



# KIDS CLUB

## OSLER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Thanks for trusting us with your child(ren). We don't take your trust lightly, and we will do our best to care for your kid(s), making sure they always have a safe, fun, and meaningful time when they come to Kids Club.

Here's how Kids Club works:

**CHECK-IN:** When your child(ren) arrives at 7 PM, they need to check-in, letting us know they are present. Points will be given for attendance, wearing their club t-shirt (provided), bringing their Bible (provided, upon request), and if they bring a friend. One point will be given for each of those four things, for a possible four points (or more if they bring more than one friend) on each club night. When a kid has earned 20 points, a reward (prize) from our "Bema (Rewards) Box" will be given to them before the end of the evening.

**GAMES TIME:** After they check-in, we'll play in the gym or outside (weather permitting) for about half-an-hour. The games will be kid-friendly, and the emphasis will be on fun, teamwork, following the rules, and good sportsmanship (being good winners and losers).

**SMALL GROUP TIME:** After Games Time, we'll huddle up (for 30 minutes or so) into smaller groups of 5-10 kids per group, with one to two leaders per group. We're hoping to have boys' groups and girls' groups, with a leader of the same gender leading and caring for them. In Small Group Time, the kids will work on worksheets (each worksheet has a different theme or emphasis), focusing on some aspect of the Bible, God's message of truth and hope for us all. Worksheets will have questions to answer, pictures to draw, blanks to fill in, and Bible verses to memorize. We believe that Bible verse memorization is one key to thriving in life. As we navigate through life, it's amazing how those verses come to mind, providing us with truth and guidance just when we need it. During Small Group Time, leaders will help kids with their worksheets, listen to verses that they have memorized, ask how they're doing, and spend a few minutes praying with them, too. We believe that prayer is our lifeline to God, where we get to know Him better and get to ask Him for things (large and small) in our lives and in our world. When a kid completes a worksheet, this will be celebrated later in our Big Group Time.

**BIG GROUP TIME:** After Small Group Time, we'll regather into a large group for about 30 minutes or so to...

...sing together. We believe that worshiping God through song is another way to help us thrive in life. Singing to God with others reminds us that God is big, powerful, cares about us, and wants to work in our lives.

...celebrate accomplishments: We believe that accomplishments should be acknowledged and celebrated together. So, as previously stated, rewards will be given out for check-in points (attendance, t-shirt, Bible, friends), as well as for completed worksheets.

...learn an important faith lesson: One of our team (or a guest teacher) will teach the kids a brief-but-meaningful lesson from the Bible that helps them know more about God and His incredible plan for our lives.

Our Big Group Time will take place in the foyer of the church building, so if you come into the church building to pick up your kid(s) at 8:30 PM (when Kids Club finishes each evening), please do so quietly, in case we're not quite finished our Big Group Time. We appreciate it if parents/caregivers come into the church building to pick up their child(ren), so we can get to know you too.

### **FAQS:**

- *My kids(s) don't have a Bible. Does Kids Club have one for them?* Yes. We have Bibles to give them, and we are happy to provide them. If your child requests one, and you would prefer that they don't have one, they can give it back to us.
- *What if my kid(s) forgets to wear their t-shirt. Can they still attend Kids Club?* For sure. They just won't receive a point for wearing their shirt on that evening. We do hope, however, that they always wear their shirt. It's a fun and valuable part of being a community ... together.
- *What if I lose their t-shirt. Can I get another one?* Yes. But, we'll have to charge you \$10 for it.
- *What if my child(ren) loses the worksheet they are working on. Can we get another one?* Yes. We're happy to provide more, if necessary. You can also go online to [www.oslercommunitychurch.ca/kids-club](http://www.oslercommunitychurch.ca/kids-club) and download and print off the one that they need. Keep in mind: We keep track of when kids finish worksheets, but we don't keep track of their progress on a specific worksheet. Thus, if they lose theirs, they might have to start from the beginning again. It's best if they keep track of them and bring them back to Kids Club.
- *What if my kid brings a friend. Does their friend have to register?* No. Guests don't have to register, but they do need to check-in so we know they are present that evening. Our hope is that guests will soon register and become Clubbers.
- *Do my kid(s) have to memorize the Bible verses perfectly?* No. But, we do ask that they recite them pretty close to perfect. Also, they need to recite where the verse is found (i.e. John 3:16), in case they need to find it in the Bible some day. Kids are given one "help" per verse(s) by their leader. A "help" is a word or phrase, meant to help them remember. If your child has already memorized a specific verse in a different translation of the Bible, we're happy to hear them recite it in that translation.
- *I'm not from Osler. Can I (a parent/caregiver) hang out at the church building during Club time?* Yes. Our library, right beside our foyer, is available for you to use.

Kids Club checklist: Each club evening, make sure your kids(s) have:

- their Club t-shirt.
- the worksheet they are working on.
- a Bible (if they have one, please ask if you would like one).
- clean, non-marking shoes.

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?** Please phone/text Pastor Laurence (306.485.3563) or email him ([pastorlaurencejohnston@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlaurencejohnston@gmail.com))



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