



SuperKids® QuickStart

Ideal time: At least 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 tasks for a smooth start:

1. Choose a location
2. Select Dates and Times
3. Staffing the Program
4. Recruiting Your Team
5. Team Training
6. Invite the Kids!

1. Choose a Location

Prayerfully consider your location options.

- **SuperKids®** works best in neutral locations where kids already hang out: playgrounds, parks, sport fields, schools, beaches or apartment complexes.
- If using a public facility, determine if you need permissions. Contact town hall or a city or school to find out what is required to use a public location and submit what they need.
- 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.
- Invite friends to pray with you about the location if there seem to be any barriers.

2. Select Dates and Times

After choosing your location,

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

3. Staffing the Program

SuperKids® Program Areas (# of volunteers)

Program Director (1)	Registration, Sign-in/out (1-2)
Games Music (1-2)	Memory Verse (2) Quiz Time (2) Drama (see script)
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 Ratio of leader to children K-2 (1:5), 3-4 & 5-6 (1:8)	

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 members 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.*

4. Recruiting Your Team

Team members must 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 general) are well known to the church and an older adult (his/her parents) is on the team with him/her.

- If you think your church has sufficient volunteers to provide for the entire team, begin by recruiting team from children's ministry, youth group, your friends!
- If your church needs to partner with other local churches to staff the entire team, talk to your pastor or children's and youth leaders about other area churches.

Remember that every team member must fill out an application and proper state and federal criminal background checks must be completed for all team members 18 and older.

Partnering with a visiting team from a church outside your community.

Here are some things to consider

- Do you need to feed and house a visiting team?
- Do you have volunteer hosts or a church budget for this?

Be clear about what the role of the visiting team might be:

- 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 split the program. *For example: the visiting team performs dramas; your church takes responsibility for Bible stories and music.*
- The visiting team should **not** be responsible for securing a site, publicity before the event, providing copies of Bible Diggers materials or other hand-outs, purchasing supplies (such as, snacks, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, poster board).

5. Team Training

Team members should be part of program preparation and will need training. Here is the training they will need.

- Overview of the **SuperKids**[®] program
- How to set up the Program
- General principles of working with children
- Group management and program flow
- Training on specific components: Dramas, Bible Stories, Memory Verses, Quiz Time
- Leading a Children's small group Bible study
- Team building and expectations
- How to share the Gospel with a child

6. Invite the kids!

Here are some ways you can publicize the program.

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

Scripture Union can provide help with training your team.

If you want support from **Scripture Union**, give us a call on 1-800-621-5267.