

Resources and Ideas for mid-week kids clubs

Curriculum written for mid-week kids club

Kids Can Club <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Curriculum/KidsCanClub>

The **Kids Can Club** is a series of all-in-one, flexible resources for children's clubs, midweek, Sunday night, camp or other settings. Each session includes: Kids Cluster – a time for gathering, singing, and Bible memory review; Kids Talk – a Bible story, reflection, and conversation starters; Kids Create – hands-on crafts and response activities; and Kids Move – games that relate to the theme. Also included are suggestions for opening and closing time, snacks, and more. It is geared to children in grades one to five, but suitable for a variety of settings and easily adapted to kindergarten or junior youth. There will be two new titles a year for five years.



Kids Can Make Peace helps children learn how they can live peacefully with creation, self, God, and others. Using Jesus as an example of how to live as a peacemaker, the ten sessions for midweek programs show kids how they can become peacemakers in a complex world, how they can cherish and protect the earth's natural resources, how they can resolve conflicts, and how they can cultivate a sense of inner peace.

Kids Can Dig the Bible invites children to dig into the Bible and discover its amazing treasures! Kids will learn how the Bible is put together and its message for us today.



Kids Can Build Bridges allows kids to take an imaginary journey around the world as they meet people who live in other places. Kids will discover that people everywhere have similarities and differences. Kids will be inspired by the ways in which people worship God and understand that God loves everyone.

Kids Can Be Blessed invites kids to learn how to put the Beatitudes into practice. Using Jesus' words as the example, kids will better understand how they can live the Beatitudes and be blessed as they make decisions, interact with others, and seek God's ways in their daily lives.



Mission Possible

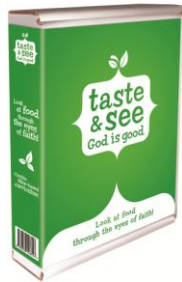
Mission Possible is a three-year curriculum for an hour-long mid-week children's ministry developed by Bethel Mennonite Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Each evening begins with Gathering Songs, followed by Agency Time (telling the Bible story), Academy Time (classroom activities), Team Training (cooperative games), and CIA (Christians In Action) Time, where a member of the congregation tells about how they put their faith into action. To order a flash drive with all the curriculum and promotional material, call or email Bethel Mennonite at 507-427-8907 or bethelmennonite@frontiernet.net.

Quick & Easy Bible Plans

There are 21 different lesson plans for a complete 40-60 minute session with focus, Bible reference and background, supplies and preparation needed, and easy to follow step-by-step plans. Topics include Friendship SKITuations, Hospitality Café, Images of God, Sharing My Money, Prayer Practices and more. Download for \$4.95 each at <http://store.mpn.net>.

Material that could easily be adapted

Vacation Bible School curriculum <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Curriculum/vbs/>



Taste & See: God Is Good is the 2011 Vacation Bible School curriculum and can be adapted for use as a midweek club series. Each of the five traditional VBS sessions can easily be divided into ten or twelve sessions for a midweek club. The *Leader's Guide* provides details about how to divide the sessions and the time that should be spent on each of the sessions.

This material will help children to look at food differently, through the eyes of faith! As they participate in fun worship and activities and hear stories of manna in the wilderness, a woman who shares her last bit of food, or Jesus offering himself as bread and wine, kids will learn about gratitude, generosity, and “spiritual food” – and how food is a contact reminder of God’s active presence in our midst! This material was written by a team from Central Plains.

Fun Bible Skits 1, 2 and 3

Bring Bible stories to life with these ready-to-go skits! Each short script is reproducible, and accompanied by tips for discussion and activities. Build a curriculum around this resource or use it in conjunction with another curriculum. The three volumes contain 75 different Bible-story-based skits. Find an index of skits listed by their Bible reference at <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Curriculum/>.

Advent or Lent Family Devotionals

The Resource Centre of Mennonite Church Canada provides a family devotional that accompanies the worship resources in Leader magazine. Go to <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre> to download this free resource. The lectionary texts are divided into 7 short readings, there is a daily litany, activity suggestions and questions to ponder together. Adapt this material for a mid-week children’s ministry or give this resource to families during Advent and Lent.

Kids And... <http://store.mpn.net>

These 5-session curricula were originally written for VBS but could be adapted to mid-week.

Kids and Values: Living God’s Way focuses on the important values of trust, respect, courage, honesty, and kindness. Five sessions use stories from the Old Testament to explore these values from a Christian and biblical perspective, and show that living God’s way is the best way to live.

Kids and Conflict: Resolving Problems the Jesus Way uses stories from the New Testament to teach children how Jesus handled conflict. Modern skits wrap around the daily Bible story. Children are given choices, offering experience in making good choices toward conflict resolution.

Resources to enrich your curriculum

Bible Reading Charts <http://store.mpn.net>

My Bible Reading Chart. Designed for early readers, this colorful booklet lists 100 favorite Bible verses selected for young children. Fun tips and challenges get kids excited about Bible reading, and a chart provides an easy way to track their Bible reading progress. Purchase one per child ages 6-9.

Dig into the Bible: A Reading Chart. Fun facts and tips guide reading and motivate older kids to learn even more about the Bible while they chart their progress on an easy-to-follow grid. Includes a list of suggested Bible memory passages. Ages 10-13.

Shalom Readers Club is a reading program promoted and supported by the Central Plains Outreach & Service Committee. Adult leaders help children aged four through 14 select and read books from a list specially chosen to teach core Christian values from an Anabaptist understanding. If children read seven books and give reports on two of them, they earn a gift book of their choice from the list. Shalom Readers Club is not a curriculum, but it would enrich a kids club curriculum. Find all the information you need to participate at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Bible Memory Ministries has monthly lesson plans at www.biblememoryministries.org.

Mission Bank materials

Mennonite Mission Network produces packets of stories that help connect children to mission around the world. The idea is to give each child a globe-shaped mission bank to save money for missions. Each of 13 packets features people from a different country where MMN works. Each packet contains story cards, a large card with a picture on the front and a story and a prayer on the back, to be used to tell the story to children. There is also background information on the country and mission work, activities, recipes and prayer cards to distribute to the children. Order a packet or just download the documents by visiting <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Tools/MissionBank/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Music on CD makes a wonderful addition to your kids club. Find these CDs at <http://store.mpn.net>:

Songs of Jubilee for Young Children

This songbook & CD set includes 45 songs selected for use with ages 2-4. Songs for praising, telling God's story, praying, and times with family and friends will help very young children enjoy singing to God at church or at home.

Wee Wonder Music CD

Wee Wonder is a year-round 52-session curriculum for two-year-olds. Twelve creative modules introduce twos to a loving God through play, Bible stories and activities. Wee Wonder Music CD includes a new song to learn and sing with every module of Wee Wonder curriculum. Modules: We come to church, God made the world, We thank God, Jesus is born, Jesus and his friends, Loving God, God is with us, Holy Week and Easter, Jesus told stories, We help others, God's people share, Word pictures for God.

Sing, Little Children, Sing

Songs from the old "Nursery Songs" with the yellow cover! For young children.

Songs to Live By I and II

How can we pass on our faith to our children and grandchildren? How can we help children learn and enjoy the inspiring music of our faith? These were the questions guiding musicians and coordinators through the development of this CD recording. Features 16 hymns and songs sung by both adults and children along with a variety of instrumentation.

God's Love is for Everybody by Bryan Moyer Suderman celebrates God's great project in the world, and invites everyone to join in. Seventeen songs help spread the message of God's wonderful love.

A New Heart: Songs of Faith for Small and Tall by Brian Moyer Suderman is Bryan's most ambitious release to date both musically and theologically, singing from Esther to Ephesians with a top-flight crew of backing musicians in styles ranging from folk and bluegrass to zydeco, bossa nova and New Orleans jazz.

Kids Play by Ken Medema

This delightful collection of songs for kids of all ages, takes the listener on a magical adventure.