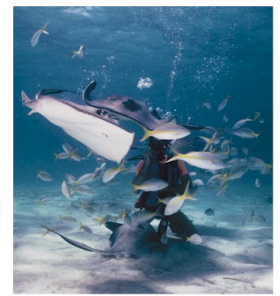


Kreek Kids ~ Catch the Vision...The BEST HOUR!

Spring Training 3/2/08

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men" Col. 3:23*



11:55 - Prayer/Lunch

Fishy Facts...

- * Did you know it is estimated that there are over 28,000 different fish in the world?
- * There are more fish species on planet earth than mammals or bird species!
- * Did you know that the Climbing Perch can walk on land? This amazing fish, native to India, can walk on land in search of water when its water hole dries up.
- * The world's largest lake trout was caught in Lake Athabasca, Canada, and weighed in at 102 pounds.
- * The heaviest fish on record ever caught was an Ocean Sunfish weighing 4,928 pounds.
- * The biggest fish on record ever caught using a fishing line was the 2,686 pound Great White Shark which was caught off the Australian Coast.

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Calendar Updates:

- March 7th-9th AC3 Women's Retreat - B'ham Area - Men Serving
- March 8th Spring ONE HOUR FORWARD Time Change
- March 15th FIT-Tastic Egg Hunt! AC3 and Downtown Merchants
- March 19th Key Leader Meeting - Weds. 5 PM @ AC3

March 21/22/23 Easter Services

- The Prodigal Son, Dessert Theatre & Musical
- Friday 21st, 7 PM Dessert Theatre - Ticketed Seating, NO child care
- Saturday 22nd, 7 PM Dessert Theatre - Ticked Seating, LIMITED Children Programs
- Sunday 23rd, 9 & 10:30 AM Dessert Theatre - Open seating, 0-5 Years and FX Room Open

- March 28th Resource Room Organization Party - 3:15 PM Upstairs
- March-May Grapple Group for Tweens - 3rd-5th Grades, Thursdays at 7 PM
- March-July Malawi Bucks - Service Project Challenge - 5 for 5
- May 24/25th WDYL Family Community Services - Kids performing on stage
- May/June Mother's 5/10 & Father's Day 6/15 - Community Services? Participation?
- Summer Kreek Kids Year End Celebration
- Aug. 23/24th VisionCast - All church Weekend Retreat

Dory's Story ~ DVD Clip



"I Remember!" - Dory Throughout the vast ocean you will not find a fish more hospitable, more friendly, and more sociable than Dory. She would love to chat with you all day and tell you her life story... but she can't. Dory suffers from short term memory loss. Dory is the aquatic Good Samaritan who offers to help Marlin on his journey to find his son. Her optimism proves an invaluable quality. Her glass is always half-full. Dory is all of us in both our weakest and finest hours.

1 Corinthians 9:27 - I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. (NLT)



GO FISH ~ Memory Review Game



Welcome Aboard! Norma Cervantes-Ostio, Check-In Director & New Volunteers



Encouragement Relay - Baton

Hooked on the BEST HOUR ~ Doing Children's Ministry Right

Why We Do, What We Do
Our Vision, Mission and Values

Eight Fishing Tips: (PowerPoint Presentation & Transcript Attached)

1. Be Ready
2. Know the Rules
3. Location & Timing
4. Practice Your Cast
5. Use the Right Bait
6. The Perfect Knot
7. Be Patient
8. Think Safety



Gone Fishin'

- Summer Kreek Kids Season - (11 months on 1 month off)
- Plan ahead - check vacation schedules, if possible Call and switch or call Age-Level Director

Fishing Hole Snags

Each department has staffing needs (Buddy Serve - Shoulder Tap - Who do you Know?)
Parent Partners Needed = Cooperative effort
Deep clean Education rooms and playground equipment
Bulletin Boards/First Impressions Team

Fishing Derby Fans - Programming, Pastoral Staff, Elders, and KK Directors

Questions/Comments:

Close in Prayer - Dismiss to Break Out Sessions for Dept. Updates

3/2/2008

Hooked on the BEST HOUR Doing Children's Ministry Right — Eight Tips to Help us Remember

In children's ministry, just like successful fishermen, we need to learn to be patient and to use the right equipment. Sometimes it's difficult to wait, as we figure out what God is calling us to do and how we can accomplish his will for Kreek Kids ministry. We need to be diligent and line up EVERYTHING WE DO in children's ministry with our vision, mission and values to make sure we are heading in the right direction. (Review Mission & Vision) Once we start using the right equipment, just like in fishing, we will start to really enjoy what we're doing and become real fishers of men.

Hooked on the BEST HOUR!

Fishing Tip #1 - Be Ready

Get your fishing gear and bait together the night before so you're ready to go the next morning.

Tackle Box Check List

- First aid kit and hand sanitizer
- Hooks, sinkers, bobbers, lures, etc.
- Stringer and line clippers
- Insect repellent Single-use
- camera to record your catch
- Bottled water and snacks



John 7:37-38

PPT Slide #1

Tip #1 – Be Ready. Be prepared to do some prep work. Learn everything you can about how you can best serve families at AC3 in your ministry position. Whether that's as a teacher, greeter, or helper, we need to 'Stop Trying and Start Training' to do Children's ministry right. Attending training today is a great start.

Check your tackle box and make sure you have the right equipment. And, "Don't forget the water." As christians we depend on Jesus, our source of Living Water. John 7: 37b,38 says - Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being' will flow rivers of living water."

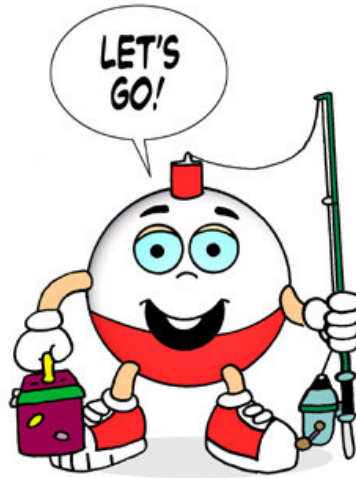
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Tip #2 – Know the Rules

- If you don't have a license when fishing, you could face a fine and lose your fish.

Tip #3 – Good Locations and Timing

- Most ponds are loaded with some kind of fish. Even if the fish aren't huge, they're still fun to catch. Lakes and rivers, especially at the mouths, are hot fishing spots. Early in the morning and at dinner time is usually the best time to fish.



PPT Slide #2

Tip #2 – Know the Rules. Know the KK Basics or the rules for your department. If you don't know them, you could end up feeling frustrated and unequipped and that could lead to losing the opportunity to reach those that we are trying to serve.

Tip #3 – Location and Timing. Being at a 'good location and at the right time' is key to insure a good day fishing. The same is true for ministry. We need to be in 'the right department, at the right time' in order to insure a good day in children's ministry. We can do better at this. Like fishing, if we get everything else right but are not where the fish are, when the fish are there, we're going to go home skunked!

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Tip #4 – Practice Your Cast

- Practice your casts the day before. Use an open area where there are no trees or power lines and aim for a target about 25 feet in front of you.

Tip #5 – Use the Right Bait

- What do fish like to eat? Lures, jigs, minnows or worms. But remember, just like you, fish change their minds too, so be ready with a variety of baits.



PPT Slide #3

Tip #4 – Practice Your Cast. Casting takes practice. I remember casting for hours in my yard as a child with a simple wait and pole. Over and over and over! Your ministry position takes practice. Children’s ministry takes practice. The first time you teach a lesson, it may be a little scary or the first time you share with a parent at check-in that we have to close a class to maintain safe volunteer-to-child ratio’s may feel a little awkward, but everytime you do it or teach it, it gets easier and easier!

Tip #5 – Use the Right Bait. We must learn to see children’s ministry through the eyes of a child and through the eyes of families. How we reach the next generation of Christ Followers is changing by the minute. What are families and children hungering for today? Teaching Biblical truths is a none negotiable. But the method of HOW we share Biblical truths is up for discussion. We have already started to make changes toward more integrated family learning such as the LIVE video feed and using universal teaching through the BIG Idea. Over the next year, be prepared to see even more integrated testing of how we do children’s ministry. Examples: AC3 & KK Greeters, more Family Community Services, WDYL & experimenting with the FX Room.

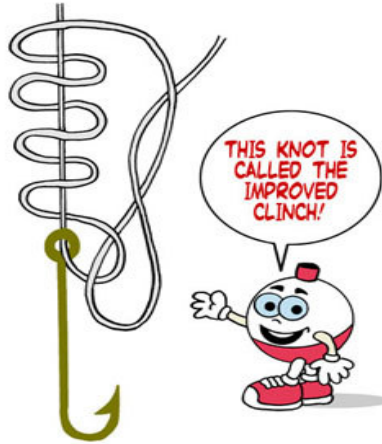
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Tip #6 –Perfect Knots

- There are many different kinds of knots available for fishing; however, the Improved Clinch Knot is probably the easiest and best for young anglers to learn.

Tip #7 - Be Patient

- You may go hours without getting a bite and you could even go home without catching anything.



PPT Slide #4

Tip #6 – The Perfect Knot– It's important to use a good knot tying technique when securing the fishing line to the hook or when the big one strikes, he's sure to get away. So we should build a volunteer team that binds its hearts and minds, works well together and one that is securely attached to our vision and mission, and we do that, this ministry can remain strong!

Tip #7 – Be Patient. Building a thriving children's and family based ministry takes time. Colossians 1:11 says "We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need."

Hooked on the BEST HOUR!

Tip #8 – Think Safety

- Watch the weather - lightning is your enemy!
- Take swimming lessons; if you are going to fish, learn to swim!
- Always fish with a buddy. Fishing is way more fun when you do it with someone else. They can help you out if you're just learning to fish and help carry your catch home.



PPT Slide #5

Tip #8 – Think Safety. If we are hooked on doing Children’s ministry right, we will keep our eyes open for the coming storms. We can’t avoid them but we can plan ahead and learn how to work around them. When we are on the front lines of ministry or near the water’s edge, we will learn to swim. And we will learn to do ministry together. Ecclesiastes 4:9 says “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.”

The Anglers' Legacy Pledge

As an Anglers' Legacy Ambassador, I do pledge:

- ☑ To introduce at least one acquaintance to fishing each year who has not yet had the pleasure of participation.
- ☑ To deliver a quality introductory experience by sharing my patience, skills, knowledge and equipment.
- ☑ To help the first-time angler understand, appreciate and value what fishing is all about.
- ☑ And I promise to do these things because I want to give back what someone once gave to me – the special gift of fishing.

PPT Slide #6

How many of you knew there was such a thing as an Anglers Legacy Pledge? There is one.

“Remember your first fishing trip? Sure you do and you certainly remember who first took you. That experience is probably why you are still fishing today. Since then, you’ve probably taken others fishing yourself, sharing the activity that has become such an important part of your life and who you are. That’s what Anglers’ Legacy is all about.”

The Anglers' Legacy Pledge - <http://www.anglerslegacy.org/?tmfpledges/>

The Believers' Legacy Pledge

As a Believer and Legacy Ambassador for Jesus Christ,
I do pledge:

- ☑ To introduce at least one child, friend or family member to Christianity each year who has not yet had the pleasure of participation in it.
- ☑ To deliver a quality introductory experience by sharing my patience, skills, knowledge and equipment.
- ☑ To help the first-time believer understand, appreciate and value what a relationship with God is all about.
- ☑ And I promise to do these things because I want to give back what someone once gave to me – the special gift of knowing the God of the universe in a personal way.

PPT Slide #7

A Legacy builds for the future and is something that is handed down from one generation to the next and benefits others – perhaps those yet unborn. (Review Believers' Legacy Pledge)

I want to challenge you to consider making the Believers Legacy Pledge this year. Remember the calling on a believer's life. Jesus said in Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," and I will make you fishers of men." (Wrap it up...)

Let's catch the vision and get hooked on being the BEST HOUR!

Kreek Kids Vision: Kreek Kids... The BEST HOUR in Every Families Week!

Kreek Kids Mission Statement: We exist to supplement families in their attempt to lay down a spiritual foundation, so that in God's timing, will lead a child into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

- 1) **Safety** - Our #1 priority as a children's ministry is to provide S.A.F.E. and great child care.
- 2) **Unconditional Love** - Each child is a unique individual. We will love each child and their family unconditionally as God does.
- 3) **Creative Teaching** - We believe children learn best when teaching is creative, child-friendly, appropriate, application-based and fun.
- 4) **Faith Development** - Children, families and team players will be encouraged to consider, apply and share with others what they are learning about God.
- 5) **Teamwork** - When parents and volunteers work together in ministry, real life change happens. We will strive to be a ministering community of families that learn and serve together. We will honor each person's gifts, time and passions.
- 6) **Excellence** - We will do our best at whatever God has called us to do in Kreek Kids ministry.

GO FISH GAME ~ QUESTIONS

1. Lanyard Colors
2. What time to arrive
3. Transition Time between services
4. Sign In, Where? What else do you write on the Clipboards?
5. Volunteer packets
6. Red Dots, Yellow Dots
7. Three places to find schedules and Team Contact List
8. Closed Classroom
9. Vision for Kreek Kids – NextGen Ministries: Connecting the Next Generation to Christ
10. Kreek Kids; Two Fold Purpose, Two Main reasons we offer children programs
11. What's the Big Idea and Universal Teaching?
12. What is the purpose of the FX Room or Family Experience Room during holiday services?

