Wednesday Night Church Logistics

Our KidzLife philosophy is simple: Always go the extra mile to impact kids with the truth of God's kingdom, and always treat your leaders like the treasure that they are.

Teaching Props: While it may not be the most convenient, a big, wet, smelly fish packs much more impact than a photo of one. A live sheep bleating in the room is more memorable than a slide of one. Whenever possible, assemble the specified props. Your kids will sit up and take notice. And kids love to invite their friends to a program where they don't know what's going to happen next!

Leader Bags: You will be asking your Small Group Leaders to commit their time to preparation, so make things as easy as possible for them. Small group props are always inexpensive. Sometimes they can be purchased at a local discount store; sometimes we have copies to make. Have a staff member or volunteer who can come a few days in advance to assemble props and stuff leaders bags (or light weight plastic bins) with everything they need to run their group: props, candy, attendance sheets, pencils.

Weekly Email: You will need a system to communicate with your leaders on a weekly basis. The best way is to send out an email—containing the Small Group lesson and any announcements—to your Small Group Leaders every week. We suggest sending it on Fridays, prior to you Wednesday night program. Whatever day you choose, be consistent. (Suggestion: Newsletter handlers such as MailChimp.com help you create and manage fun-looking emails, and even allow you to track when they are viewed.)

Rooms: You will need large group settings that allow for multimedia if at all possible. You will also need distraction-free spaces for your small groups to meet. It doesn't take much to catch the eye—or ear—of a 3rd grade boy! The fewer distractions you have, the better your small group discussions will be.

Technology: All lessons come with PowerPoints. Videos are often used as teaching props. Accommodate sound needs for worship (live music, audio recordings, or music videos).