

IPHC BOYS' MINISTRIES STARTER PACK



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BOYS'
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



The Importance of Gender-Specific Ministries

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? 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 consider 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.

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IPHC BOYS' MINISTRIES

VISION & VALUES

VALUE

1

PARTNERING

Partnering with parents to create an environment of discipleship for their sons.

VALUE

2

CONNECTING

Connecting men to boys through
Mentoring
Relationships

VISION

WE DESIRE

We desire to create intentional opportunities of ministry for boys who are becoming lifelong disciples of Jesus.

VALUE

3

EMPOWERING

Empowering boys to know God through His Word.

VALUE

4

EQUIPPING

Equipping boys to live Spirit empowered lives of worship and service.

THINGS TO CONSIDER



IPHC BOYS MINISTRIES DISCIPLESHIP CURRICULUM

WEEKLY

ROYAL RANGERS

royalrangers.com

Royal Rangers is our top suggestion for boys' discipleship curriculum. It is an activity-based, small-group church ministry for boys and young men in grades K-12. Our mission is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders. We provide Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment.

RANGER KIDS

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

DISCOVERY RANGERS

3rd-5th Grade

ADVENTURE RANGERS

6th-8th Grade

EXPEDITION RANGERS

9th-12th Grade

MEN OF HONOR

honorchangeseverything.com

The Men of Honor Strategy combines powerful weekend camps and weekly one-hour discipleship meetings, using character-specific Men of Honor Curriculum, as well as the Ed Cole Majoring in Men curriculum.

Their mission is to develop passionate followers of Jesus Christ by training & mentoring youths ages 11-17. The program focuses on:

CHIVALRY

HONOR

rites of passage

THE FATHER'S BLESSING

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP

MORAL EXCELLENCE

MONTHLY

KIDS OUTDOOR ZONE

kidsoutdoorzone.com

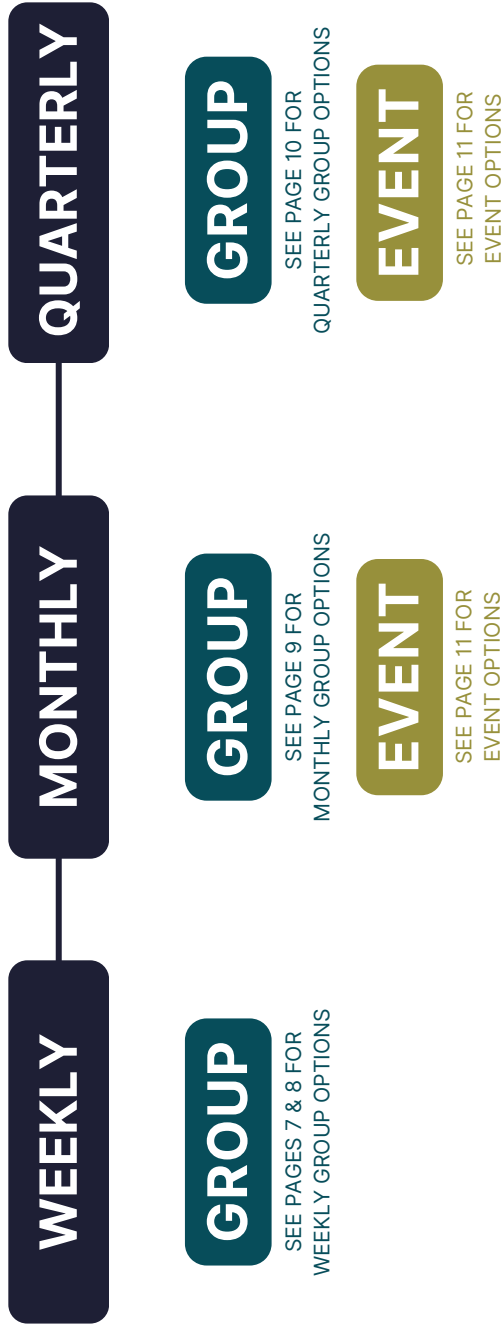
KOZ provides men of your church with training and curriculum to mentor boys using outdoor adventure.

The training is done by streaming video at the host church. The training includes a one-and-a-half hour section with the leaders and their wives. The second is a 5-hour section with workbook for the men. Once trained, the men are certified as KOZ Harvest Team Leaders (Outdoor mentors).

After training, the men plan their monthly meetings/adventures with the boys based on the monthly curriculum provided.

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Select the option that works best for your ministry.



WEEKLY GROUPS

IPHC Boys' 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	Lesson 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)	OFF (Thanksgiving Break)
Week 4	Lesson 5 "The Gospel"	Better Together: Discipleship is Long-Suffering (p. 33-35)
DECEMBER 2022	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 6 "The Gospel"	Better Together: What is the Gospel? (p. 39-41)
Week 2	Service Project Night - Christmas Project	Service Project Night - Christmas Project
Week 3	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
Week 4	OFF	OFF
JANUARY 2023	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Week 1	Lesson 1 "Defined: Who God Says You Are"	Lesson 1 "Defined: Who God Says You Are"
Week 2	Lesson 2 "Defined"	Lesson 2 "Defined"
Week 3	Lesson 3 "Defined"	Lesson 3 "Defined"
Week 4	Lesson 4 "Defined"	Lesson 4 "Defined"

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 Camporama!	Don't forget to join us at Camporama!

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 BOYS' STUDY BOOK**
BY PRISCILLA SHIRER
- **THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**
BY THE DAILY GRACE CO
AT THEDAILYGRACECO.COM

MONTHLY GROUPS

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The retreat-based ministry model is great for churches that cannot commit to weekly meetings, but still want to be intentional about men discipling boys. 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 men gather the boys 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 boys website is a great tool: iphc.org/boys

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
MAY	Spring Service Project
SUMMER	Incorporate two events into your calendar. (Have your student leaders help you plan these!) Don't forget Camporama!

QUARTERLY GROUPS

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

The retreat-based ministry model is great for churches that cannot commit to weekly or monthly meetings, but still want to be intentional about 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 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	Scavenger Hunt
4TH QUARTER	Board Game Night

EVENT IDEAS

IPHC Boys' 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 / Karaoke 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 Men's Day to Serve the Men of the Church (E/M/H)

BONUS RESOURCES

IPHC Boys' 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 at www.lifespringsresources.com
Defined: Who God Says You Are by Stephen Kendrick & Alex Kendrick	Lies Young Men Believe by Robert Wolgemuth
The Character of God by The Daily Grace Co.	The Armor of God Teen Study Book by Priscilla Shirer
Unseen: The Armor of God Kids' Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer	Better Together by The Daily Grace Co at thedailygraceco.com
The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum by Sally Lloyd Jones	Defined: Teen Girls' Study Book by Priscilla Shirer
Early Childhood by Foundation Worldview at foundationworldview.com	The Attributes of God by The Daily Grace Co at thedailygraceco.com
Comparative Worldview Curriculum by Foundation Worldview at foundationworldview.com	Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden
The Gospel: God's Plan for Kids by LifeWay Kids	Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden
The Quest for Kids by Beth Moore	Get Your Story Straight by Kristen Hatton
Wise Up: Proverbs for the Classroom by Marty Machowski	Radically Different by Champ Thornton
Bible Studies for Life by LifeWay	No More Excuses by Tony Evans
Deep Roots at www.deeprootsbible.com/	Kingdom Men Rising by Tony Evans
Pray for Me (Prayer & Mentoring Program) at www.prayformecampaign.com/	Unfolded by Eric Geiger
	Be a Man by John Paul Basham
	Discipleship Deficit by John Paul Basham
	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 Leader Treks Youth Ministry @ www.leadertreks.org