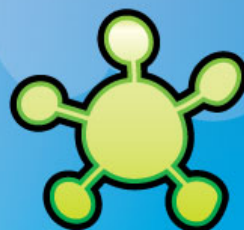


KidsHubs



How to Start a KidsHub



KidsHubs is a partner strategy to Ubabalo. It involves sport and also adds media, drama, gardening, computers and many other global life skills to the discipling journey. All the KidsHubs materials can be used in Ubabalo and vice versa. This is a partnering initiative between CYCAS and the Global Children's Forum.





KidsHubs is a global disciple-making strategy.

It is a way leaders can pass on a godly way of living in a small group around a particular interest.

- It is using those things children are already interested in (woodwork, computers, sport, gardening, music, cooking and life skills: hygiene, nutrition, first aid and safety) as the basis for discipling with God's Word.
- It is about leaders developing a closer relationship with a smaller group of children over time. Leaders are not just running a program but rather are uncovering children's passions and using these passions as powerful learning opportunities with the Bible. The small group discovers many things together while engaging with God and His Word in those everyday activities.
- It is about leaders using teachable moments* (see pg.2) to pass on their faith - modelling to children what discipleship looks like in a whole life.



A media KidsHub in India

KidsHubs Local

Every moment is an opportunity to mould and disciple the next generation.

Imagine walking alongside a smaller group of children discipling and mentoring them. As Leaders we help fulfil the Great Commission by focusing our attention on discipling younger children in our midst.

The Bible talks about this in:

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

KidsHubs are groups of children and leaders of any age who meet together to learn a new skill while exploring the Bible and following Jesus together.



A vegetable garden KidsHub in Liberia



...and Australia!

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**Teachable moments: are moments when a child is ready and receptive to learn something. The moment could be right for many reasons: they have a question, they trust you, you have a good relationship, or they are creative and in the right mood.*

There are two basic types of teachable moments.

1. *Experiential learning initiated by the leader*
2. *Questions and moments initiated by the child*



A media KidsHub in Togo!



HOW TO START AND RUN A KIDSHUB

1. **Pray.**
2. **Share** the vision with other adults and teens. Show them how they could pass on their skills and passion while disciplining children in a natural and practical way.
3. **Plan** to run KidsHubs in your church, school or community. Leaders meet together and discuss the options and train together in how to relate a practical skill (e.g. drama or gardening) with the Bible. Try to find enough leaders to have a ratio of no more than 8 children to 1 leader. There are some lessons and suggestions to help you get started with ideas. ***But remember it is not a program; it is space where children can be disciplined in a natural way in a small group.***
4. **Run** the KidsHubs group and meet regularly together as leaders to evaluate the groups' progress. Also meet to stay accountable to one another as leaders.
5. **Release** children to use their talents and passions in the church and community. Give them opportunity to practice and show what they are doing in the church and community. ***Children have great capacity to contribute to the work of the Kingdom of God.***
6. **Design** your own KidsHubs activities according to the skills and passions of your leaders. Plan new interest groups as a team to get more ideas. (e.g. natural area restoration, volleyball or chess)
7. **Multiply** the vision of KidsHubs by inviting other people to your KidsHub to show them what is possible with children. They can then join your KidsHub and lead a group or start their own with their own church.

KIDSHUBS RESOURCES

No one owns KidsHubs: it is a free discipling idea with some ready-to-run content and guidelines to create your own skill sharing discipleship groups.

Different people are contributing different ideas and guides to KidsHubs. Here are some of their ideas:

- Media
- Drama
- Computers
- Arts & Crafts
- Gardening
- Natural Area Restoration

Go to kidshubs.com

LINKS TO TRAINING TOPICS

Go to www.kidshubs.com to find the complete training package. It will include how to run a KidsHub; Child Protection; Handling children's questions about life and faith; and Teachable Moments, among others.



DISCUSSION STARTER

You may have seen the 'Aim Lower' video. KidsHubs is a natural outworking of these steps to reach children around us. See <http://www.aimlower.com>

Meet with your leaders and ask and answer these questions together:

AIM LOWER

- **DISCIPLING CHILDREN:** KidsHubs is about deliberate and focused discipling and mentoring of children to live for Jesus daily and actively exercise their growing faith in Him.

Where are the children you could start a KidsHub with?

What are the interests of the children around you?

What would they like to learn?

THINK SMALLER

- **CAPACITY OF A CHILD:** KidsHubs recognises the capacity of every child to bring others to faith in Jesus. And aims to give children real opportunities to serve and use their skills and gifts in their community (church and local).

What are your children capable of?

What are the skills they need to be able to share their faith with others?

How can what they're interested in help?

GIVE UP

- **LEADERS GIVE UP TIME & KNOWLEDGE:** KidsHubs requires adults and teens to give up their time & knowledge and commit to discipling children (preferably in the long term). This could be weekly, monthly or during holidays on an ongoing basis.

What are the interests and skills of the leaders around you that they can share?

Could you create some teaching sessions on a particular skill together and then share it?

GO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE

- **GLOBAL PARTNERING:** KidsHubs is a free discipling idea with content & guidelines freely available. KidsHubs encourages leaders to share their materials and ideas with others in their local area and via www.kidshubs.com.

Who can help you start a KidsHub?

How can you build deeper relationships within your church community and with children and families?

How can you develop deeper relationships with your local and broader community?

Other questions you could ask:

- *What is your vision for running a KidsHub?*
- *What type of KidsHub will you do? (Single skill, multi-skill, regular change of skill)*
- *When would you like to do it?*
- *Where would you need to run your KidsHub?*
- *Who will you partner with?*
- *What will you need to do to build the partnership?*
- *What will you need to plan now to get it started?*
- *What issues will you need to discuss with the team when it meets?*
- *Which children/teens are neglected in your community that you could involve?*
- *Could you consider inviting people with disabilities?*
- *Would you consider using the skills later in the community? If yes, is there a Compassion Project or Community Project that the group could do?*



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