

Kids Ministry Vision for Spring 2020

We're about six years into the life of our church and as is with many churches and ministries we've honed and learned and grown in so many ways. We've also entered into a season that lacks the fun, excitement, and energy we'd all like to see. Since we will ruthlessly fight for growth in breadth and depth for our kids, we want to pursue new avenues emphasizing joy, fun, and volunteer care.

We see this growth taking shape in the form of a new schedule, format, and location for all our kids and volunteers that lends itself to deeper teaching, more fun, higher energy, and streamlined volunteer processes. We're using a fun camping theme that will attract the youngest through the oldest of our kids.

This will have lots of moving parts, but the big idea is that all kids will gather for a high-energy big group time and then split up by age group. They'll rotate through Games, Bible, and Hands-On time in their age groups, and then come together again for a closing time of fun and review of the morning.

We'll be working through logistics like drop-off, pick-up, and bathroom breaks, but right now our greatest need and desire is to use the gifts already present in our body to bless each other. This will mean that we have a few specialized roles (like teaching the Bible story, leading our Hands-On time, and running games) and then many places for support to just be here on Sundays, love on kids, help them where they need it within rotations, and build friendships with other volunteers.

Kids and volunteers alike want to be part of something that's fun and meaningful. We're asking God to do big things with this ministry, *his* ministry, and we want to be faithful with the big picture vision as well as the nuts and bolts of making a change this large.

3 Big Areas of Change:

Format

Kids will be divided into four groups (three that will rotate):

Team Everglades	Birth - 2 yrs (will remain in their area all morning)
Team Yellowstone	3 years - 4 years
Team Yosemite	Kindergarten - 2nd grade
Team Denali	3rd - 5th grade

Volunteers will be divided into Team Leads and Rotation Leads

Rotation Leads are the Bible Teacher(s), Hands-On Lead(s), and Games Lead(s) and stay in their respective areas all morning to lead each of the three groups as they rotate.

Team Leads meet the kids at drop-off and stay with their age group the entire morning. They will move the students through their rotations and help as needed in each rotation.

We will rely heavily on our RSM to provide leadership in each area. Our hope is to build community cross-generationally as well as teach learning-by-doing based on a student's desires and giftedness.

Schedule

10:30 - 10:45	Free play; Team Leads engage with kids
10:45 - 10:55	Big Group time (welcome, high energy, introduce verse/lesson)
10:55	Move to Rotation 1
11:00 - 11:15	Rotation 1 (Bible, Hands-On, or Games)
11:15 - 11:30	Rotation 2 (Bible, Hands-On, or Games)
11:30 - 11:45	Rotation 3 (Bible, Hands-On, or Games)
11:45 - 11:55	Closing (review, pray, prepare for pick up)

Location

All kids will be in the Gym and Gym Lobby, divided by age and rotation

