

Review

Student ministry leader Michael Boyles has made this great sheet as a reminder to volunteers.

Before Service

- Check email during the week.
- Take 15-30 minutes during the week to look over the curriculum and prepare for small group.
- Arrive by 8:30 a.m. for the leaders' meeting.
- Wear your leader name tag.
- Be a master greeter. Be available for conversations and look out for new students, loners, new parents, etc.
- Use high fives, handshakes, smiles and eye contact with a few good questions.
- Help create a warm and inviting atmosphere for all students and parents.
- **Remember!** The most important person here is always a middle school student.

During the Service

- Be a thermostat (set the temperature and culture in the room).
- Sit with a student on your right and left (preferably with your small group).
- Participate in games, clapping and videos; learn names; invite students to sit with you; etc.

During the Message

- Help students follow the "House Rules."
 - 1. No distractions**
 - 2. Respect others**
 - 3. Have fun**
- Take notes and model appropriate behavior for students.
- Embrace the squiggle!
- You could be a student's only connection to Jesus or a caring adult all week.
- Put yourself in their shoes!

In Small Groups

- Learn the names of the students in your group. We want you to be known by them.
- Start with fun every week. The universal language for students is fun!
- Try to affirm your students every week.
- Allow the curriculum to guide and aid your small group, but don't feel obligated to stick to it 100%.
- Discipleship happens at the speed of relationships!
- **Remember!** Small groups are the most important thing we do!
- Find out if you have first-time guests. If so, get the student's name and address and fill out a FTG card for the student. We will mail it out that week.

After the Service

- Hang out with your group until they all leave. This is a great time to build deeper relationships.
- Keep an eye out for students who may need to talk further, who seem out of their element or who need a little extra love.

Discipline

- Always err on the side of grace.
- Never yell or be rude. Call them to the expectations (House Rules).
- You have the authority and responsibility to confront students who are a distraction.
- Adult Leaders: Respect leads to influence, and influence leads to respect.