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A SIMPLE START FOR A STRONG KIDS MINISTRY

Scalable content ideas for growing churches

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RELATIONAL CONNECTION

Ministry Is Relational First

- Before systems.
- Before schedules.
- Before services.

Volunteers are not positions to fill.
They are people to shepherd.

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SHIFT THE FOCUS

Move from:
Filling schedules
→ to Building people

When we focus only on tasks, we
communicate:
What you do matters more than who you are.

Biblical leadership is pastoral before
operational.

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ONBOARDING SETS THE TONE

Healthy onboarding includes:

- Clear vision casting (Why do we exist?)
- Biblical theology of children & discipleship
- Role clarity
- Culture explanation
- Personal story-sharing
- Relational connection

Onboarding is not paperwork.
It is pastoring.

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KNOW YOUR VOLUNTEERS

- Do I know their season of life?
- Would I know if they were walking through grief?
- Would I miss a major milestone in their family?

Pastoral leadership requires awareness.

SIMPLE RHYTHMS OF CARE

Relational health must be systematic:

- Quarterly one-on-ones
- Handwritten notes
- Prayer touchpoints
- Coaching conversations
- Public celebration of milestones

Volunteers stay where they feel:

- Seen
- Known
- Equipped
- Appreciated
- Spiritually fed

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AI IS A TOOL, NOT A SHEPHERD

AI can assist with:

- Brainstorming illustrations
- Drafting communication
- Organizing lessons
- Volunteer training documents

But:

- Scripture remains the authority
- Theology must be verified
- Relationships cannot be automated
- Discipleship cannot be outsourced

Convenience must never replace discernment.

TEAM BUILDING

BUILDING FOR HEALTH, NOT JUST GROWTH

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KIDS MINISTRY IS NOT ABOUT THE NUMBERS

Success is not measured by attendance charts.

- Large ministries are not automatically healthy
- Small ministries are not automatically ineffective

The true measure is faithfulness.

Jesus didn't command us to gather crowds.

He commanded us to make disciples.

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SAME PRINCIPLES, DIFFERENT SCALE

Healthy systems work at 50 kids, 500 kids or 1,000 kids

Healthy systems need:

- Clear systems
- Intentional Bible teaching
- Relational leadership

If it only works small → fragile

If it only works large → unsustainable

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DEVELOP LEADERS FROM WITHIN

Healthy ministries:

- Identify potential leaders
- Give increasing responsibility
- Provide coaching
- Create ownership

If you are the only one who can run the ministry,
you don't have a team — you have dependency.

Leadership layers protect longevity and multiply impact.

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BUILD FOR LONGEVITY

Protect the health of your team:

- Guard Sabbath rhythms
- Rotate volunteers
- Celebrate wins
- Address burnout early
- Create leadership pipelines

Healthy teams are energized, not exhausted.
Team building forms people — not just programs.

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EXECUTING WEEKEND SERVICES

CLARITY CREATES CONFIDENCE

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DISCIPLESHIP OVER PRODUCTION

Lights, games, and stage moments are tools.
They are not transformation.

Ask:

- Are we creating experiences or forming disciples?
- Are we impressing families or shaping hearts?

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Production supports ministry. It never replaces it.

CLEAR SYSTEMS HELP VOLUNTEERS WIN

Confusion creates burnout. Clarity creates confidence.

Healthy weekend systems include:

- Clear run-of-show
- Defined roles
- Prepared materials
- Predictable schedules
- Communication loops

When volunteers know what's happening and why, they can focus on kids instead of logistics.

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CONSISTENCY BUILDS TRUST

Consistency creates:

- Safety for children
- Credibility for parents

Kids thrive when:

- The schedule is predictable
- Leaders are prepared
- Teaching is cohesive
- Small group time is protected

TEACH THE BIBLE WITH INTENTION

Avoid isolated stories.

Teach the unified story of Scripture:

- Creation
- Fall
- Promise
- Redemption
- The Church
- Restoration

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Help kids see that the entire Bible points to Jesus

ONE-POINT MESSAGE

Each week answers one question:
What is the one truth we want kids to understand,
remember, and apply?

If it cannot be said in one sentence,
it is too complicated.

Clarity increases retention.

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BIBLE DRIVES CREATIVITY

The Bible determines:

- Series theme
- Activities
- Illustrations
- Memory verse

Creativity illuminates truth. It does not compete with it.

CIRCLES, NOT ROWS

Large group inspires.
Small group disciples.

Small groups:

- Allow questions
- Create relational accountability
- Make space for prayer
- Encourage application

Spiritual formation happens in circles.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY AS FOUNDATION

An intentional plan to memorize 48 core Scriptures builds:

- Biblical literacy
- Identity
- Resilience
- Transformation

Memorization → Meditation → Transformation

Excellence removes distraction.

Execution serves discipleship.

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CLOSING FRAMEWORK

Healthy Kids Ministries thrive when:

- We lead relationally.
- We build strong teams.
- We execute with clarity and purpose.

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