MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER NEWS MAY 2015



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HOURS MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:30AM-4:30PM

Vacation Bible School
Kits Available

Many kits are being reserved, so remember to reserve yours. The following are still available:

Hometown Nazareth-1
Under the Acacia Tree-3
Workshop of Wonders-3
Everywhere Fun Fair-3
Operation Overboard-4
Shake It Up Café-4
Galactic Blast-3
Beach Party-1
Camp EDGE-2

Online Catalog

Deep Blue Curriculum Samples

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL and SUMMER PROGRAM IDEAS

(I originally sent this out last May and wanted to share it again)

Questions To Consider When Planning

- Who do you want to reach out to? Who is your target audience?
- What's going on in your community and when?
- Are there others in the community you can partner with?
- Is there a central place in the community where everyone feels welcome where you might hold your program other than the church?
- Do you want to hold a program for one day, weekend, 3-5 days, mornings or evenings, for summer Sunday school, spring or winter break, as an after school program?
- Would you like to offer a meal, transportation?
- How could you connect your program to a tangible mission in the community?
- How can you promote your event?-door hangers, postcards, radio stations, TV, newspaper, public library, at the community farmer's market, parade, or concerts.
- What is available to borrow from the Media Resource Center?

Looking At Things In A Different Perspective

- Do you feel like you are rushing kids from one center to another or that the kids don't want to participate at some centers?
- Try grouping some activities together in a more open area for a longer period of time where the kids have a choice of doing a craft, having a snack, trying a science experiment, or just sitting and visiting with each other and volunteers-make the center more about community and relationship building
- Instead of a different game led by someone each night, perhaps you can create a Fun Zone where the kids have a choice of active games and sports, table games, board games, even a video game-a place where volunteers can play with the kids
- Instead of a different craft every night, try one bigger project that is worked on throughout the program
- Try concentrating on one key concept you want to teach in different ways throughout the program
- Create a reality series on video of what's going on during your time together
- Do you have a group of adults and youth that would like to help neighbors in the community?-a great mission opportunity

WHATEVER YOU DO
KEEP IT SIMPLE AND MAKE IT FUN FOR EVERYONE!