



Alternative Program Options for Outreach 2020

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, many are uncertain if they will be able to run the SuperKids® summer outreach programs the way they would normally. That is why we have prepared the following suggestions for how you might run an alternative program. These suggestions are based on the Guardians of Ancora material, but could be adapted for any program.

Step 1 – THE TEAM

Review the material and connect with your team so they can be part of the program planning. For these meetings, you can use Zoom, Skype, or other digital conferencing programs that you are familiar with. Plan to use the same conferencing facility to train the team. You should also go through the same screening procedure as you normally would. By preparing your team, you are ready for both the alternative program and the normal program if the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and it is safe to proceed.

Step 2 – THE PROGRAM

Decide on what kind of alternative program might be possible. Here are some options:

1. E-meetings via Zoom, Skype, or other conferencing program
 - All together with as many children as possible
 - In age groups
 - In small Bible Digger groupsOr combinations of the above
2. Live or Video Stream the Program
 - Prepare the program and live stream to the children on the dates you planned to run the program
 - Film parts of the program to stream on the program week
 - Use E-meeting to connect in small groups
3. Small group at home

If some Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, leaders could host small groups of children in their yards or homes. Leaders should find other adults to assist so that they are not working alone with the children.

Step 3 – THE DATES AND ‘VENUE’

Once you have worked out what kind of program is possible, you will want to set the dates, times, and ‘venue’ for your program. Most of you will already have decided on the dates you were going to run your SuperKids® summer outreach. Think about how these dates might work if you need to run an alternative program.

- Is it possible to have daily e-meetings with the children or do you want to space these out to meet every other day?
- Could you meet in a large group one day and small groups the next?

Then choose your venue. This could be:

- Using Zoom, Skype or other conferencing program
- Link to a live or video stream
- At home

NOTE: If choosing the small group at home option, you will need to check that you have the appropriate public liability insurance for a home meeting. Your church or home insurance may provide this.

Step 4 – THE CHILDREN

Prepare your publicity for the parents and children to let them know about your program and the alternative arrangements. This should include when and how the program will be run and how they can participate. You will want to ensure your registration process includes e-mail or text information so invitations to e-meetings and/or links to the program can be sent directly to them.

If using the Guardians of Ancora material, encourage the children weeks ahead of the program to download the Guardians of Ancora app and start playing the game. That way they will be familiar with the theme, characters, and stories.

On the next couple of pages you will find some suggested program contents for the various program options.

We pray that this is helpful to you in these extraordinary times. If you have questions or need help, contact us at:

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PROGRAM CONTENTS FOR THE VARIOUS OPTIONS

Option 1

Simplest E-Program

For the simplest program via Zoom, Skype or other conferencing program, you could use mainly the Bible Diggers material. This is suited to age group or small group meetings. The Program would include:

- Welcome & catching up
- Introductory question
- Prayer
- Bible reading
- Discussion questions
- Application
- Prayers (options that don't require physical presence)
- Quizzes could also be incorporated into your time

If you choose to use the Ancora Chronicle Bible reading and activity sheets, they could be delivered to the children before the program. You could also give them the instructions for crafts and they could show each other what they made when you meet.

Option 2

Larger E-meetings

For larger E-meetings you could incorporate most elements into the program. Be aware that sometimes videos do not play well on a 'shared screen' due to the size of the files. Having a larger number of leaders at the meeting enables you to use more of the creative elements of the program. This could include leaders wearing the 'headdress' or costumes of some of the characters. The program could include:

- The Story of the Saga – The Bible Story told in a creative way. You can use the dialog between the storytellers, however, you would not be able to use some of the interactive activities that involve the children.
- The Daily Drama – Again, you could use the dialog between the storytellers, however, you would not be able to use some of the activities that involve the children.
- The Theme Song – available on mp3. The song lyrics are included in the Extras Booklet of the material and these could be used via 'shared screen'. You may like to make the mp3 available for download for to the children who want it.
- Quizzes – the children could raise their hand for the answers or, for older children could write down the answers and check them at the end.
- Bible Diggers – you may want to do this in smaller e-meetings using the outline above in Option 1. In this case you may want to deliver or send the Ancora Chronicle activity sheets to the children. You may also want to give them instructions for crafts and have them show one another what they made.

Option 3

Live or Video Streaming

Many churches have begun live streaming their services, Bible studies, and even their Sunday Schools. Therefore, the equipment and program needed may be available to you. Most of the elements of the larger e-meeting could be included in the Live or Video streamed program. The program could also include:

- Bible story videos
- Theme song video
- Other music

These can be found on the Multi-media file in the Guradians of Ancora material. If your streaming program has the facility for input from the participants, you could use a quiz in your program. You may also want to partner with other churches for this program.

WARNING – Do not post any meeting reference, meeting ID or link on any social media platform. Unfortunately, uninvited guests may gain access and put the children and program at risk.

Option 4

At Home

If COVID-19 restrictions are reduced, you are able to meet in small groups, and insurance permits, you may want to meet with a smaller group in your home setting. You could use the Bible Diggers program (Option 1) with additional elements like:

- The Story of the Saga videos
- The theme song video
- Other music
- Quizzes
- Crafts
- Games