LEADERS IN PRETEEN TRAINING

QUICKSTART GUIDE

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

INVOLVING FAMILY
Deut. 6:1-8

MENTORING
Matt. 28:19-20

CREATING MINISTRY ROLES
Eph. 4:11-13

TAKING KIDS ON MISSION
Acts 1:8

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Mission: Our mission is “Empowering The Next Generation.”

Purpose: Our goal is to recognize the uniqueness of every child. We are committed to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple, equip, and release them for ministry in the church and as missionaries in the world.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!
If you have any questions about starting L.I.T. in your church, please feel free to email us at russ@leadersintraining.com or call 919-796-6003.

WELCOME

Welcome to Leaders in Training aka L.I.T.! As you read through this leader guide, you will be prepared to transform the way you do children's ministry in your church...

Involving Family: Mom and dad are the primary influences in their children's discipleship. L.I.T. will help you help them to disciple their children.

Mentorship: The apprenticeship process of meeting weekly with children, mentoring them, moving them into positions as leaders and teachers to empower them to become disciple makers and equippers.

Creating Ministry Roles: Children and preteens will serve in your church and community using their spiritual gifts to fulfill the Great Commission. They will be scheduled and trained to do things like organize, lead worship, perform skits, or teach small group classes.

Missions: Young missionaries can become fearless in reaching peers, family and your community with the gospel. Start planning to join or host an LIT mission trip next summer. Talk about it early with your families so that they begin to reserve the time and budget the money to send their kids.

You Have Everything You Need

Leadership Handbook
Nehemiah Kids Logos
L.I.T. Logos
Promotional Posters
Parent Handbook
Parent Training PowerPoint
Family and Church Covenant/Application
Children Devotionals – Nehemiah Kids – Grades 1-3
Preteen Devotionals – Leaders In Training – Grades 4-6
Disciple Group Leader Training

Nehemiah Kids Early Elementary Disciple Group Leader Guides (Grades 1-3)
L.I.T. Preteen Disciple Group Leader Guides (Grades 4-6
Spiritual Gift Test
Ministry Training Handbook
ABC Counseling Card
The Gift Evangelistic Five-Day Bible Study
Preparing for My Mission Trip Resources

Let's Get Started

Make Your Ministry Your Own – Develop a name. Make a graphic or logo. Design T-shirts to order for kids and leaders.
Cast Your Vision – Share the vision with your pastor, staff, parents and church.
Prepare to Launch the Ministry – Gather all the resources, organize and sequence the materials for the launch.

Step One:

- Decide meeting day and time – plan to meet weekly for at least 90 minutes. The time will be divided evenly between ministry training and discipleship small group.
- Determine ministry service opportunities (Ministry teams where kids will serve at your church in weekend and/or midweek services.)
- Enlist leadership (1 adult or mature teen per up to 5 kids; plus 1 skilled leader for each ministry team. 1 leader can do both, but it is great if not.)

Step Two:

- Plan Leadership training dates on the calendar
- Plan Parent meetings on the calendar
- Create Promotion messages and schedule them
- Set important dates – all meetings, events, celebrations and outreaches
- Determine room needs – submit requests if your church has a calendar request process.

[at the end of step 2, you will have a complete year of calendar dates to share with leaders, parents, students and the church staff.]

Step Three:

- Divide children into Disciple Groups – aka D-Groups
- Assign ministry teams
- Prepare for launch day

Best Practices

Have team leaders debrief after ministry opportunities, discuss improvements, and prepare for future assignments.
Meet regularly with leaders for accountability and ongoing training.

Create and use an application process and interview with children to communicate the commitment level, accountability and seriousness of choosing to join your L.I.T. team. Use to gather t-shirt sizes, ministry team preferences, etc.

Plan quarterly celebrations during your LIT meetings to reward and incentivize the students for godly, mature, responsible growth and performance. Give prizes, stickers, badges or certificates to celebrate and reward the students.

Missions Resources

The Gift Bible Study
Becoming a Missionary
ABC Counseling Card
Preparing for My Mission Trip Devotional
Preparing for My Mission Trip Leader Guide
Training and Planning Resources