**SuperKids® QuickStart**

*Ideal time: 3 months to prepare!*

Congratulations! You’re on an incredible journey to reach the children and families in your community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Here are your main goals for a smooth start:

* Choose a location
* Choose a date and time
* Select and train your team
* Invite the kids!
* FAQs

**Choose a Location**

1. Prayerfully list of location options. SuperKids works best in neutral locations where kids already hang out: playgrounds, parks, sport fields, schools, beaches or apartment complexes.
2. Determine whether you need to permission. Contact town hall or a city or school to find out what is required to use a public location and submit what they need.
3. If you are not using a public location, try to hold your program on a lawn or in a parking lot of a church so that it is still visible and accessible to kids who happen to be around.
4. Invite friends to pray with you about the location if there seem to be any barriers.

**Selecting Dates and Times**

1. After choosing your location, check on the dates of other local VBS or Christian kids’ events to avoid overlap, if possible.
2. Decide what **time of day** will be convenient and will draw the most children. Typical summer times are: 9 am or 10 am to 12 pm; 11 am to 1 or 2 pm; or 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
3. Consider summer heat and weather restrictions—would morning or evening may be better than an afternoon?

**Staffing the Program**

1. **SuperKids Program Areas** (# of volunteers)

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| Program Director (1) | Registration, Sign-in, Sign-out |
| Games  Music (1-2) | Memory Verse (2)  Quiz Time (2) |
| Bible Stories (1 to 3) | Extras (2-4) |
| Bible Diggers = Bible study (In small groups split by grade, gender or both, i.e.: K-2 Girls, K-2 Boys; 3-4 Girls, 3-4 Boys; 5-6 Girls, 5-6 Boys) | Drama (see curriculum) |

1. **How many volunteers do I need?**

* The number of volunteers depends on your program.
* Ideally, you’ll want 2 team members per small group, and 4-6 small groups to start (divided by age and gender)
* If you have 10-20 children registered, you may be able to cover the program areas with 4-5 volunteers.
* For more than 20 registered children, you will want to look at 10+ volunteers to make sure areas are safe for the kids and to assist with various areas of the program.
* Extras must be comfortable filling a variety of roles and are usually adults or parents: escort children to the bathroom, put out supplies or snacks, take kids to the bathroom, handle minor first aid, call parents, etc.
* Dramas require 3 to 10 staff, which means you need other team member sitting with kids in the audience, especially with groups of 20+kids
* *If you don’t have many volunteers, don’t worry!! You can modify the SuperKids program. We’ll help you figure it out! Contact Scripture Union or your SuperKids Director for more information.*

1. **Where do I find my team?**

* Your church provides the entire team–recruit them from children’s ministry, youth group, your friends!
* Your church partners with other local churches to staff the entire team. Talk to your pastor or other area churches.
* *Team members need to be at least 2 years older than the oldest participant. There could be an exception in which a younger teen’s Christian commitment and maturity (as a Christian and overall) are well known to the church and an older adult (his/her parents) is on the team with him/her.*
* Team members must fill out an application and proper state and federal criminal background checks must be completed for all team members 18 and older.

1. **To partner with a visiting team** from another church or community is like a state-side mission trip. Consider:

* *Do you need to feed and house a visiting team? Do you have volunteer hosts or a church budget for this?*
* The visiting team does most of the planned program—dramas, memory verses, Bible stories, and Quiz Time.
* Your team would focus on the kids, parents, community (small groups, games, and any other items).
* Your church and the visiting team could also split the program. *For example: the visiting team performs dramas; the church shares Bible stories and music.*
* *The visiting team would* ***not*** *be responsible for securing a site, publicity before the event, copying Bible Diggers or other hand-outs, purchasing supplies (such as, snacks, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, poster board).*
* Your SU Regional Director could help arrange an SU team.

**Team Training with an SU Staff person**

1. Overview of the SuperKids program
2. Setting Up Your Program
3. General principles of working with children
4. Group management and program flow
5. Training on specific components: Dramas, Bible Stories, Memory Verses, Quiz Time
6. Leading a Children’s small group Bible study
7. Team building and expectations
8. How to share the Gospel with a child

If you want more support from **Scripture Union**, give us a call! 800-621-5287 and give your location to talk to a **Regional Director**.

**Invite the kids!**

1. Use any town or community publicity board.
2. Have a large visible banner or lawn signs.
3. Put posters/signs in restaurants, libraries, community centers, day care centers, grocery stores, etc. Talk it up when you drop off the poster!
4. Place ads in Newspapers/Local cable TV.
5. Make flyers and take them around door to door, especially near where the program will be held.
6. Go to soccer field, baseball fields, etc. and hand out invitations.
7. Set up a Facebook page.
8. Make sure to send all local churches articles for their websites, newsletters, Sunday bulletin announcements, and bulletin inserts and posters for their bulletin board.
9. Speak at your local association of churches or pastors.