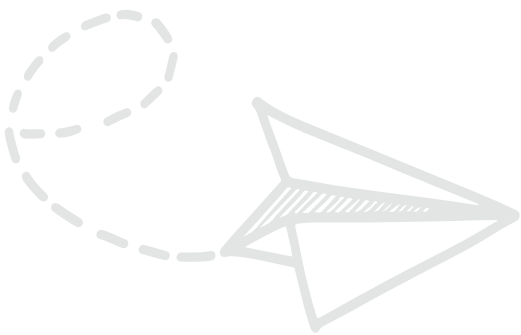
Each *Midweek Club Leader Guide* has everything leaders need to prepare and teach each Club. Leaders will find sections for:

- Leader Overview
- Preparing for Club Time
- Club Verse Review
- Club Project (hands-on skill activities with step-by-step instructions)
- Bible Lesson
- Club Verse Activity
- Bonus Bible Verses



Plus, you get helpful extras like social media graphics, a Club Overview, and a Master Supply List for each Club.

Midweek Clubs can really make a difference in kids ministry. It’s important that all kids participate in small group discipleship. Help parents discover why regular attendance matters. Skills-centered Clubs can make attendance easier with just an 8-week commitment. The integrated lessons from Bible Engagement Project promote spiritual growth in a small group setting.



How do Midweek Clubs work best?

If your group isn't too big or you're just getting started, most Midweek Clubs can be offered as a large group Club, especially if your attendance is consistent from week to week. For larger groups and established midweek ministries, Midweek Clubs can help to get more kids coming. Here are some tips to consider.

REGISTRATION

Ideally, have parents preregister their kids before the first week of the Club. We've found that, from an attendance perspective, parents are more likely to bring their kids regularly if they have signed them up to learn the new skill.

LIMIT CLUB SIZE

Some Clubs work best with smaller groups to give every kid meaningful, hands-on experiences and time for intentional conversations. Limiting group size allows for deeper discipleship as leaders connect personally with each kid during activities. It also helps ensure every kid is ready to celebrate their growth by the end of the Club.

CHARGE A FEE

Some churches charge a small fee to cover the cost of supplies. This also increases the likelihood that kids will show up! For kids who cannot afford the fee, involve people in the church by asking them to sponsor a kid. Connecting older adults with kids can easily spill over into praying for them, practicing Club Bible Verses with them, and celebrating their success.

SPACE CONSIDERATIONS

Most Clubs work best in an assigned space. Some will need tables and chairs. Others will need open space. Just glance through the *Club Leader Guide* to choose the best setting for each Club.

RECRUITING NEW KIDMIN VOLUNTEERS

Midweek Clubs are an ideal way to invite prospective leaders to join your Kidmin ministry. New volunteers may find it hard to commit to leading a midweek discipleship class all year or they may not be confident they can teach kids. Signing up for 8 weeks is a great way to try it out.

Kidmin leaders are always looking for potential volunteers! Focus on recruiting dads and older adults. Hang out during drop-off and pickup times to get to know parents who are invested in getting their kids to church. Look for older adults who enjoy crafts, cooking, camping, and other hobbies. These people sometimes hesitate to commit to helping for more than a month or two—at first. Midweek Clubs are a perfect way to help them get to know the kids who attend and pass on what they know at the same time. One strategy is to have your regular leaders teach the Bible lesson and allow the new volunteers to teach the skills and activities. The *Club Leader Guide* makes it simple for everyone! Best of all, many of them might stick around after the 8 weeks and continue serving.

Midweek Clubs could be a great addition to your midweek program!

ADDING MIDWEEK CLUBS ALONGSIDE YOUR LARGE GROUP KIDS SERVICE

If all the elementary kids stay together for your midweek service, Midweek Clubs could be offered for a smaller group of kids while continuing to offer your standard large group kids service.

- Offer one or more Midweek Clubs as an option for small groups of kids.
- Keep everyone together for the Bible lesson. Then use only the skills activities for Club Time while the rest of the kids do activities related to the Bible lesson from the connected Bible Engagement Project Kids lesson.

ADDING MIDWEEK CLUBS ALONGSIDE YEARLONG PROGRAM-BASED DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Junior Bible Quiz, Royal Rangers®, and Girls Ministries™ are examples of established program-based ministries your church may offer during the midweek service. These ministries offer yearlong, systematic discipleship for kids.

- During a summer or holiday break, offer a Midweek Club. You might discover new volunteers for your yearlong program once they get to know the kids.
- Midweek Clubs are a flexible option for kids who aren't able to commit to being a part of yearlong discipleship programs due to their attendance.





**Are you ready
to plan?**



Planning Timeline

We recommend you review the suggested tasks and complete the ones that suit your kids ministry needs before the Midweek Clubs begin.

8–12 Weeks in Advance

- Choose a date to begin and time to offer the Clubs.
- Recruit leaders and complete background checks.
- Make a budget
 - Anticipate expenses based on the Midweek Club's supply list and the number of kids you are planning for in your midweek program.
 - Determine if your ministry will need to charge a registration fee to fully fund or offset the costs of some or all of the Midweek Clubs.
- Prepare promo materials such as announcement slides, promo cards, newsletters, emails, and social media posts using the provided Midweek Club graphics.
- Prepare registration materials (digital or paper).
- Communicate details to your Kidmin leaders and church staff.
- Reserve room locations. It's best for every Midweek Club leader to have their own classroom or a designated space within a large group room.

4–6 Weeks in Advance

- Get the word out!
 - Send an email to families or post on social media using the provided media kit graphics.
 - Make announcements in the Kidmin and adult services to get everyone excited about the upcoming Midweek Clubs!
 - Print promo cards and share them with every kid. Send extra cards home so kids can invite their friends from school.
- Open registration.
- Prepare supplies from the supply lists based on your average attendance.
- Equip the Club volunteers.
 - Distribute the *Midweek Club Leader Guide* so they can begin to prepare for the Club they will lead.
- Train new volunteers.
 - Share important things like your Kidmin policies and procedures, answer questions, and ensure they know the time they should arrive each week.
 - Host a volunteer training utilizing one of the leader meeting guides found on KidminRoadmap.com.



1–2 Weeks in Advance

- Make a final promotional push through announcements, emails, and social media.
- Ensure all supplies have arrived.
- Prepare check-in logistics.
 - If you use a digital check-in system, enroll the kids in the Club they registered for.
 - If you plan to check in manually, print rosters so registration volunteers can write name tags or hand out wristbands.
 - Share rosters with the Midweek Club leaders in advance so they know names and can begin praying for the kids in their Club.
- Close registration for Clubs.

During Midweek Club Time – Weeks 1–8

- Organize and distribute supplies to leaders before kids arrive.
- Check in kids and send them to the room location for their registered Club or gather in a large group first.
- Instruct leaders to follow the *Midweek Club Leader Guide* for Club Time.

Post-Club Wrap-Up

- Thank the leaders for volunteering and encourage them to stay involved in your Kidmin ministry!
- Get their feedback on what worked well and what needs to improve.
- Gather any supplies that are left over and store them for the next time you lead the Club.
- Decide which Midweek Club(s) to offer next!



CELEBRATE!

Don't forget to celebrate! Invite parents—or the whole church—to recognize kids' discipleship achievements. Show off what they are learning in creative ways.

- Picture This! Photography Club: Host an art gallery night to display kids' photographs and share the techniques learned in the Club.
- Fun Arts Club: The art projects, performances, and activities learned within this Club can be presented or displayed at the end of the Club for an in-house Fun Arts Showcase.



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