



SMALL GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE 2020



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Thank you for being a Small Group Leader!

On behalf of the KCO team, we would like to honour and thank you for giving your time and energy to invest into the lives of the campers in your Small Group. We trust that you will find this a rewarding and worthwhile experience – you'll probably enjoy a good sleep afterwards too!

Please don't wait until the KCO weekend to read this booklet: you will likely end up stressed and unprepared, and we don't want that! To keep it fun at KCO, set aside 30 mins or so before KCO to read this and then you will know what else you need to organise.

As you lead, remember that God's Holy Spirit is with you and delights to help when we ask. Feel free to ask help from other people including those:

- in your group - other Small Group Leaders or your Group Coordinator
- on KCO team – those on team at KCO and chaplains

KCO THEME 2020

Our theme is **KCO Connect**. Connect with Jesus, connect with one another and connect with nature. Last year at KCO we explored the theme "Welcome – a place to belong." So what's the next step? How do we, people of all ages, build community to help people belong? How do we form and keep healthy relationships? How do we grow as followers of Jesus? Through connection, being connected to each other and connected to God.

Have you ever made a puzzle, played with Lego or drawn a dot-to-dot picture? Each of these games have parts that need to be connected together to make an image. If any part is missing it can be hard to figure out the image. The Bible says "Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body." (1 Corin 12:27).

At KCO let's explore how to connect together to be followers of Jesus who share God's love with the world.

AT KCO WE WILL AIM TO:

- **Connect with Jesus** – Jesus calls us his friend and wants to be in relationship with us. Let's explore stories of Jesus being a friend, his forgiveness and grace; and how we can be friends with Jesus.
- **Connect with one another** – loving one another as Jesus has loved us and reconnecting when we hurt each other.
- **Connect with nature** – when we spend time outside, on our own or with others, we can connect with God, and feel re-energised so we can better care for one another. Connecting with nature also means caring for nature.

THE ROLE OF A SMALL GROUP LEADER

Small Group Leaders have a variety of roles:

Relational

The relationship with the campers in your Small Group will be key to how the kids find their KCO experience. Remember to...

- **Be welcoming**, caring, gracious to everyone at all times ('Help God!' is a valid prayer...)
- Take time to **learn the names** (with correct pronunciation) of the campers in your Small Group and call them by their names – this expresses welcome like nothing else
- **Have fun** together – engage in conversation, games etc

Discipler

Your role in leading the Small Group sessions will **help disciple the campers** and lead them closer to Jesus. Remember to:

- **Live out your faith** at all times – look for opportunities to bless (encourage/build up) and don't gossip, whinge etc.
- Pray aloud, open and use your Bible, **share stories** of what God has done in your life
- **Encourage the campers**, remembering that they will all be at different stages in their journey of faith – some may not know Jesus at all. (e.g. when praying, don't assume that everyone will pray aloud or at all) Offer them options!



Organiser

You may not be a natural organiser, however your campers will look to you for what to do and where to go, so remember to...

- **Read through all the paperwork before KCO so you are prepared and what you're supposed to be doing doesn't come as a surprise to you**
- Be aware of where you need to be at a given time (check the program, maybe keep the Yapp App on your phone open.)
- Be proactive with regard to campers physical needs (e.g. have they been to the toilet before sessions? should they have warm clothes?)
- Make sure the campers have what they need for each activity (e.g. notebook, water bottle etc.)

Safety

You are responsible for the campers in your Small Group at all times, so remember to:

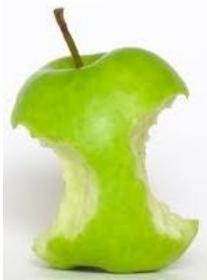
1. Know where they are at all times – keeping within the camp boundaries
2. Follow instructions (from your Group Coordinator or the KCO Team)
3. Wear name tags at all times
4. Encourage safe play

B I T E S

for leading devotions with a small group of children

Tip 1: Pray and prepare

Prepare yourself practically and prayerfully when planning for your group sessions



Tip 2: Know age, ability, interests & energy of your group

It's important to know the age, energy and interests of your group – ask questions and engage them in conversation.

Tip 3: Be flexible

If kids in your group are younger they may not be able to pay attention for as long – be prepared to take discussions or activities in a new direction if needed.

Small groups are about helping kids to connect with God and each other.

Check out Matthew 22:36-39.



Tip 4: Dynamics

Everyone should feel welcome and valued in your group – ensure conversations are respectful with no interruptions or talking over one another.

Tip 5: Ask for help

If you are unsure what to do, how to answer a question or engage your group in the session, please ask your Group Coordinator or chaplain for help.



Small Group Overview



In the KCO 2020 Program, there are three Small Group sessions, all on Saturday, which are scheduled to last 10-15 mins each.

Session 1

Saturday midday – after arrival at KCO (e.g. during lunch), before the Opening Celebration at 1pm

Session 2

Saturday afternoon – at a set time during the Opening Celebration

Session 3

Saturday evening – after dinner before the night activity

NOTES

Each Small Group will be different

- 10-15 mins duration is a guide – be led by your group
- 'Read' your group – provide fidget activities (eg. sticks, textas, paper) if needed

Each Small Group Session has an aim and 3 main parts:

- ENGAGE – a fun opener to help the kids start to think about the session aim
- DIG – digging into the Bible to further explore the session aim
- APPLY – applying the session aim and wrapping up

Some Small Groups may want to EXTEND

For those Small Groups who would like to go further, each session will also have an optional 'extend' section. These can either be done during the Small Group sessions or at other times during the weekend:

- DIG DEEPER – exploring further into the Bible to help further understand and apply the aim.

Small Group Sessions - Preparation

Prepare beforehand!

- Read the session material and Bible passages at least a week before KCO
- Pray and think about how you will approach the material, which activities you will do etc.
- Adapt the material if your Small Group requires something a little different.
- Ask for what you need from your Group Coordinator
 1. Do you need any additional help?
 2. Do you need any supplies for your sessions? e.g. Bibles, textas (for the kids to write in their notebooks), paper, picnic rug, books

When: Saturday midday - after arrival at KCO (e.g. during lunch), before the Opening worship (find 10 minutes).

What is needed: KCO Notebooks, Bibles, textas/pencils.

Session Aim: Getting to know each other and introducing the theme of connecting with each other, Jesus and nature.

ENGAGE (5 mins)

Play KCO Connect Bingo:

Say: Can you be the first person in your small group to finish all the squares? Remember to use your manners! In your camper notebook find this page.

Say: Find a different person for each of the boxes. When you find someone, write their name in that box. You could go around our campsite and then, if you want we could visit another campsite too but remember we need to go together.

Find someone who...

this is their first KCO	whose name starts with the same letter as your name	is older than 50
prays at least once a day	can do the actions to "10, 9, 8 God is great"	knows a Bible story about Jesus
likes to go to the beach	can name an Australian animal	has made mud pies

Say: What are you MOST looking forward to at KCO?
Is there anything you are worried about?



DIG (5 mins)

Say: The theme for KCO this year is KCO Connect. When we connect with each other, we get to know one another, we might help each other or talk and play together.

When you meet someone for the first time what are 3 things you could say or do?
Write or draw them in your notebook.

Say: KCO is also about connecting with and getting to know Jesus. Jesus is the key person for Christians. Christians believe we can be friends with Jesus. We can get to know Jesus by reading stories about him in the Bible (this is the key book for Christians). We can also get to know Jesus by talking with him – this is called prayer. If you have a Bible, open it to the contents page. (If you've never looked in a Bible before, you might find the info in the Camper Notebook on pages xx and xx helpful.)

The stories about Jesus' life are at the start of the New Testament in 4 books called "the gospels".

Write down the names of the first four books of the New Testament in your note book.

M_____ M_____ L_____ J_____

Say: Let's open your Bible to each of these books and answer the questions in your notebook.

- The last sentence in Matthew is a promise that Jesus makes to all of his followers. What does Jesus promise? (*Matthew, chapter 28, the end of verse 20*)
- Look at the headings of the stories in **Mark**. Write down one of the story headings that is about Jesus.
- In **Luke**, which chapters are about Jesus as a baby?
- **John**, chapter 3, verse 16 is one of the most quoted and well known verses in the Bible. Look it up and then fill in the gaps to complete the verse. (This one uses the CEV Bible translation.)

G_____ loved the people of this w_____ so much that he g_____ his only S_____, so that e_____ who has f_____ in him will have eternal l_____ and never really die.

Here's some clues: world gave everyone life God Son faith

APPLY (4-5 mins)

Say: We are going to pray now. I will say a prayer and in the middle I'll wait and you are invited to pray by saying one thing you are thankful for.

Dear Jesus, thank you that we can be at KCO, connecting with each other and with you.
Thank you for.....

Please help us to have a safe and fun time at KCO and help us to care for each other. Amen.

DIG DEEPER (optional)

Getting to know the 4 Gospels

How many chapters are in each of the 4 gospels?

Matthew _____ Mark _____ Luke _____ John _____

Who is Luke writing for and why (*see chapter 1, verse 3 and 4*)?

What do these stories tell us about Jesus? What is Jesus doing in these stories?

- Matthew 4:23 (*teach, preach, heal*)
- Mark 10:16 (*blessed children*)
- Luke 11:1-2 (*teach us to pray*)
- John 13:5 (*washes other people's feet*)

Session 2 - Opening Celebration



When: Saturday afternoon – during the Opening Celebration (10 mins)

What is needed: KCO Notebooks, Bibles, textas/pencils

Session Aim: Exploring the story of Jesus connecting with children

ENGAGE

Say: We've heard this story on the stage and learned the actions.

DIG (6 mins)

Say: In a Bible, let's find Mark, chapter 10, verses 13 – 16.
This story is often called "Jesus blesses little children."

As we read the story, can you remember the actions

1. People brought children to Jesus. (*bringing or carrying children*)
2. The disciples stopped them. (*stop hands, stamp foot*)
3. Jesus became angry and said – Let the children come to me! (*wave hands, come to me*)
4. Jesus blessed the children. (*hands outstretched, palms down, like touching top of people's heads*)

Ask: Do you think Jesus is only interested in grown ups? *No*

Why do you think the disciples told the children to stop bothering Jesus? *Hint: they thought children were not important enough for Jesus.*

What did Jesus think about this? *Hint: Jesus loves all people, no matter their age, and people of all ages belong to the family of God. Jesus even uses children as an example of how to accept God with the trust of a young child. How amazing is that!*

Say: Jesus wants to know and connect with each one of us – no matter how young or old we are.

We can connect with Jesus through reading stories about him in the Bible, through talking with him (called prayer), and through spending time with other people who are friends with Jesus (at church or kids club).

APPLY (2-3 mins)

Small group leaders – depending on who is in your group, you might like to ask your group if you can put your hand on each camper's head or shoulder and say a blessing, such as "Jesus loves you" or "Jesus wants to be your friend" or "we ask Jesus to bless you today".

DIG DEEPER (optional)

Draw the story

Say: Draw the story of Jesus blessing the little children like a comic strip in your notebook.

1. People brought children to Jesus.	2. The disciples stopped them.
3. Jesus became angry and said – Let the children come to me!	4. Jesus blessed the children.

Session 3 - Saturday evening



When: Saturday evening – after Communion (15mins)

What is needed: KCO Notebooks, Bibles, textas/pencils, A5 blank paper per camper.

Session Aim: Exploring that Communion is our reminder that God forgives us, through Jesus' death, so we can be reconnected with God.



ENGAGE (2 mins)

Chat with your campers about what they have been doing today.

- What were some of your favourite parts about KCO?
- Were there any parts you didn't like?
- Have you connected with someone new?
- What have you learnt about connecting with Jesus?
- How have you connected with nature today?

DIG (5-6 mins)

When appropriate, invite campers to colour in the Communion image in their notebook.

Say: In communion we remember that Jesus invited his friends to his table for a special meal together.

- What are some of the things that are said during Communion?
- What are some of the things we do during Communion?

In your Bible, let's read Matthew chapter 26, verses 26-28



Say: This story is called “The Lord’s Supper” or “The Last Supper.” It’s Jesus’ last meal with his disciples before he was arrested and killed and before he came back to life again.

When Jesus said to his disciples that the broken bread was his body and the cup of wine was his blood – the disciples weren’t actually eating Jesus’ body or drinking his blood - because Jesus was right there in the room. But Jesus was sharing about what was about to happen to him.

The broken bread and wine were signs or symbols of the death of Jesus and the agreement God was making with all people that our sins would be forgiven through Jesus’ death.

Have you heard the word ‘sin’ before? Do you know what ‘sin’ means? *Sin is when we don’t obey God, when we do our own thing, this can include doing, saying and thinking wrong things.*

The good news is that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin so that God can forgive us and give us a new start. We can reconnect with God. We can live with God forever and know God’s great love for us. When we share Communion we are reminding ourselves of God’s agreement that we are forgiven through Jesus.

Provide each camper and leader with an A5 piece of paper.

Say: I invite you to write or draw anything you have said or done or thought that was wrong (your sins). Or you can just draw an X mark for each wrong thing. If it helps, you could write “I’m sorry God for...” at the top.

Allow time

Say: Jesus died so that our sins can be forgiven. Tear up your paper into as many pieces as you can.

Say: Our sins are forgiven. We are reconnected with God! Give one another a high 5! You might like to shout “Thanks God!”

APPLY (2-3 mins)

Say: We can also forgive others who hurt us and when we hurt people we can ask them to forgive us too. When we are hurt or hurt others then often those relationships can feel broken or disconnected. I wonder if there is anyone that you need to forgive? Use your finger to write their name in the air.

Forgiving someone doesn’t mean they can keep hurting you. Part of forgiveness means you don’t want to get revenge. In the best situations, when someone is hurt, one person says sorry and changes their actions. The other person who has been hurt can choose to forgive them so that the friendship can be reconnected and hopefully both people will care for each other better.



If you want, you can now use your finger to draw a cross, like the letter †, in the air, as a sign of forgiveness.

Let's pray. You might like to say after me:

Loving God,

thank you that you forgive us.

Help me to forgive those who hurt me.

Help us to reconnect, when possible.

Thank you God.

Amen.

DIG DEEPER (optional)

Together we are God's community

Say: Forgiving others and reconnecting can happen in our families, our kids clubs, at KCO, in our churches, in any place where we are with people. The Bible talks about how we are parts of God's community or God's family in the church, including here at KCO. Each part matters and each part is connected together.

Read 1 Corinthians 12: 24b – 27

Chat about these verses. You could ask:

- What do you think these verses mean?
- When have you hurt part of your body, like a stubbed toe or a paper cut on a little finger, and it's affected how you can do things?
- When have you seen someone hurting and it impacts people around them?
- When do we honour people? *When we thank them for a special job they've done or when it's their birthday, people get together to celebrate. There might be cake or a present, and everybody around them joins in the celebration too.*

Say: Let's reread verse 27.

What do you think this means when we're at KCO? Who is in your KCO group? What are the different types of roles people have at KCO in your church group? *Eg Cooks, Group Coordinator, campers, small group leaders, drivers, people setting up tents...*

All together we make up part of Jesus' body, his community of followers. Together we are Jesus' people.

Play a game of thumb wrestling (google 'thumb wrestle instructions').

Play against each other or do a round robin type competition and see who is your group's thumb wrestling champion.

If you have free time, find these activities in the KCO notebook.

ADARE ADVENTURE

With your small group, find the answers to the questions below around the caravan park. Once you have written down all the answers come to the KCO Office for a lucky dip prize.

1. Inside the camp kitchen what is one of the signs about (*you can choose any sign*)?
2. What is different between Cabin 4 (where the first aid station is) and Cabin 3? (*something about the actual buildings*)
3. How many steps does it take you to go all the way around the edge of the basketball play area? (*it's near the Community Tree*)
4. Where do you need to stand in the Caravan Park to be able to see the ocean?
5. How many tables are outside the KCO office?
6. Near the rain water tank (behind the big bins) how many trees are taller than 1 metre?
7. To get to the river from the Caravan Park do you need to go East or West? (*see the map in the notebook for help*).

"YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING!"

With your small group, write as many jokes as you can think of in your notebook. Choose one joke you think is the funniest and tell one of the MCs. See if they'll share your joke on the stage.

CONNECT WITH NATURE

1. Go on a scavenger hunt and find a variety of natural items.
How many natural things can you:
 - See if your small group stand in one spot OR go to different places all around the Adare site?
 - See, hear, smell, touch?
2. Record what you find either by drawing, tracing or rubbing over them on the page in the notebook.
3. What does nature tell you about God? eg God is creative, HUGE, provides for our needs... You could turn your thoughts into a Praise Prayer – We praise you God for you are...

KCO Draft Program



As at February 2020

Timing and activities are subject to change. The program will run 1pm Saturday-1pm Sunday.

SATURDAY, 21 MARCH



Throughout KCO, campers will want to have with them: **their notebook, water bottle, hat, etc**

10am-12:30pm	Registrations	@ Site office
12noon	Lunch	(All vehicles must be offsite.)
1:00pm	Event begins - Celebration Service Bring pens, a Bible + offering	@ Main Stage
1:45pm	Create OR Play OR Experience	Activity stations: weaving faith thru life
2:45pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:05pm	Play OR Experience OR Create	Activity stations: weaving faith thru life
4:05pm	Experience OR Create OR Play	Activity stations: weaving faith thru life
5:05pm	Return to campsites	
5:30pm	Dinner (OPTIONAL: games/free time) From 6:15pm - 7.15pm Communion will be served by the Moderator or his assistants as they come to each campsite or by your minister.	@ your camp site
7:15pm	Small Group Session 3	@ your camp site
(7:25pm)	Sunset	
7:45pm	Night Activity	@ Main Stage
8:45pm	Supper and get ready for bed	
9:00pm	Story time	
9:30pm	Lights Out!	

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH

7:00am	Breakfast, prayers & pack up sites	
8:30am	Games for early risers (optional)	@ Main Stage
9:00am	Break	
9:15am	Pilgrimage	@ school oval
10:30am	Morning Tea	@ your campsite
11:00am	Closing Celebration Service	@ Main Stage
12noon	Lunch	
1:00pm	Home Time (cars can move on site)	

If at any time your group needs some down time to just be together, then please feel free to do that. Sit with them, make use of opportunity for conversation or prayer or reflecting on faith. Additional activities will be in the KCO Notebook.







5 to 8s

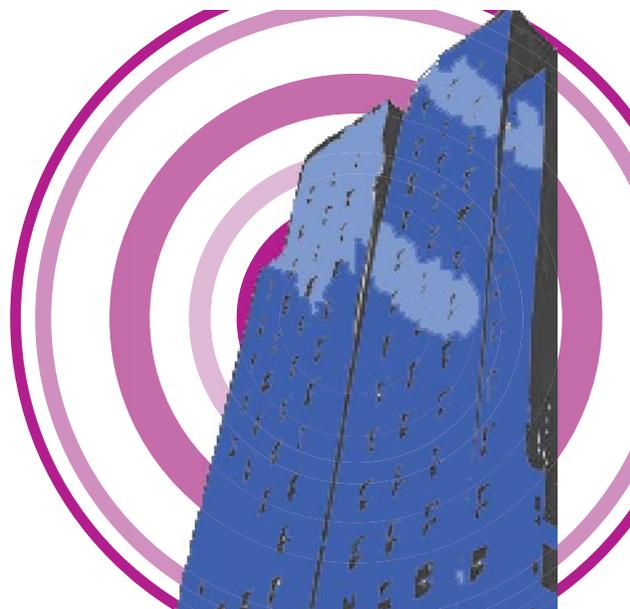
What are they like?

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?	WHAT WE SHOULD DO!
Cooperative, if given good reason.	Explain reasons as well as requests.
Enjoy playing.	Work play into activities where possible.
Will play with others.	Encourage this where possible.
Very accepting of people.	Make the most of this, but also keep a watchful eye on who is in the vicinity of the children.
Easily led.	Work with integrity – do not push them into choosing Jesus just because they know that we want them to do so.
Enjoy helping adults.	Allow them opportunities to do so.
Active and full of energy.	Include lots of activity and spread it through a programme.
Growing in independence.	Allow them to do more with less help.
Developing physical skills but still often clumsy. Enjoy and prefer large movements. Coordination is developing a great deal.	Choose appropriate games and activities that will stretch them a little but not defeat them.
Believe what they are told by a grown-up, but less so as they grow older, due to their experiences and to increasing sophistication.	Not teach anything that they will need to 'unlearn' later.
May find it difficult to differentiate between fantasy and reality; due to the influence of television, these may be interchangeable.	Be careful to explain which is which, and to help them to know that events in the Bible really happened.
Concerned with the present, but beginning to develop a sense of time.	Not expect them to grasp the difference between, for example, Bible times, their parents' childhood and the present.

Think literally.	Use concrete explanations, rather than abstract concepts. Avoid things like, 'Ask Jesus into your heart,' and go for, 'Choose to be Jesus' friend.' Think of a suitable 5 to 7s image to explain biblical concepts such as faith. Use stories where possible to illustrate points.
Short attention span – approximately one minute per year of life	Keep to that! They will not sit still for long.
Learn by repetition and imitation.	Make use of this where possible – use rhymes, rhythmic poems etc. And remembering that they will imitate our behaviour – set a good example!
Have a limited but growing vocabulary.	Use simple words.
Inquisitive, imaginative and becoming more observant.	Put this to good use – get them involved in stories.
Need encouragement.	Encourage good self-esteem with badges, stickers etc. for achievements rather than quality of achievement, so that poor achievers are rewarded too.
Proud of their achievements.	Use both verbal and non-verbal forms. Make it genuine, and look for ways to encourage even the worst of them!
Have fears.	Create a safe, happy environment where they feel both safe to be and safe to tell us their fears. Choose material carefully, and think through how to present 'hard bits' – eg the cross. Give reassurance that we have fears too (without going into great detail about them), and explain how we overcome those fears.
Like to please adults and to be praised.	Not abuse this desire to please, and praise whenever possible.
Swing from tears to smiles quite quickly – this can be a complicated age emotionally.	Not worry if this happens, but be ready with diversionary tactics when needed.
Beginning to develop a sense of fair/unfair.	Treat the whole group as fairly as possible.
Quick to label things boring, but may not actually be bored.	Without rushing them, keep things moving so that boredom isn't possible!
If it's part of their experience, will talk about God without embarrassment.	Be honest about the reality of our faith and encourage questions. We need to have that same ability to talk about our walk with God without embarrassment.

8 to 11s

What are they like?



WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

WHAT WE SHOULD DO!

Friendships are important.

Encourage them to feel part of the group, and help loners to be accepted.

Identify with those adults who meet their needs, and may make them into heroes.

Make the most of this in relation to Jesus. Be prepared for the fact that we will probably become heroes to them, which requires thoughtful and responsible behaviour from us.

Increasingly independent.

Treat them as such and give responsibility.

Active and energetic, with increasing skills.

Provide lots of changes of activity. Be prepared to be active with them.

Curious and learning lots of information.

Tap into this and extend their thinking. Help them with background information to the Bible.

Still think literally, but beginning to develop abstract thought.

Use pictures, not picture language, and explain concepts in clear and simple ways.

Have a continually increasing but still limited vocabulary, which may be very developed in something that interests them a lot!

Not dazzle them with ours, and allow them to teach us new words. Not use jargon words just to appear 'trendy'.

Developing the ability to reason.

Be ready to explain why we believe and what we believe.

Perspectives of past and future are still limited.

Work hard at presentation of biblical material and at the relevance of it today.

Very aware of the world around them, eg green issues.

Try to give them God's perspective on such issues.

Either seem to have specific interests, eg a particular sport, or none!

Find out what they like and incorporate that into quizzes etc.

<p>Have 'crazes', which tend to be short-lived.</p>	<p>Be aware that they think the present craze will last for ever, and have no concept of their changing loyalties and interests. Try to help them to see following Jesus as more than just their 'craze for today'.</p>
<p>A strong sense of justice and a developing moral sense. This is often determined by experiences at home and school.</p>	<p>Treat them fairly and equally as far as possible. Avoid favouritism and be sure to be fair when running a game or quiz. Avoid arguments over what is fair and right at home!</p>
<p>Becoming self-aware and self-conscious, especially with the onset of puberty.</p>	<p>Not put the focus on them if they can't cope with it. Not force them to read, pray aloud etc, but give lots of genuine encouragement when they do.</p>
<p>Quick to label things as boring.</p> <p>Will try to please to some extent, especially if they like a leader. Dangerous when it comes to questions like 'Do you want to follow Jesus?'</p>	<p>Not take notice every time they say this, but be aware that what suits an 8-year-old may easily bore a 10-year-old.</p> <p>Avoid putting pressure on them about beliefs; always provide a way out so that they have time to think, and can say no. And reassure them that we still love and want them in the group, even if they don't make that choice.</p>
<p>Influenced by media heroes, like to copy styles and buzz words so that they can be seen to be in fashion.</p>	<p>Be careful not to dismiss the media, but explain how Jesus was making a statement in the way he lived and taught.</p>



11 to 14s

What are they like?

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Strongly influenced by friends but may still have adult role models who are 'heroes'.

Peer-group has a huge influence: they are becoming more sophisticated.

Self-critical and self-conscious; sensitive to criticism and comment and especially to peer-group attitudes. Desperate for acceptance.

A time of growth spurts – boys mature later, but often more painfully as they cope with their voices breaking – or not.

Becoming physically mature and sexually curious; they may not be able to handle their changing emotions. Hormones are flying!

Very aware of the world around them – green issues etc. Often very materialistic.

Have a strong sense of justice.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO!

Be ready to be a good friend to them now and, if appropriate, after the event; set a good example. *Never* fall into the trap of being flattered by their attention and of feeding our self-esteem off it.

Give support and help them to see what's right.

Give lots of genuine encouragement and support. Make it clear that you approve of them as a person, even if you don't agree with their views or approve of their behaviour. Don't allow bullying in any form.

It's a prime time when they may tease each other painfully; we need to give support to those who are struggling, and not draw attention to changes.

Not be shocked by what they may say, nor be prudish. Be ready to talk through issues they bring up but have girls talk to girls and blokes to boys. Avoid getting too adult in conversations, but keep them at the right level. Single-sex discussion groups are probably best.

Relate this to relevant biblical material – God's plan for his creation etc. Try to teach a Christian view of possessions that doesn't put them down for their views but does give a balanced outlook.

Avoid favourites; play games and quizzes fairly. Make use of this and relate it to God's care for justice.

Will probably challenge rules, basic assumptions and previously accepted attitudes and standards.	Be prepared for problems, and be willing to go on loving as we see authority challenged.
Can grasp abstract ideas and are able to reason. They don't just accept what they are told but will question things, especially reasons.	Apply material to them. Encourage debate and discussion. Be ready with our reasons for faith etc.
Much more sophisticated and critical of anything that doesn't meet their standards.	Use good quality visuals, methods etc. and be sure to treat them in a way that is appropriate to their age.
Hate anything they consider to be childish.	Make it clear that you know this, whenever there is anything that is aimed across the ages – treat them as older and they will cooperate.
Things are quickly labelled 'boring' if they are not 'adult' enough or if they fail to attract.	Treat them as young adults (even if they don't manage to behave like them) and let them have their say about content and style. Be creative in what you do and stretch them.
Can be hostile to authority.	Have good reasons for rules we may set. Let them talk about what upsets them, and back up parents, school etc where possible without estranging the young person.
Can be very moody: will be totally 'on' you one day and completely 'off' the next.	Accept this and be ready to love them regardless of their emotional swings. Not take it personally when they are 'off' us.
They may seem to be quite adult but sometimes behave as young children. May say and live one thing but think another – especially when it comes to Christian beliefs.	Treat them as young adults but accept that they may occasionally behave very childishly. Try to show them gently that it's right to stand up for what you believe – and don't be too hard on them when they don't achieve it.
May be questioning what they have always accepted in the past about Jesus, God, the Bible, etc. May give up on church.	Not be put off by their questions, but see them as steps towards an owned faith. Not give up on them.

Phone numbers during KCO:

Event Staff

Mark Schultz, KCO Team Manager	 0412 031 191
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In an emergency, please ring 000 FIRST
then Mark or Linda

Advise that the entrance to KCO at Adare Camp and Caravan Park
is accessible via 20 Wattle Drive, Victor Harbor

The vision for KCO is consistent with the Intergenerational Team Vision:

That campers become life-long disciples of Christ within missional families and faith communities.

The key purposes for KCO are to provide a safe environment, both physically and spiritually, in order to:

- work together across the UCSA community, including the UAICC community.
- provide an overnight camp of excellence for 7yr olds to year 7s.
- provide an opportunity to engage with the wider Uniting Church.
- inspire radical transformation in their communities.
- provide intergenerational leadership development in both local groups and for the wider event team.
- provide a mountain top faith experience for campers to grow in their identity as a beloved child of God/identity in Christ by providing a variety of deeply spiritual experiences.

KCO is a drug and alcohol free event.



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