



ACNA Family Ministry Zoom Call 5.20.20

5.20.20 Fam Ministry Mtg Agenda

1. Welcome and opening prayer
2. Online VBS and Camp
 - a. **Why?** This is a perfect opportunity to equip parents. Consider modifying curriculum to get the parents involved; include family discussions that connect to experience.
 - b. **But...why?** This is a perfect opportunity to reach out to those not attending church. Encourage students to ask guests to come. Online VBS/camp is a safe place to visit without knowing anyone.
 - c. **In a box.** Consider creating VBS/camp packets containing everything they'll need including crafts, t-shirt, CD, games, Scripture readings, etc. Concordia Supply is offering at-home kits for various themes:
<https://www.concordiasupply.com/Vacation-Bible-School/VBS-2020-COVID-19-planning>
 - d. **Scheduling.** Offer something every day, same time, same sign in, same format; predictable scheduling will help everyone adjust to being online.
 - e. **Funding.** If you are charging families, consider asking a few donors to offset it, or consider offering a BOGO price (\$10/kid, but \$15 for BOGO and gift it to a child who can't pay for it).
 - f. **Curriculum.**
 - i. Group's *Wilderness Escape* and Lifeway's *Concrete & Cranes* have online modifications available;
 - ii. Ministry to Children has a fully online version for purchase, too:
<https://ministry-to-children.com/bolt-virtual-vacation-bible-school-home-edition/>
 - iii. FaithLab's online Science VBS: <https://kidminscience.com>
 - iv. Use faith based object lessons (<https://www.famtime.com>): look for parent kits, too
 - g. **Themes & Games.** Do theme nights! Consider Instagram or FB games. Set up a private group just for this event. Post challenges and encourage families to send it pictures of participation at home.
 - h. **D-groups/Cabin Time.** You can still break kids into groups based on gender/age each day when you meet for deeper sharing. Use breakout rooms or separate meeting times (or apps like GroupMe or MarcoPolo).
 - i. **MinistrySafe.** Remember being online has additional challenges. Be sure all volunteers are still background checked, have still completed required training, and

have been trained on virtual guidelines (such as clothing, location, and enforcing 2:1 ratio even if online). See social media guidelines below.

- j. **Tech tests.** Be sure you test all your tech and get comfortable before you launch. Be especially vigilant with security, passwords, waiting rooms, etc. Make sure someone is tasked with watching this every minute you are online together.

3. Phased Re-Entry

a. Re-Entry considerations for Family Ministry:

- i. Notification systems up to date? Exposure plans?
- ii. Guidelines for masks by age
 - 1. CDC recommending age 2 and above
 - 2. Consider mental health of children from seeing all adults in masks; perhaps make videos of yourself putting on a mask to show what you'll look like (do it in the church and give a tour of all staff in masks); send out video to families
 - 3. Screenprint masks with church logo on it
- iii. Temperature taking increases liability? Be careful with words- taking temperature indicates no signs of illness at that moment only
- iv. Drop off and pick up procedures changed (and communicated!) to minimize crowds and exposure
- v. Diaper bags a hazard- consider plastic Ziploc bags
- vi. No large group worship, no games, no eating, no craft
- vii. Consider meeting outside; consider tenting parking lots
- viii. Volunteers
 - 1. Consider asking for one-month or 3 weeks service at a time for consistency and minimizing exposure
 - 2. Take a survey to identify whether previous volunteers are comfortable; be ready for all volunteers to want to be replaced
- ix. Successor- if you got sick and had to be gone, what is your back up plan? Who can you train to take over?
- x. Cleaning teams (include reducing toys and clean after services)
- xi. Handwashing/sanitizing for students prior to entry
- xii. Phase oldest in first, nursery will be last; consider allowing children a full month after adults are into phase 3

b. Fall plans- long term planning for hybrid ministry

- i. Consider a fall hire (or sooner) for someone to come alongside you as the online coordinator
- ii. Raise up volunteers who are willing to minister online (texting, apps, Zoom) and connect online
- iii. Coordinate a system to connect with online visitors; this system should intentionally include you
- iv. Consider how you can build community online, both in person events and through your website;
 - 1. an example is fun online videos (kids interview pastor; pastor interviews kids)
 - 2. Send videos to families via text

3. FAQ on theology for families
 4. Leader blogs
 5. Bingo sheets/crossword puzzles for sermon on Sunday
 6. Pet of the week, pray for our pets
 - v. How can you do outreach online?
 - vi. How is your church preparing to aid with the pandemic trauma?
 - vii. Planning for online: communion class, baptism class, newcomer's, parenting, confirmation, catechism, discipleship, small groups, etc. We must be offering spiritual training for parents to feel equipped. It is not enough to send OUT information, but must EQUIP to do it without you.
 - viii. Work on publicizing mantra for families that they are:
 1. Uniquely called;
 2. Equipped by the Spirit;
 3. Supported by the Church who comes alongside them
 - ix. Build plans for engaging families without technology
 1. Buddy families
 2. Home discipleship
 3. Asking those who are equipped to take leadership, perhaps mentor other families
4. Pentecost ideas
- a. Church birthday bags
 - b. Drive through cookie handout
 - c. Dress up from other countries
 - d. Bonfires with Holy Trinity desserts (s'mores- cracker, chocolate, marshmallow); send video
5. Additional ideas
- a. Care packages for students- visit YM360: offering pre-made care packages that include a book/devotional, bag, tissue paper, pen & sticker- then they can send them to your students directly, or to you to add items to the bag before passing them on to your students! Explore more: <https://youthministry360.com/collections/care-packages>
 - b. Miniseries Study: Write reflection questions, family devotionals, or small group discussion questions based off The Chosen (search for it in the App store)
 - c. See Shane Tucker's *Parents Perk* in our Slack channel- it is full of great ideas! He's the Next Gen coordinator for Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes
6. NGLI: Resources and Catechism
- a. Will be looking for help on these for NGLI if you are interested
7. Closing prayer; see you **June 3, 2020**
- a. More non-tech ideas
 - b. More hybrid ministry ideas
 - c. More parenting in the pew ideas
 - d. More on helping families with different comfortability with safety/reactions (this article from Sarah might be helpful: <https://medium.com/@evelindacker/covid-care-e2ede67428d4>)

