



## ● WORKSHOP TOPICS ●

### General Kid's Ministry & Leadership

- ❑ **A Funny Thing Happened on the Church Bus:** After 40 years in the Kid's Ministry, Larry has had some hilarious things happen that will have you rolling in the floor with laughter. But these stories are not just funny; they teach something about our relationship with God and the ministry to children. You will laugh and cry but you will not soon forget the lessons presented. (This is a great workshop to start your seminar with!)
- ❑ **The Children's Ministry in the Smaller Church:** Small churches present a unique set of challenges – getting workers, undersized budgets, lack of space, little growth, and unsupportive leadership just to name a few. This workshop will present some ways to face these challenges (including a lesson from Shamgar) and improve your ministry no matter the size of your church.
- ❑ **Kid's Ministry Pitfalls to Avoid:** We all take shortcuts sometime but these things will hurt your ministry over the long run. We will talk about common hazards and how to prevent them with your workers.
- ❑ **What is a Cutting Edge Children's Ministry?:** You hear a lot about developing a “cutting edge” ministry for kids but what exactly does that mean? Is it lots of TVs, smart phones, Facebook, and high tech equipment or is it something simpler? Find out what an advanced, innovative ministry is and how you can have one.
- ❑ **Ten Ways to Improve Your Children's Ministry:** Simple things that any church can do to take your ministry to the next level.
- ❑ **How to Avoid Burnout and Rekindle Your Passion for Ministry:** Everyone gets tired in the ministry but when we get drained, we are just one step away from burnout. Find out how to identify burnout, keep it from happening, and how to get your enthusiasm back if you are experiencing it.
- ❑ **Creating and Establishing Policies for your Children's Ministry:** Although a large undertaking, establishing a set of policies for your ministry will help you in years to come to handle difficult situations, protect your workers and kids, help you keep volunteers, and make things run smoother each week.
- ❑ **Becoming a Better Children's Ministry Leader:** Whether you are on staff or a volunteer, your area of the Children's Ministry growth will depend on your leadership skills. This workshop will look at ways to improve as the person in charge.
- ❑ **Communicating with Parents and Getting Them Involved:** We all have parents who never seem to

know what's going on. You will never overcome that problem completely but there are some things you can do. Learn how to get parents on your side and in the loop so they can help you help their kids.

- ❑ **Budget? What Budget? Running Your Kid's Ministry on a Shoe String:** Few of us have unlimited funds to use in our ministry so we have to get creative and enlist some help. Here's how to do it.
- ❑ **Using Events to Build Your Children's Ministry:** Something big this way comes—an event from time-to-time can help your ministry to grow but your special occasions need to be planned and have a purpose.
- ❑ **Begin with the End in Mind:** What's your philosophy of ministry. If you don't have one, how do you develop one that works to guide your ministry to be the best it can be? Your philosophy will determine your methodology and will lead to your vision and your vision will lead you to where you want to be.
- ❑ **Nursery and Pre-School Basics:** Why your nursery and pre-school are vital to your church and how to make it the best it can be.
- ❑ **Why Does Children's Ministry Matter?:** Reasons why a Kid's Ministry helps children, families and the church as a whole. A good one can make a HUGE difference in any church.

## **Becoming a Better Teacher**

- ❑ **Leading a Child to Christ:** We assume every Children's Ministry worker knows how to lead a child to a saving knowledge of Christ, but that is not always true. This workshop will teach you the right questions to ask and how to explain things in a way that children understand.
- ❑ **Tips to Make Learning Exciting: Understanding Learning Styles:** Some kids like to read, others like to draw, and still others enjoy building things. Each child learns in different ways. Learn how kids learn so you can teach more effectively.
- ❑ **How to Make Your Lessons more Fun and Effective:** There are some easy "add-ons" that can make your lessons exceptional and memorable. These Include object lessons, gospel magic, simple puppets, and more, that anyone can do.
- ❑ **Dealing with Discipline Problems:** One thing you can count on with kids: you are going to have discipline problems from time to time. Here are some things you can do to help make things run more smoothly and help children behave.
- ❑ **Teaching with Bible Review Games:** Bible games review the lesson and help kids remember but more than that, they are fun! This workshop will give you some games to play that range from the simple to using PowerPoint®. The kids will love the games, you will love the results!
- ❑ **The Art of the Story:** Everything we do with kids can be made more interesting with a story told well. Make your lessons come alive with these simple tips that everyone can use.
- ❑ **How to Teach a Bible Verse:** Do you just repeat the Bible verse a few times and then move on? Here are some easy ways to help kids leave your class with a Bible verse in their hearts and minds.
- ❑ **Putting Together a Children's Church Lesson:** It is easier than you think. Start from scratch or improve your current curriculum by making a few changes and additions.
- ❑ **Characteristics of Great Teachers:** What are the things that all good teachers have in common? We will look at the attributes of a good teacher that make the difference.

- ❑ **Seven Simple, Super Sermons on Salvation:** These are lessons designed to help children understand how to trust Christ as their Savior. They include gospel magic, object lessons and other visuals. Ideal for VBS, camp and other occasions when you want to present the gospel in a unique way.
- ❑ **Resources I Wouldn't Want to Be Without:** Over the years I find myself referring to the same books and material over and over—I find them vital to my ministry with kids. Includes some must-read books for everyone who works with children.
- ❑ **Teaching Kids to Use Their Bible:** Helping children understand the Bible is a big part of helping them get the most out of their time at church. This workshop includes what kids need to know about the Bible, how to read the Bible to kids, and how to show them why the Bible is relevant to their lives.

## Bus Ministry

- ❑ **Bus Ministry Basics:** How to visit, the duties of the bus workers, how to turn your transportation service into a real ministry, organize for growth and all the essentials to have a successful Bus Ministry.
- ❑ **New Bus Ministry Methods Churches are Trying:** The last seven words of the church are, “We have never done it that way before.” Many churches have simply given up on the Bus Ministry but some churches have decided their Bus Ministry is worth saving. However, a 1980's approach is just not going to work for them with today's kids. There are some new ways of doing an old ministry that might work for your church as well.
- ❑ **Reaching Bus Parents:** The entire purpose of having a Bus Ministry is to reach the families of the riders we pick up. Here are some ways to do that effectively.

## Creative Ministry

- ❑ **Puppet Ministry 101:** How to manipulate a puppet, how to use puppets with today's kids and the nuts and bolts of starting a Puppet Ministry. Lots of hands-on training.
- ❑ **Using Gospel Magic to Teach:** Kids love illusions and you can use that to your advantage with simple tricks that fool the mind and teach truth. Two small, easy-to-do tricks are included with this workshop.

Don't see the topic you need? No problem. Just contact us and we can customize one for you.

All workshops are 50 minutes but can be shortened to meet your time needs.

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