

Backyard Kids Club Planning Guide

We're excited you will be leading activities for kids in the community! Use this document as a guide to plan and prepare. It can be helpful to use material your students are already familiar with (VBS, small group lessons, recent sermon series) and get them involved in the planning process. It is always a win for kids to hear several different voices leading activities (old, young, guy, girl, etc.). If you need additional assistance in preparing, see our BYKC Planning Guide on Prep Center and/or reach out to your Mission Project Specialist!

Planning Guide Sections

Ice Breaker: Introduce everyone through an interactive game or task. The goal is to break down walls and help the kids warm up to new people. There will always be new kids that join each day.

Bible Story: Dive into God's word by presenting a Bible Story. This can be a continuous study spread out over the 3 days, or a new one each day.

Craft: Student Life will provide a box of assorted craft supplies (think kids ministry resource room at church). See the Craft Guide for ideas!

Personal Testimony: Pick a student to share how God has impacted their life.

Snacks: At each Backyard Kids Club, Student Life will provide a snack sized treat each day for the kids. A great way to involve your church is to have others donate additional snacks or juice drinks.

Gospel Presentation: Clearly present the Gospel each day to kids. Use different people to do this, but have one method so kids hear the repetition!

Games: Student Life will provide rec supplies to use. See the Game Guide for ideas!



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Day 1

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Supplies Provided

You will receive these items before you leave for your mission site. Label any additional supplies you bring with your church name.

Recreation

- Basketball
- Beachballs
- Blindfolds
- Chalk
- Cones
- Football
- Frisbees
- Jump Ropes
- Kickball
- Parachute
- Rip Tag Flags
- Soccer Ball
- Wiffle Ball Set

Crafts

- Assorted Coloring Sheets
- Beads
- Construction Paper
- Crayons
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- Googly Eyes
- Hole Punch
- Magnets
- Markers
- Masking Tape
- Paper Plates
- Scotch Tape
- Yarn

Snacks

• At Backyard Kids Clubs, Individual snack pack per kid per day (*Mix of Cheeze Its, Chips and Cookies*)