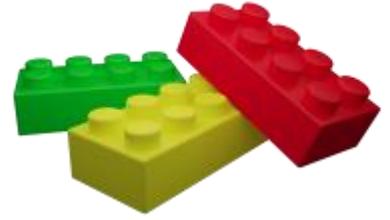


Connections Volunteer Training



CONNECTING WITH KIDS

"Kids don't care how much you know until they know you care."

1. Use their _____.

Discussion Question: What are some tips on remembering kid's names?

2. Look through their _____ and enter their _____.

"Children haven't changed, but childhood has."

Quiz:

What is a tablet?

- pill you take in the morning
- electronic handheld device

What is a Wiki?

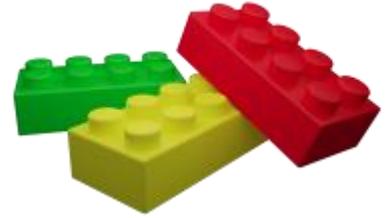
- cooperative web application
- shuttle bus in Hawaii

What is a phone?

- device that has a long, coiled wire that you wrap around your arm while talking
- device you carry in your pocket

What is History?

- a subject in school
- a tv channel



What is GaGa?

- Singer
- Baby talk

What is Amazon?

- river in South America
- an online store

Who is the green giant?

- Shrek
- Big guy picking vegetables

Who is Madden?

- A super bowl winning coach
- A video game

What is mail?

- something that comes in the mailbox
- something that comes in your computer

What is cut and paste?

- Something you do on a computer
- Something you do with scissors and glue

Wire-rimmed glasses?

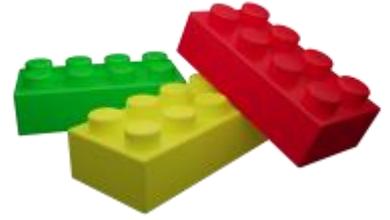
- John Lennon
- Harry Potter

When do cartoons come on?

- Saturday morning
- 24/7

Who is the star of Twilight?

- Rod Sterling
- Vampires



Who is Barney?

- Purple dinosaur
- deputy

Discussion Question:

How can we stay connected to the world of today's kids?

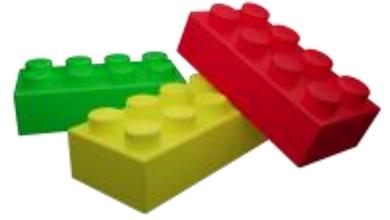
3. Know how to talk with them.

- Don't _____ at them.
- Don't _____ to them.
 - _____ of voice
 - Treat them with _____ and _____.
- Talk about their _____.
 - Video games
 - Movies
 - Sports
 - Family
 - School

CONNECTING WITH PARENTS

No one has more _____ in the life of a child than his/her _____.

- As a church, our purpose is not to become the spiritual leaders in the life of a child, but rather to partner with our parents whom God has established as the primary spiritual leaders within the family.
- So how do we as a church connect with our parents to form this partnership? And how can you as a volunteer in our ministry be more intentional about connecting with the parents of the kids you serve?



Here 2 key ways to connect with parents:

1. _____ Window

- Look for _____ opportunities.
- Be _____.
- Be _____.
- Be _____.

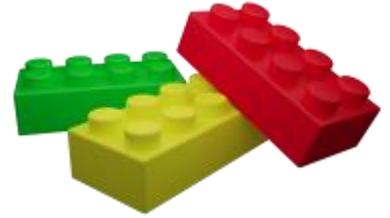
2. _____.

- Make a point to talk with parents _____ of your volunteer environment.
 - ✓ In _____
 - ✓ In _____
 - ✓ In _____
 - ✓ In the _____ (as you are going about during your day)
- As the opportunity presents itself, _____ parents to _____ with you. This give you a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with them.

Table Talk:

- As a group, list some other ways you can maximize the drop-off and pick-up time we have with parents?
- What are some other ways to connect with parents?
- As time allows, have group members share a personal story about how connecting with parents has made a difference in their volunteer experience or in the life of a parent or child.

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER



GROW INGREDIENTS

- _____ (loving God by loving and serving others)
 - _____ (reading and studying God's word)
 - _____ (building relationships in community with others)
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- Life is best done in _____ ... again this is what we want for you, not what we want from you.
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