



Start a StoryClub

In this webinar you will:

- * Determine the “why” behind your StoryClub
- * Discover a basic format to follow
- * Create a list of people to be involved



Why StoryClubs ...



StoryClubs

... are environments, like Jesus created, where we feel welcomed, loved, & blessed.

A StoryClub is a place where students have fun and are free to ask real questions, connect dots and share what they are learning and experiencing; a place where God's presence is very real and evident. It's here that we leave behind rote learning concepts and step toward an approach that thrives on dialog, fun activities and is anchored in genuine relationships. It's where everyone feels safe, feels known and feels accepted and do likewise for others. StoryClubs are also a safe place for parents and leaders to learn and grow in how to lead young believers spiritually and have deeper conversations – a place where people are consistently equipped & encouraged.

A StoryClub can meet wherever and whenever is most convenient and leaders can even give it their own name. What makes a StoryClub unique is the application of the 5 Core Essentials. In a StoryClub, the stories of the Bible are linked together in fun, creative ways, while being Biblically accurate. As important as it is to see God's unified story, it is not enough. It's also about listening – listening to the Spirit and listening to a student reveal how the Spirit is stirring their heart.

The methods used to tell and retell God's unified story are coupled with engaging questions that allow the Holy Spirit to operate in every heart. It capitalizes on what students have heard and learned, creating a discovery process, bringing about true life change. The questions posed by leaders are not just for retention, but for transformation of the heart and mind, leading to real life application. Fostering this kind of environment provides leaders the opportunity to follow up on the things the Holy Spirit is teaching and revealing.



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- Shift Key - One thing talked about today that is shifting how you are thinking or planning on doing ministry is ...
- Quotation Mark: What is a key statement or idea you found instructive or informative?
- Return Key: When the kids return to your StoryClub, one thing they will notice that is different is ...
- Delete Key: What will you stop doing?

StoryClub Format

Welcome:

- Greet children and create an environment where they are welcomed
- Formal opening to the club time
- Prayer

The Welcome is a time to gather the children together, have them feel welcomed and get connected with the leader and their friends.

Games:

- Have fun!!
- Children and leaders are engaged, where relationships are being built.
- Choose games where all the children can be involved.

You want to create a safe environment where children are having fun, everyone is involved and want to invite their friends.

Large Group:

- KidConnect: children gather in small groups with their leaders to share stories
- from the week which includes following-up on previous decisions from answering the Hand Questions. The Opening could be done here or in Small Group time.
 - Worship: connecting with God.
 - Background and creative telling of the Bible story
 - Story Review and possibly one ReTell activity

Discipleship continues as personal interaction can happen with the KidConnect time and following-up on previous answers to Hand Questions. The Bible story is told in ways that children can imagine being there.

There is community through small group interaction and connecting with God through worship and His Word.

Small Group:

- ReTell the Bible Story using a variety of activities each week
- Ask head, heart and hand questions
- Close in prayer and give a blessing

This is a time to show love and care while discipling the children with God's Word and in response to the Spirit's leading.

Closing:

- Volunteer to retell the Bible story.
- Closing words, announcements, prayer
- Greet parents

Bring the club meeting to a close, creating enthusiasm to return with testimonies and



Checklist:

- PRAYER!!
- Cast vision with local pastors and ministry leaders
- Recruit others to assist in various roles
- Determine date, time, location of the StoryClub
- Vision Cast for parents and leaders
- Training of leaders
 - Determine date, time and location of training
 - Any materials to be printed
 - Any visuals for the training including Bible
 - Materials for the telling of the Bible story and retell sessions
 - Determine date, time, location of the StoryClub
- Determine how to invite the children in the community
- Supplies for StoryClub
 - Games
 - Music
 - Storytelling props
 - Retell Activities
- Debrief with leaders
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For More Information:

- Kids Around the World: www.katw.org
- KIDStory: www.katw.org/kidstory
- KIDStory Resources: www.katw-kidstory.com
- Global KIDStory Network (for those using KIDStory): <https://bit.ly/kidstorynetwork>
- KIDStory 2 Minute Promo Video: <https://bit.ly/KSpromovideo>

