



My ten-year-old climbed into the car with a scowl. Her usual, bubbly demeanor was overshadowed by frustration. She met my "How was your day?" with a big sigh, and it didn't take long for her to describe how much "easier" life would be without "loud, bossy, gross boys." As she talked, I couldn't help but think two things: 1) those 4th-grade boys probably felt the same way about the girls, and 2) **boys and girls sure are different.**

Yes, boys and girls are different. We know this from Scripture and science. Our differences impact how we think, relate to others, and view the world. Thus, our boys and girls benefit from discipleship that works with our God-given identities. **Our discipleship plans should celebrate and work with how God made us – as males and females.**

Unfortunately, cultural changes over the last few years haven't been kind to ministry that teaches boys and girls separately, and Covid only worsened things. As churches continue to struggle with which programs to retain, discipleship outside of the Sunday morning service has a high risk of being dropped (especially boys' and girls' ministries).

I appreciate that churches are hesitant to return to their old schedules. This crisis gives us a chance to reconsider what we offer, and running our families ragged is not the answer. Our people need time for sabbath rest, organic evangelism, and friendship. So, how do we know if separate ministries to girls and boys are needed or if they are just "one more thing?" And, if they are essential, what should they look like in your church in 2022? If you have thoughts like these, here are some questions to consider:

- How does your church help children understand who they are in Christ?
- How will you lovingly counteract the false messages they hear about their identity?
- How do you acknowledge and meet the different needs of girls and boys (as well as men and women)?
- Is there an organized way for women to mentor girls and men to mentor boys? If so, how could it improve?
- How might you reimagine ministry to girls and boys so that you make the most of your time together?
- What constraints (time, money, volunteers, etc.) does your church have that must be considered before beginning or adapting a ministry to boys or girls?

It is time to prayerfully reimagine how God is leading us to share the truth and hope of Christ with our boys and girls, and we are here to help! Let us know if the Holy Spirit has been speaking to you about beginning, restarting, or adapting a ministry to girls or boys. We will partner with you to disciple the children and youth of your church and community.

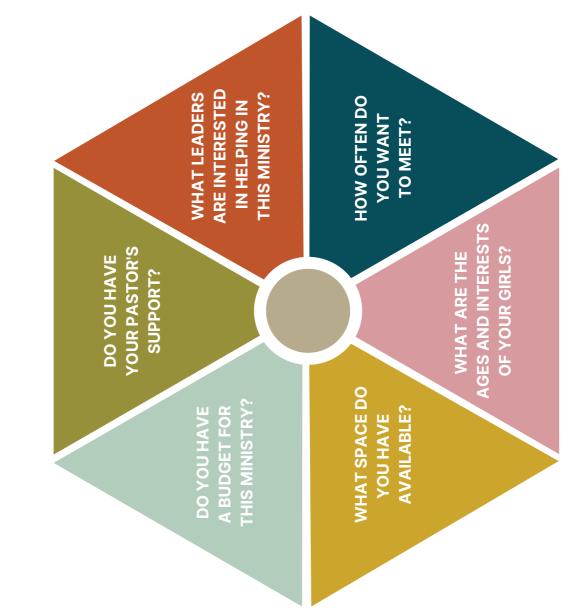
Sincerely,

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IPHC GIRLS' MINISTRIES VISION & VALUES

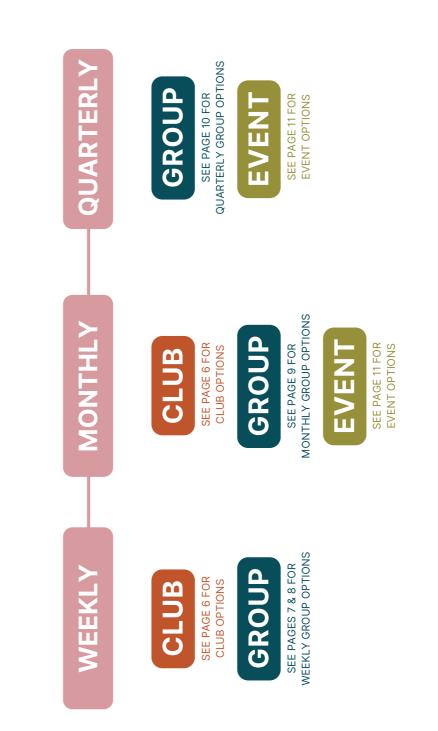


THINGS TO CONSIDER



IPHC GIRLS' MINISTRIES

Select the option that works best for your ministry.



IPHC GIRLS' CLUBS

This might be the right choice for your group if you have: At least two adult leaders for each age group Several boys and girls in each age group 7-8 Multiple classrooms available

MPACT GIRLS CLUBS

MPact Girls is our #1 suggested club curriculum that traditionally features an achievement-based system, where girls work toward goals and receive recognition when they've completed them.

MPact also offers a non-achievement system that serves solely as a discipleship and mentoring program.

Check with your conference to see SUNLIGHT KIDS Birth-36 months

RAINBOWS Preschool 3 & up

DAISIES Kindergarten **PRIMS** 1st-2nd Grade **STARS** 3rd–5th Grade

TEEN GIRL MINISTRIES

een Girl Ministries is our #1 suggested club for teen girls. It is a group-based discipleship program following the Titus 2 model of mentorship. Girls will have the opportunity to connect with friends and hear God-centered teachings from a sincere leader and grow deeper in Christ.

The goal of TGM is simple: To see every girl moving toward a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, and to ealize her importance and to potential in the kingdom of God.

GIRLS ONLY 9th-12th Grade

FRIENDS 6th-8th Grade

GEMS GIRLS CLUBS

This is another club formatted program for girls. For over 60 years GEMS has provided relevant resources to equip moms, mentors, and ministry leaders to understand the challenges girls face today.

GEMS will equip you to help your girl embrace the Truth that she is loved by God—no matter what.

AWARENESS LEVEL Grades 1-3

DISCOVERY LEVEL Grades 4-6 ADVANCED LEVEL Grades 7-8 COUNSEL ORS-IN-TRAINING High School

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WEEKLY GROUPS

IPHC Girls' Ministries | One Year Sample Calendar (August-July)

AUGUST 2022	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	OFF	OFF
Week 2	Welcome Back Night! Community-Building Activities	Welcome Back Night! Community-Building Activities
Week 3	Lesson 1 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 1 "The Armor of God"
Week 4	Lesson 2 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 2 "The Armor of God"
SEPTEMBER 2022	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 3 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 3 "The Armor of God"
Week 2	Lesson 4 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 4 "The Armor of God"
Week 3	Lesson 5 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 5 "The Armor of God"
Week 4	Lesson 6 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 6 "The Armor of God"
OCTOBER 2022	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lessn 7 "Unseen: The Armor of God for Kids"	Lesson 7 "The Armor of God"
Week 2	Service Project Night	Service Project Night
Week 3	Lesson 1 "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me"	Better Together: What is Discipleship (p. 17-20)
Week 4	Lesson 2 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Expectations for Discipleship (p. 21-24)
NOVEMBER 2022	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 3 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Hope for Discipleship (p. 25-28)
Week 2	Lesson 4 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Discipleship in the Local Church (p. 29-32)
Week 3	OFF (Thanksgiving Break)	
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Week 4	Lesson 5 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Discipleship is Long-Suffering (p. 33-35)
Week 4 DECEMBER 2022		
	Lesson 5 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Discipleship is Long-Suffering (p. 33-35)
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FEBRUARY 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 5 "Defined"	Lesson 5 "Defined"
Week 2	Lesson 6 "Defined"	Lesson 6 "Defined"
Week 3	Lesson 7 "Defined"	Lesson 7 "Defined"
Week 4	Lesson 8 "Defined"	Lesson 8 "Defined"
MARCH 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Service Project Night	Service Project Night
Week 2	Lessons 1-2 "The Character of God: Holy"	Week 1, Lessons 1-3 "The Attributes of God"
Week 3	Lessons 5-6 "The Character of God: Good"	Week 1, Lessons 4-7 "The Attributes of God"
Week 4	Lessons 7-8 "The Character of God: Love"	Week 2, Lessons 1-2 "The Attributes of God"
APRIL 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lessons 13-16 "The Character of God: Merciful"	Week 2, Lessons 3-4 "The Attributes of God"
Week 2	Lessons 17-18 "The Character of God: Just"	Week 2, Lessons 5-7 "The Attributes of God"
Week 3	Lessons 29-30 "The Character of God: Jealous"	Week 3, Lessons 1-3 "The Attributes of God"
Week 4	Service Project or Community Builder	Service Project or Community Builder
MAY 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 1, "The Quest"	Week 3, Lessons 4-7 "The Attributes of God"
Week 2	Lesson 2, "The Quest"	Week 4, Lessons 1-2 "The Attributes of God"
Week 3	Lesson 3, "The Quest"	Week 4, Lessons 3-4 "The Attributes of God"
	Lesson 4, "The Quest"	Week 4, Lessons 5-7 "The Attributes of God"
JUNE 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 5, "The Quest"	Week 5, Lessons 1-2 "The Attributes of God"
Week 2	Lesson 6, "The Quest"	Week 5, Lessons 3-4 "The Attributes of God"
Week 3	Service Project	Week 5, Lessons 5-7 "The Attributes of God"
Week 4	Summer Party!!!	Summer Party!!!
* JULY 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
	Don't forget to join us at Power Chicks!	Don't forget to join us at Power Chicks!

RESOURCE LIST

ELEMENTARY

- UNSEEN: THE ARMOR OF GOD FOR KIDS
 BY PRISCILLA SHIRER
- THE GOSPEL: GOD'S PLAN FOR KIDS BY LIFEWAY KIDS
- DEFINED: WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE
 BY STEPHEN KENDRICK & ALEX KENDRICK
- THE CHARACTER OF GOD FOR KIDS
 BY THE DAILY GRACE CO
 AT THEDAILYGRACECO.COM
- THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD BY KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL PLACE AT KIDSSUNDAYSCHOOL.COM
- THE QUEST FOR KIDS BY BETH MOORE

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

- ARMOR OF GOD TEEN STUDY BOOK
 BY PRISCILLA SHIRER
- BETTER TOGETHER BY THE DAILY GRACE CO AT THEDAILYGRACECO.COM
- DEFINED: TEEN GIRLS' STUDY BOOK
 BY PRISCILLA SHIRER
- THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
 BY THE DAILY GRACE CO
 AT THEDAILYGRACECO.COM

MONTHLY GROUPS

IPHC Girls' Ministries | One Year Sample Calendar (August-July)

The retreat-based ministry model is great for churches that cannot commit to weekly meetings, but still want to be intentional about women discipling girls. With this model, your team would connect with children, teens, and/or college students at least once a month, but the primary teaching time would take place during special events 2-3 times a year.

Monthly connections would be group-based where women gather the girls of your church for relationship-building activities and/or service projects. Additionally, the students would be invited to participate in occasional focused times of Bible teaching and discipleship during retreats or special events. (If your church is small, this is a great opportunity to band together with other churches.)

The flexibility of this model provides opportunities to meet with small groups of children or teens who want to grow deeper in their faith and will commit to meeting regularly. The IPHC Stand Firm resource is a great tool for this: iphc.org/girls

AUGUST	Back-to-School Fun Activity	
SEPTEMBER	Fall Service Project	
OCTOBER	Fall Discipleship Retreat	
NOVEMBER	Thanksgiving or Christmas Service Project	
DECEMBER	Christmas Party	
JANUARY	Fun Activity	
FEBRUARY	Winter Service project	
MARCH	Spring Discipleship Retreat	
APRIL	Fun Activity	
ΜΑΥ	Spring Service Project	
SUMMER	Incorporate two events into your calendar. (Have your student leaders help you plan these!) Don't forget Power Chicks in July 2022	

QUARTERLY GROUPS

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The retreat-based ministry model is great for churches that cannot commit to weekly or monthly meetings, but still want to be intentional about women discipling girls and men discipling boys. With this model, your team would connect with children, teens, and/or college students each quarter.

These quarterly connections would be event/retreat driven where men gather the boys and the women gather the girls of your church for community-building activities.

Students would be invited to participate in focused times of Bible teaching and discipleship during weekend retreats or special evening events. (If your church is small, this is a great opportunity to band together with other churches.)

The flexibility of this model provides opportunities to connect with larger groups of children or teens who want to grow deeper in their faith and community.

1ST QUARTER	Back to School Bonfire
2ND QUARTER	Fall Discipleship Weekend Retreat
3RD QUARTER	Glow in the Dark Event
4TH QUARTER	Pancakes and Pajamas Party

EVENT IDEAS

IPHC Girls' Ministries | E=Elementary; M=Middle School; H=High School

COMMUNITY BUILDER IDEAS	SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS
Board Game Night (E/M/H)	Environmental Project (Stewardship) - (E/M/H)
Arts & Crafts Night (E)	Missions Night to Support Missionary (Country-Themed Night) with Dinner, etc. (E/M/H)
Sports Game Night (E/M/H)	Christmas Caroling with afterparty (Hot Chocolate, Cookie Decorating) (E/M/H)
Kite Day (E)	Community-Wide Blood Drive (H)
Cook-Off/Bake-Off (E/M/H)	Missions Trip (M/H)
Summer Outings: Zoo, Waterpark, etc. (E/M/H)	Family Missions Trip (E/M/H)
Movie Party (E/M/H)	Interactive Missions Fair (E/M/H)
Silly Talent Contest / Karoke Contest (E/M/H)	Church Workday (E/M/H)
Pirate Night with Scavenger Hunt (E)	Parents Night Out (H)
Scavenger Hunt (E/M/H)	Wrap Christmas Gifts (H)
Glow in the Dark Event (E/M/H)	Backpack & School Supply Fundraiser (E/M/H)
Family Olympics (E)	Chore Day for Elderly (M/H)
Bonfire (E/M/H)	Pack Meals (Feed My Starving Children) or (Meals of Hope) (M/H)
Family Bingo Night (E)	Adopt a Homeless Shelter (E/M/H)
Pancakes & Pajama Party (with games) (E/M/H)	Host a Sole Hope Shoe-Making Party (M/H)
Laser Tag (E/M/H)	Write Letters to Seniors in Care Facilities (E/M/H)
Mystery Party (M/H)	Fill Up Baby Bottle with Coins to donate to Baby Hope Club (E/M/H)
Capture the Flag (E/M/H)	Host a Pampering Night for Moms (E/M/H)

BONUS RESOURCES

IPHC Girls' Ministries

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Rooted Kids' Curriculum by IPHC Kids at https://iphc.org/discipleship/kids/kids-curriculum/	Ephesians by Tony Merida
Wonder Inc Curriculum by David C. Cook (coming soon) @ www.lifespringsresources.com	Seen Curriculum by David C. Cook @ www.lifespringsresources.com
Defined: Who God Says You Are by Stephen Kendrick & Alex Kendrick	Better Than Life by Caroline Saunders
The Character of God by The Daily Grace Co.	The Quest: Study Journal for Teen Girls by Beth Moore
Unseen: The Armor of God Kids' Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer	Jude: Teen Girls' Bible Study by Jackie Hill Perry
The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum by Sally Lloyd Jones	Matchless: Teen Girls' Bible Study by Angie Smith
Early Childhood by Foundation Worldview at foundationworldview.com	Lies Young Women Believe by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth
Comparative Worldview Curriculum by Foundation Worldview at foundationworldview.com	The Armor of God Teen Study Book by Priscilla Shirer
The Gospel: God's Plan for Kids by LifeWay Kids	Better Together by The Daily Grace Co at thedailygraceco.com
The Quest for Kids by Beth Moore	Defined: Teen Girls' Study Book by Priscilla Shirer
Wise Up: Proverbs for the Classroom by Marty Machowski	The Attributes of God by The Daily Grace Co at thedailygraceco.com
Bible Studies for Life by LifeWay	We Saved You a Seat for Teens by Lisa-Jo Baker
Deep Roots at www.deeprootsbible.com/	City of Lions: Daniel Study for Teen Girls by Amy Byrd
Pray for Me (Prayer & Mentoring Program) at www.prayformecampaign.com/	All Things New by Kelly Minter
God and Me! Devotional Books for Girls by Diane Cory	Faithful One by Amy-Jo Girardier
I am Yours by Wynter Pitts	Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden
It's Great to Be A Girl by Dannah Gresh and Suzy Weibel	Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden
Lies Girls Believe & The Truth That Sets Them Free by Dannah Gresh	Get Your Story Straight by Kristen Hatton
	Radically Different by Champ Thornton
	Apologetics for Tweens at https://resurgensconsulting.com/apologetics-for-tweens/
	Journey: Advocates at https://awanaym.org/journey/advocates
	Various Bible Studies by The Bible Project at https://bibleproject.com/bible-studies/
	Pray for Me (Prayer & Mentoring Program) at www.prayformecampaign.com/
	Various Bible Studies by The Bible Project at https://bibleproject.com/bible-studies/
	Various Bible Studies by Leader Treks Youth Ministry @ www.leadertreks.org