

# Leading a Small Group

## 1. Prioritize relationships. **Evan**

## 2. Be prepared. **Sara**

- Internalize the message.
- Connect the Bible story.
- Use activity to encourage kids towards the bottom line.

The purpose of **Plug In** is to introduce and engage.  
(10 minutes)

*Plug In is designed to introduce children to the day's topic in a setting that gives them individualized attention from a leader and plenty of interaction with their peers. If you have enough leaders, divide kids into small groups of up to 10 children.*

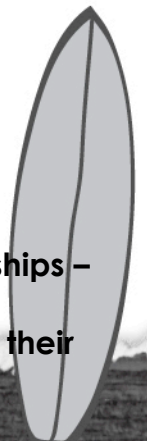
The purpose of **Catch On** is life application.  
(28 minutes)

*Catch On is designed to help kids understand how the day's topic applies to them. They'll discuss real-life experiences, interact with a group of peers, and participate in a variety of activities that appeal to different learning styles. Life-application and memory-verse activities, as well as prayer, are always a part of this hands-on time. Gather children into the same small groups as for Plug In.*

## 3. Keep the end in mind. **Debbie**

- Helps kids understand the Bible story applies to their lives.
- Help kids walk away understanding the application of the bottom line.
- Teach less for more.

**“Over time, community is how people grow. Children learn in the context of relationships – when their lives intersect with the lives of others. They have a better chance of understanding and applying life-changing truth when there are multiple influences in their lives all saying the same thing.” – Reggie Joiner, Think Orange**



# Building Community (Debbie)

## Hang Ten Leaders

Connect with your kids outside of the weekend:

1. Call kids on their birthday and/or send or give cards.
2. Plan and/or attend outside activities with your group.

Follow up with kids in your group who aren't attending consistently by following these steps:

1. Use your attendance roster to track attendance.
2. Call kids who have not been attending consistently.
3. Send "We Missed you Post Cards" to kids who have missed three consecutive weeks.
4. If they do not attend your group for six consecutive weeks, they will be sent a letter and placed into an On Deck group. Please turn in attendance sheets to coach or Director when a child needs to be moved out of your group and into an On Deck group.

## On Deck Leaders

1. Split into the smallest groups possible.
2. Learn the names of kids in your group.
3. Encourage regular attending kids to join a Hang Ten Group.

**"One of the reasons I believe so strongly in elevating community is the potential it provides for small groups and small-group leaders to participate in God's plan for spiritual development and discipleship. Jesus set the example of living in a consistent community – why should we live any other way?" – Reggie Joiner, Think Orange**



# Leading a Child to Christ (Evan)

## How to know when a child is ready

*Salvation is not a box to check. It is the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. Often with good intentions, parents and leaders can force their children into a decision the child is not ready to make. Children need to make this decision with a good understanding of the Holy Spirit's prompting in their life.*

### 1. Walk child through New Life in Jesus - Kids Edition booklet.

- Allow older kids to read it to you.
- Answer questions along the way.
- If they decide they are ready to start a relationship with Jesus that is great! If they tell you they are not ready, that is good too. We always want to reward honesty. We know that it is about the heart and not just the words we pray, so if they aren't ready yet, we can trust that God is still going to be working on their heart.

### 2. Wait to pray with child until parent(s) arrive.

- We really want their parents to have the opportunity to share in this big decision and be part of this milestone.
- This could play out a few different ways:
  1. Parents take the lead and pray with their child on their own. In this case, please be sure to send home the booklet and Salvation Birth Certificate.
  2. Parents want you to pray with their child, but want to be there. In this case, find a place in the gym or green room where you can talk and pray with the family.
  3. If the parents do not want you or them to pray with their child, send home the resources with the family. Encourage them to go over the booklet at home. We trust that the Holy Spirit is working and even if we aren't able to walk the child through that prayer, we have done our part and God will do the rest.

### 3. Present them with Salvation Birth Certificate.

### 4. Fill out response card.

- Please turn this in to a Beach House staff member for follow up.

**“What we do really matters because kids can become true Christ followers. Acts 2:39 says, ‘The promise is for you and your children and all who are far off,’ so something very important is at stake every weekend – the life and eternity of every child.” – Sue Miller**



# Emergency Drill

March 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Weekend

We will be practicing these two processes:

## Evacuation Process

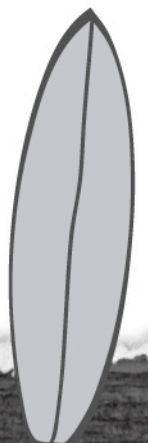
1. When alarm sounds, look to your leader and listen for instructions.
2. Quietly, get into a line. (One leader at the front of the line and one leader at the end)
3. Calmly follow leader out of the exit door towards the south parking lot.
4. After reaching destination, sit in a line quietly, while your leader takes attendance. (Coordinators will deliver rosters to leaders as soon as possible)
5. Don't head back into gym until instructed by a Coordinator or Director. In the case we cannot re-enter the building, we will be checking kids out from the parking lot using claim tickets.

## Lock Down Process

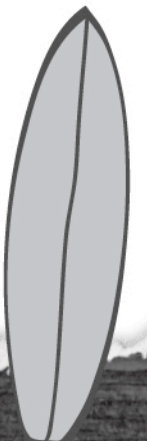
1. Line up against walls of gym and sit quietly. It is really important that kids stay still and quiet.

2. We will be turning lights off.

\* Exterior doors can be locked and we are working on an interior lock system.



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