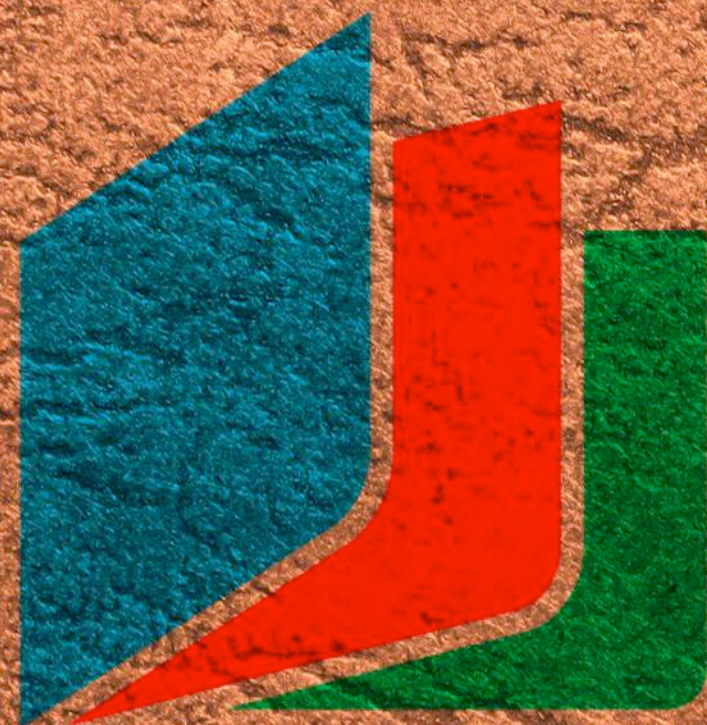


the story behind



KIDStory™

**What greater gift can you give a child than
God's Word and His Spirit to guide them
along their life journey?**

The deaf shall hear...



Mudidi is ten and lives in the impoverished city of Kinshasa, Congo. Every week he sits quietly in the back corner of the church's crowded Sunday school room. He has to ...

Mudidi was born both deaf and mute. One Sunday things changed when his leader taught using what he had learned at the KIDStory workshop. Mudidi was able to retell the story perfectly, imitating what his leader did. This boy did not need ears to hear God speaking to him.

The invitation to believe, risk, and draw near are too much for any disability to stop.

Active storytelling encourages participation, affording children the opportunity to take part in unexpected and inspired ways.

Through KIDStory, God's Word and His Spirit work together to bring profound truths to stir the hearts and minds of even a 4 year-old.

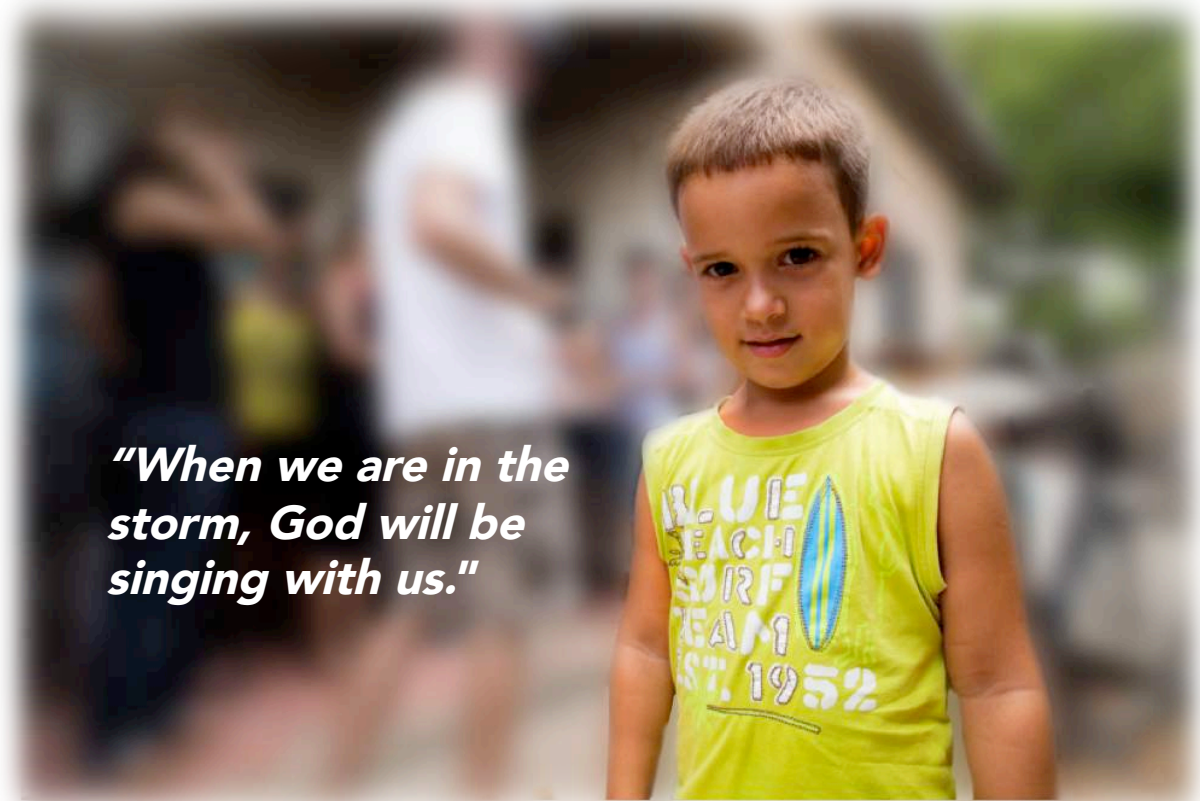


Yanner lives in a small community in Cuba and like all four year-old boys, he has lots of energy as well as a very inquisitive mind. When asked:

"What did you learn about God through the Bible Story and what we did today?"

He responded:

Storytelling engages even the youngest listeners, capturing attention and enhancing critical thinking skills.



"When we are in the storm, God will be singing with us."



7 year-old Hindu girl

When asked what she had learned from the Creation story, Devi responded:

"I am amazed that there is a God who created me. What is His name?"

70% of the 7 billion people in the world learn through oral means. Over half of these people are children!

The leader then told this Hindu child from India the wonderful story of the One True God who sent His Son, Jesus.

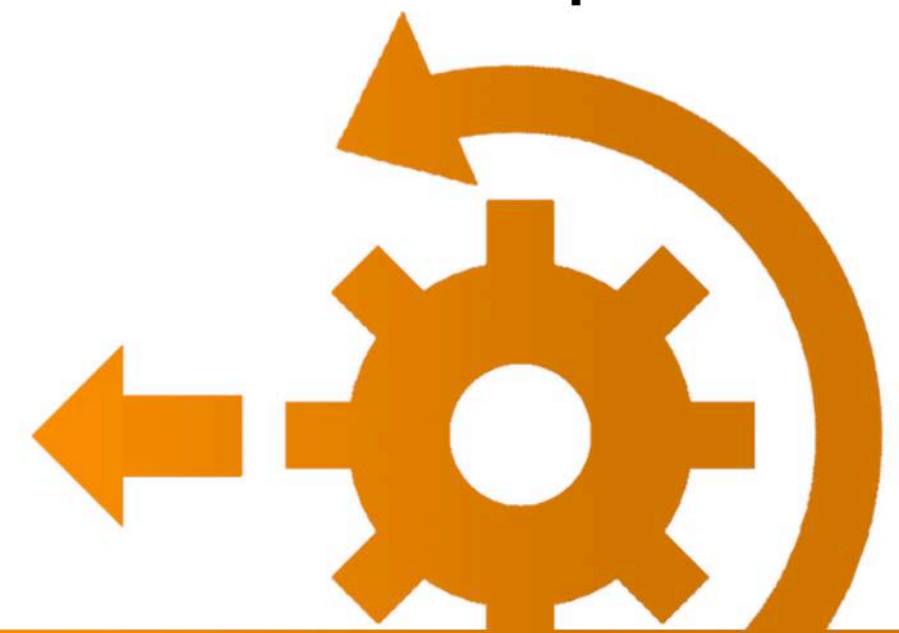


God's Word is alive.

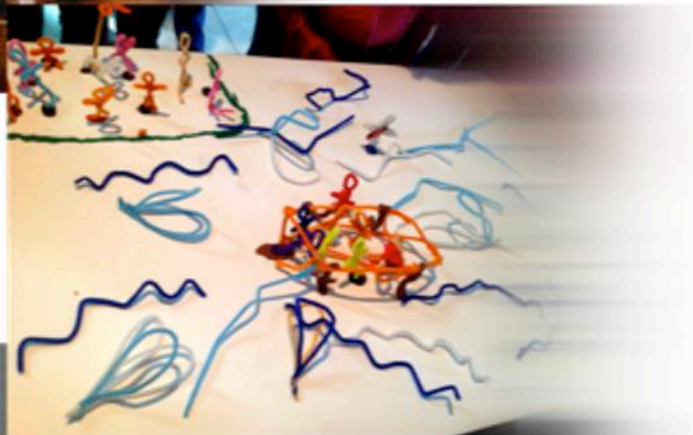
It is more than merely ink on paper.

KIDStory, with the formation of StoryClubs, is one of the most effective strategies to bring the Good News to anyone, anywhere, at anytime.

By using play, games, drama and storyboards, children's minds and hearts can be captured with God's truth and love.



Games serve as repetitive activities that help to develop the ability to recall information and retain it for future use.





KIDStory is about reaching and discipling children in **God's Word** by creating StoryClubs, a fun, relational and reproducible learning environment where children can become eye-witnesses to God's redemptive story and not simply distant observers.

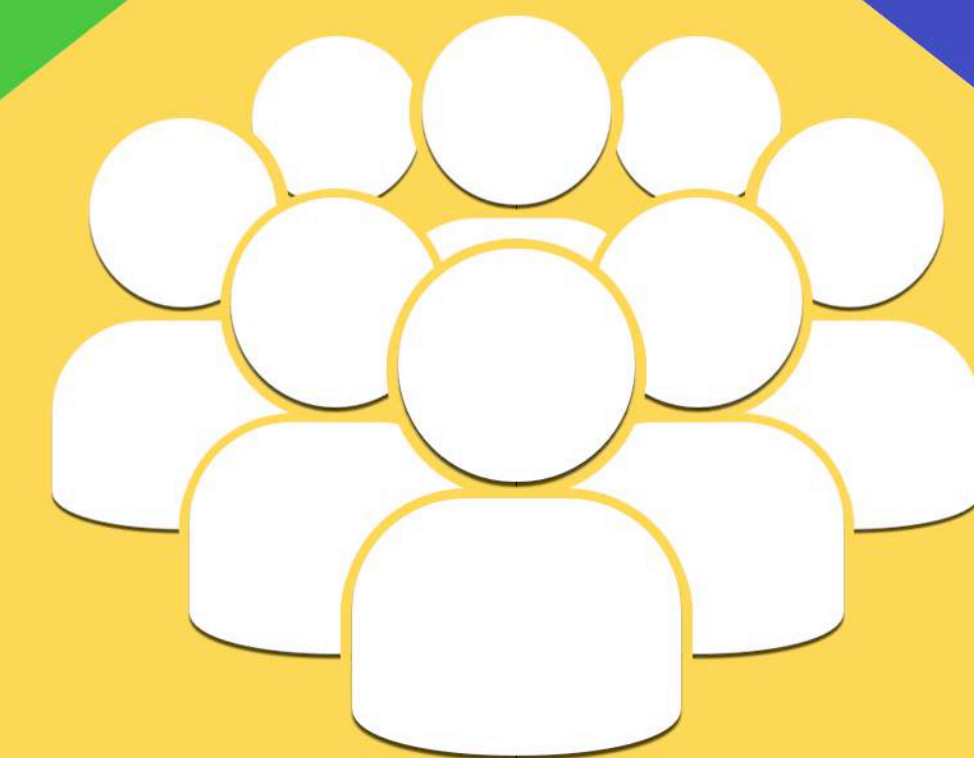
Orality-based teaching relies on simple, engaging, transformative, and fun methods that are easily reproducible in all cultures.



relational



fun



reproducing

spirit-led



relational



"I have totally changed the way I teach Sunday School by including fun and games. The kids are showing up early, giving me hugs. It has *deepened my relationship* with them, drawing us closer together and with the Lord."





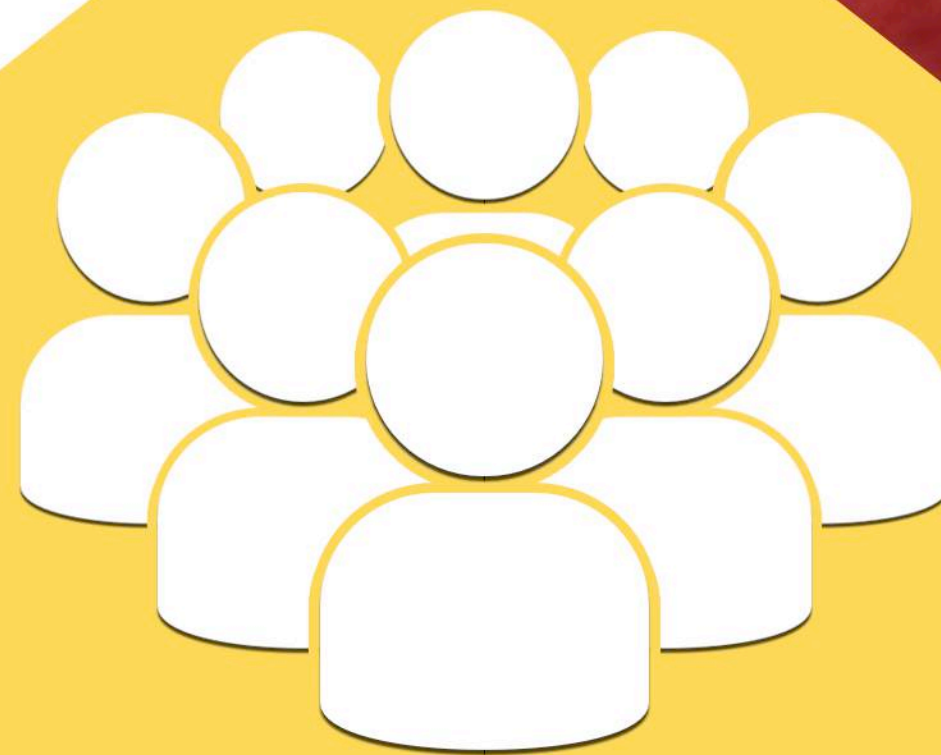
fun

"Before, the kids were unhappy, but after using the KIDStory methods of singing, games and stories, ***the change was amazing.*** The next Sunday many more children came; their faces were shining with joy and smiles filled the room."

The real power of discipleship!
As a teenager he was trained by
a workshop participant and now
is being equipped to train others.

Because the KIDStory strategy is
easy to learn and pass on,
StoryClubs around the globe are
flourishing in truly exciting ways.

*Generation after generation
stands in awe of Your work;
each one tells stories of
Your mighty acts.*
Ps 145:4



reproducing



spirit-led



The Holy Spirit is the one who transforms children's lives. KIDStory leaders listen rather than lecture - listening to the Spirit and the responses of the children - while encouraging them to listen and be obedient to God's voice. Questions posed by the leaders are not just for information, but for Holy Spirit *transformation of the heart and mind*. This gives leaders the chance to follow up on the things the Holy Spirit is teaching and revealing.



Democratic Republic of Congo

*25 participants are trained
(within three months)*

Over 200 new people trained

75% of these are actively
training others

20 local pastors are requesting
training for their staff

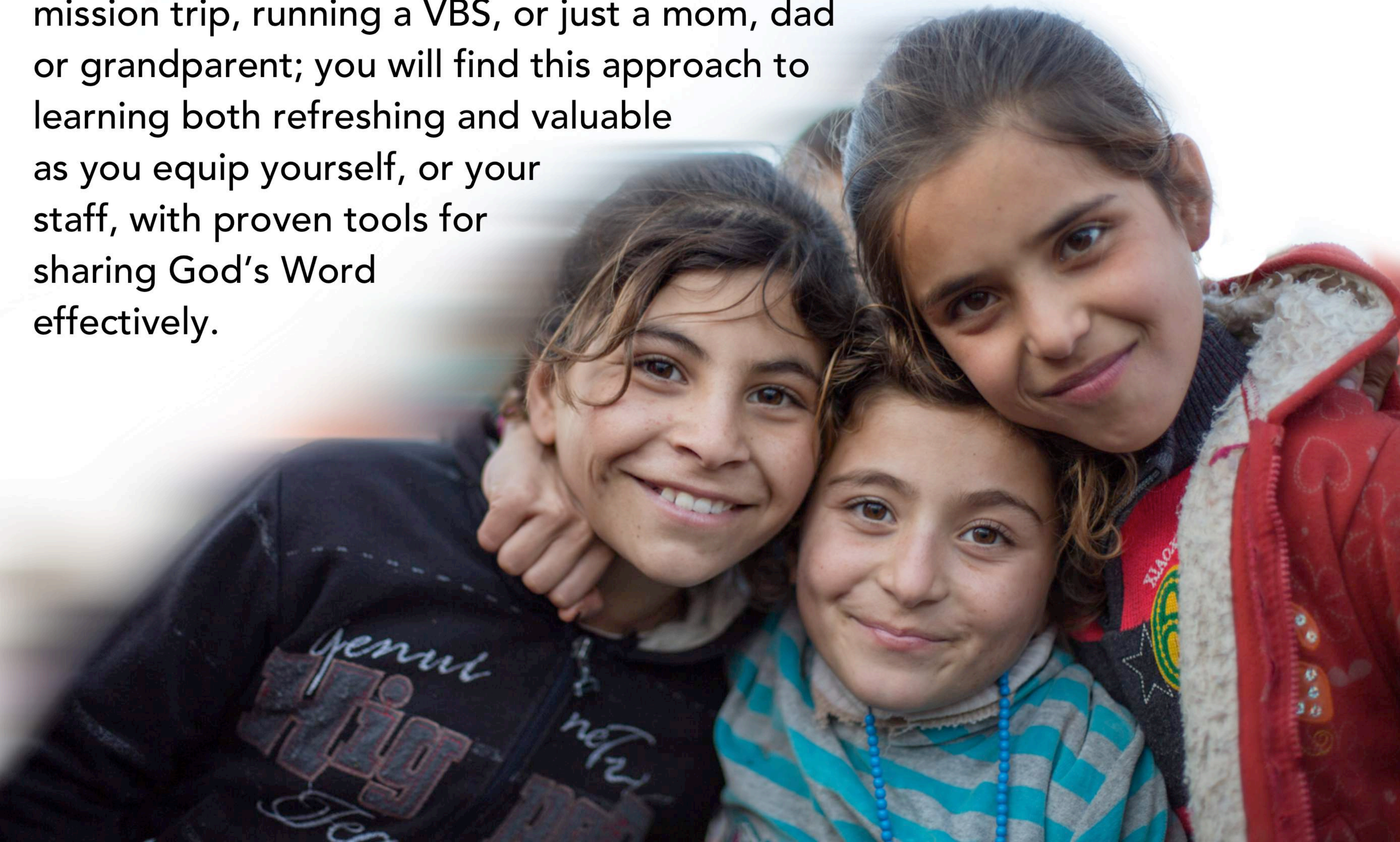
50 new KIDS Clubs are started

More than 1050 children are in
regular attendance



Which direction will His story take you next?

Whether you are in kids or youth ministry, the leader of a small group, a volunteer preparing for an overseas mission trip, running a VBS, or just a mom, dad or grandparent; you will find this approach to learning both refreshing and valuable as you equip yourself, or your staff, with proven tools for sharing God's Word effectively.





KIDStory is not just a workshop it is a *strategy*...

- Skills to bring the stories of the *Bible to life*
- *Fun, interactive ways* to hear, learn and retell God's Word
- Proven ways to facilitate discussions that provide a place where the *Holy Spirit can penetrate their hearts* rather than children giving pat, predictable answers
- Create learning environments where children become *eye witnesses* to God's redemptive story instead of just distant observers



make
Your Story
part of

KIDStory™

Can you see how God has written your story to possibly weave into what He is doing through KIDStory? There are numerous ways you can get involved:

- ☐ Faithfully pray for Kids Around the World and the KIDStory ministry
- ☐ Be trained in KIDStory and start a StoryClub in your community
- ☐ Be a KIDStory champion and host an informational meeting
- ☐ Host a KIDStory workshop
- ☐ Join us on a trip to assist in KIDStory trainings and children's activities
- ☐ Partner with us financially by being a StoryClub Starter and Supporter
- ☐ Contact us to discuss ways your personal strengths and talents might be used



kids around the world

KIDStory is just one component interwoven throughout the ministry of Kids Around the World. In 1994, the first playground was built in the Ukraine, launching an idea that maybe God could use something as simple as a playground to bring the Gospel message to the children who have never heard of Jesus.

Kids Around the World believes that children have a fundamental right to play and just be a kid. Due to war, poverty, famine, natural disaster, or political turmoil, children are often unaccounted for or forgotten.

That's why we do what we do!

PLAY: Partnering with churches and businesses to bring the joy of play and community to developing countries, shining light into the dark.

FEED: Hosting mobile events that allow volunteers of every age to impact the hungry and provide nutritious meals so that kids can grow up strong.

TRAIN: Developing StoryClub leaders across the globe that teach God's Word in environments where kids learn best.

To join us in this cause, contact us at www.kidsaroundtheworld.com or call our international office: 815-229-8731

PLAY



FEED



TRAIN



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