

Cru Staff Guide for Effective Kids Ministry Training

This training is meant to be used in relationship with our staff. It is for any church partner that wants to be better equipped to minister to kids through Sunday School, Children's Church, outreach etc. This training lays a good foundation for the S.A.Y. Yes! Training. If you have a church wanting to start an after-school mentoring tutoring program, have them go through this training first and ask if they are implementing the things covered here.

How to use this training....

This training is not meant to be sent out randomly to all of your partners. (Individual access is required). As always, we seek to have a relationship with churches and this tool is another venue for that. Please familiarize yourself with the content.

Print a copy of the manual for attendees. The manual is in English and Spanish but the recordings are in English only. Here are the links

[Effective Kids Ministry Participant manual](#) [Spanish manual - Effective Kids Ministry](#)

Here are the additional contents referred to in the training that you can add to the front pocket of the manual [additional items for pocket of Manual](#)

Staff led: You could host a group in-person training for a specific church or multiple churches and go through all of 7 units together but this would require a whole day or 2 half days. You can take a specific unit of interest to go through at a Youth development association meeting. Each unit takes about 1 hour to complete with discussion and activities. Each unit is divided into 2-3 videos for easy access to specific parts, so you could take a 15 minute segment for a gathering as well.

Partner driven/Staff involved: If you have a specific church asking for more training on working with kids, this is a great training for them. You can give them temporary access to the content for their leadership. Ask them how they would like the pace to be (ie. 1 unit per week, 1 full day etc). You could attend the training with their church or you could debrief afterwards with them to ask - Which units did you find most helpful? What were some of your takeaways? How can I support your efforts?

Note: the participant will fill out an evaluation form at the end and you will have access to that information for follow-up.