

Online Good News Workshop 1



For use during this extraordinary time when Good News Clubs are not able to meet in person.

OVERVIEW

- This manual is for online GNCs that need to be established due to schools not opening or eliminating after-school activities due to COVID-19.
- Online GNC should be taught by screened and trained teachers and volunteers.
- The CEF Child Protection Policy applies to online clubs. All adults involved in the club must be screened. No chat rooms outside the chosen platform (no closed doors). No conversations or chats without two screened adults being present. Children should never be in a conversation or chat room without adults present. (Turn off the private chat feature to prevent chats between children.)
- Online GNC cannot be publicly broadcast. It may only be shared with parents that have registered their children for the club.
- Online GNC can be publicly promoted. The promotion should NOT include a link to the club but rather information about where/how to register.
- Students may only be allowed access to the club if there is a parent permission on file.
- Teams should consider a practice GNC to work out kinks with technology.
- Consider holding online GNC on the same day and time as your physical GNC was held as volunteers are already available.
- If enrollment exceeds 20 children, consider breaking into age groups and having consecutive clubs.
- GNC statistics still need to be submitted monthly to the local CEF office.
- Online GNC may not be recorded.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Our purpose is the same: to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Online Good News Clubs will exist **only** while schools are closed or are not allowing after-school clubs to meet due to COVID-19.

CHILD PROTECTION

The CEF child protection policy must be followed for online Good News Clubs. Considerations for online clubs:

- All workers must be successfully screened.
- No chat rooms, conversations, or video outside the chosen platform (no closed doors).
- No conversations or chats without two screened adults being present.
- Children should never be in a conversation or chat room without adults present. (Turn off the private chat feature to prevent chats between children.)
- Please contact your state office with questions.

GROUP SIZE AND BREAKOUT ROOMS

Best practice is to have no more than 20 students per club.

Breakout Rooms are an option during a portion of club time:

- May use for small group time.
- Must have 2 screened volunteers in each breakout room.

May use as a method of security when admitting students into club each week.

PARENTAL PERMISSION AND PROMOTION

- Permission from parents is still required. You will work with your CEF contact to draft an online GNC registration form.
- Registration will occur through <https://www.cefcentralindiana.com/register.html>. Your school's form will be added to this site once it's ready.
- Promote your online GNC by sharing the registration link via email and text to your past GNC families. You can also mail a letter and include the link.
- Ask your school contact if he/she will add the registration link to their newsletter or email communications. You can also share the link on Facebook and your church website.
- Children are welcome to invite their friends, if you have capacity.

YOUR TEAM & TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Minimum Requirements:

- 2 teachers
- 1 Zoom host (technical person)
- 2 computers with camera, microphone, and reliable internet access
- 1 Zoom meeting account
- 1 quiet room

ONLINE CLUB COMPONENTS

With some club times restricted to 40 minutes due to limits with free online services, an online Good News Club schedule will be different than usual. These schedules apply only to these “special situation” online Good News Clubs. Children’s attention spans online are shorter than face-to-face GNC. Keeping the club under 40 minutes is recommended.

Required Components:

- Bible lesson (15 minutes)
- Memory verse (8 minutes)

Sample Schedule:

- Song (4 minute)
- Bible Lesson (15 minutes)
- Memory Verse (8 minutes)
- Wonder Time (3 minutes)
- Counseling (10 minutes)

Activity Ideas for Online Good News Clubs:

- **Have a quick scavenger hunt related to the Bible lesson**
- Play Simon Says
- 30 second talent show
- Show and Tell
- **Include a riddle just for fun!**
- Reverse Charades
- Share fun facts kids will enjoy!
- **Play “Battleship” on a white board (look for an object related to the lesson)**
- Freeze Dance
- Pictionary
- **Zoom in**

CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES

- Power Packs
 - A packet of resources
 - Wonder Devotional
 - Do You Wonder Why booklet
 - Kids' Guide to the Bible
 - Website for CEF Kids Unite YouTube channel
 - Bookmark
 - Small prize and piece of candy
 - Additional items: church info, pencil, stickers, memory verse sheets
 - Use if doing online if no club
 - Drive-by pick up by the family – balloons, snacks, pray with families
 - Deliver to each house by team
 - Asking donors to cover the cost
 - Your church can choose to do
- More ideas in Workshop 2

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