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Kidmin Forum

Youth Ministry May 19, 2020

Notes, Takeaways & Resources

Virtual Meeting Resources

- Zoom - Beware of “zoom fatigue!”
- Instagram Live - Only use if the majority of your youth already have Instagram.
- Google Hang Out
- Find the best time of day and frequency for your group.

Keeping Youth Engaged During Virtual Meetings

- Keep it simple and short! 30-40 minutes is ideal, but gauge your group.
- Games - Utilize games made to be played online or create your own (see resources page) such as scavenger hunts, charades, trivia, etc.
- Delegate parts of the meeting - Have someone keep track of prayer requests, pray, read/look up scripture, etc.
- Utilize visual aids - powerpoints, images, (Canva, Sharefaith)
- Crank up the music as kids are “entering” the meeting! Create a playlist on your computer (itunes).

Creating Your Own Video Resources

- Makes it more personal - Utilize YouTube or BIGVU (teleprompter app).
- Send short (1 minute) videos to parents letting them know what you’ll be doing in next virtual meeting and what values or characteristics you’ll be discussing. Give your program value to parents.
- Can be emailed or texted to watch at their convenience.

Communication with Youth

- Mass texting is where it’s at (with both parents and youth)! Utilize apps such as Clearstream, Text In Church, Remind, GroupMe.

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- Determine your frequency or schedule and then stick with it! Send one right before your online meeting begins. Send one during meeting to those missing. Send parents texts as well letting them know you missed their child. Pre-schedule texts, send videos, etc.
- For those younger youth that do not have cell phones, make sure parents are a part of every text and email to pass along to their kids. Make telephone calls if necessary. It's a great way to check in on families as well.
- Send handwritten notes or postcards checking in with youth.

Summer Missions for Youth

- Summer Serve Days at Skycroft 2020! Grab a group of your youth and “adopt a project” at Skycroft! Spend the day serving on the mountain, then relax and let your youth enjoy some of their awesome amenities such as zip lining, bazooka ball, the confidence course, etc. These day-long mission trips can be tailored to your group and will average \$30 for the day, including a meal. You have the option of adding on to your day with extra meals, and activities. This is a great way to give back to Skycroft, offer a service project for your youth and spend time with them up on the mountain “away from it all!” Projects will mainly be outdoor projects. See this as a chance to take a deep breath with your youth and reconnect! See the resource page for contact info for Skycroft to arrange your trip.
- Seek local opportunities - day trips.
- Serve members of the church.

Celebrating Seniors

- Celebration Box - Seek input from families to find out their favorite snacks, sports teams, places to eat and shop. Assemble a fun box to be porch delivered on graduation day.
- Have church members send cards of encouragement. Include those in Celebration Box or mail.

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- Do some research about the area surrounding their college (if they are going away) and suggest local churches that they might attend.
- Have pastors give a “shout out” during the online service. Show senior pictures in a slide show online.
- Highlight your seniors individually on your social media outlets.
- Senior Zoom Night - Invite only seniors and their families. Have grads wear their caps and tassels. As they enter the zoom meeting, have the graduation song playing (Pomp and Circumstance). Have you or your pastor give a “commencement address,” show a slide show of photos from their time in your ministry or from their families (baby photos). Have parents write notes to their grads and read them aloud in the meeting. Have a time of prayer for them. You might want to even deliver pizza right before the meeting!

Other ways to Connect with Youth

- Parking lot party! Social distance in the parking lot (if your stay at home orders are lifted). Have youth bring their own snacks, throw open their trunks and hang out! (Oak Ridge Baptist)
- Utilize RightNow Media if your church has access. Choose a study, send the links to the video and follow up questions. Reward youth for completing by delivering pizza to them. (Southend Baptist)
- Tree Trekkers in Frederick County is a great place to get together during the summer! They are operating with precautions in place! (Southend Baptist)
- Host a Netflix watch party. Mail popcorn out the week before inviting them to join. Note: Each person must have a Netflix account to participate.
- In the future, consider combining your youth group with another local church’s youth group to create a larger sense of community. (Baltimore Baptist Assoc.)
- Host a Family Trivia Night using Kahoot. Each person or team must have another device aside from the one they’re using to be on the virtual call. Contact Kyle Engle for more information and details on how to do this successfully! (Olney Baptist)

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For those that attended the 2PM forum, here are some insights that were made at the 7PM forum:

- Utilize Google Slides for quizzing games.
- Think about getting familiar with TikTok if most of your kids are on it already.
- GroupMe is a free mass texting platform.
- Over Zoom calls, share your screen to watch YouTube videos related to your topic. Use the features in zoom that allow you to optimize for better video quality when sharing your screen.
- Have custom face masks made for your youth! They are surprisingly inexpensive! See resources below for ordering and pricing.
- Utilize QuikKast for announcements.
- Challenge youth to do some good! Create a “Stir one another up” campaign. Have youth send in photos of what they did to be shared on social media. (Bethany Church)

Click directly on the resource name:

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[Kyle’s blog post with free curriculum on Anxiety!](#)

ministrytoyouth.com

youthministry360.com

skycroft.com

axis.org

[Stuff You Can Use Facebook Group](#)

[Youth Ministry Institute](#)

downloadyouthministry.com - games

[Rooted Ministry](#)

jeopardylabs.com - make your own jeopardy

[Kahoot](#) - game

[QuikKast](#) -

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[Tree Trekkers](#) - day trip

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