

WARD - YOUTH MISSIONARY PROGRAM

GOALS: For youth and adult leaders

A - EXCITEMENT – to be involved with a planned missionary program that will change many youth's lives and also many non-members hearing the gospel.

B – TESTIMONIES - to the youth and prepares the young men and women to be missionaries.

Opening Song – A missionary song

1 - Points for the Bishop to cover, in about 5 minutes.

The bishop explains that this is a new ward youth missionary program.

He asks the youth to help him in the missionary work.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is a missionary church.

Every activity in the church is a planned missionary activity.

That makes all youth meetings, planned missionary activities.

The bishop is over all the members and non-members in his ward boundaries.

Every member's responsibility from the Lord is to invite others to the church activities.

So the youth have a responsibility to help the bishop invite inactive and non-members to these planned missionary activities. One seminary class in Canada asked and now has 24 non-members coming.

The bishop has a ward missionary committee.

They meet with the ward mission leader. At this meeting they explain their missionary activities in the past, what inactive and non-members have attended and what is planned for the future.

The 2nd councilor is over missionary activity in the class. In each planning meeting they ask on every activity the class is planning - "HOW DO WE MAKE THIS A PLANNED MISSIONARY ACTIVITY?"

The committee also gives suggestions to take back to their classes, to aid their missionary work.

The ward mission leader reports this to the bishop.

2 - TO EXPLAIN: The bishop turns over the meeting to who is Introducing – 20 – 30 minutes

The bishop wants to have a Ward - Youth Missionary Activity each week. He is asking you to all help him to reach all of the active, inactive and the non-members in the ward boundaries. To accomplish this he is calling all the youth to serve the Lord, simply by asking them to come to these planned missionary activities.

- A. Each class will come up with a simple suggestion or activity for all of the youth in the ward that week to do. They will take a few minutes at the beginning of the weekly youth meeting to introduce what all of the youth will do that week.

Examples: 1 - Ask 5 people to come to Wednesday youth meeting next week

2 – Concentrate on the inactive and each class visit all inactive this week and invite them.

3 – A youth Book of Mormon placement in all businesses - www.cordellvail.com/missionary

Note: These can be activities already planned for the youth group, with suggestions how to make it a missionary activity. It might be an activity on another night for the whole group.

Have a youth go to the chalkboard and write down suggestions. Tell them ahead of time to not write in a line on the board, but sideways, upside down, and different positions on the board.

We are going around the room for suggestions – Say any idea that pops in your head or say pass. We will go rapidly around 2 times. (You are teaching them how to do it in their classes. Those that do not have ideas will come up with some as time goes on)

Have a planned meeting like bowling etc. planned ahead of time, but have not told the youth yet.
This will happen and show that they can do it. A good success start.

After you have gone around the room twice, having put bowling (the planned activity) up on the board Have one of the leaders say "How about if we go (bowling) next week on Friday night"
All agree. The adults can have the bowling alley (place already booked), or you can do it at the church, water skiing or whatever you have planned.

B. Now we are going to teach you all how to ask. This is a proven way to ask.
We have to learn to ASK! Bring someone up in front of the group and ask these questions.

If we ask someone, what % can we get? – Let them answer. Yes 50% or No 50%.

If we do not ask what % is it? Let them answer. 100% No.

If we ask 5 people, if we got 50% to come how many would come? 2.5 WOW Easy Huh

Questions:

1 – Can you help me? Most say "Yes." (Ask them to repeat it, have them yell it a few times louder)

2 – Do you know of anyone that would like to? – (go bowling etc.) Planned activity.

Never ask, "Do you" (in 1 or 2) many become defensive.

(They will say 1 -some names, 2 -what about me or 3 -no if they do not want to go)

C. Now ask the youth to get up and practice by doing it 12 times. Ready go.
They must ask for 12 different activities and can use the ones on the board.

After they are done they sit down and have the program ready to go in their classes
You start off the next week with the Priests and go down a class each week.

D. Explain the power of fasting and prayer. Ask them individually and as a class to pray daily and weekly to come up with planned missionary activities for themselves and their class.

E. Separate into classes and the leaders spend 5 – 10 minutes coming up with ideas for the class.

They are challenged to ask as many people as they can to come to the first activity. See how it works.
You can give prizes to person, class etc who brought the most etc.

Close with missionary song and prayer. Call Bruce Nelson 1 (406) 270-7961 for explanations.

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