

Thank you for your commitment to discipling kids and investing in the next generation! We understand that ministry can be filled with much joy and at times can feel a bit overwhelming. May this calendar serve as a helpful guide for your ministry year planning. You'll find space to jot down reminders, see upcoming things to prepare for, and fun ideas to include throughout the year. Lifeway Kids is here to help with resources that inspire as you impact families with the gospel.



**Reach and disciple the next generation
with trustworthy resources from
Lifeway Kids.**



**SCAN TO VIEW
OUR CATALOG.**

2025

JANUARY

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SEPTEMBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

TO DO:

Put Vacation Bible School dates on the calendar

Purchase spring curriculum

Register for camps

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Children's Ministry Day	27	28	29	30	31	

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THINK AHEAD

- Plan Easter programming
- Evaluate curriculum for fall
- Explore Vacation Bible School options and training



CHECK IT OUT

Check out the *Grace Bible for Kids*, designed for kids with dyslexia.



Scan to learn more.

JUST FOR FUN

Kick off the New Year by personalizing Bible reading journals with your kids to use throughout the year at home or in small groups. Fill journals with prayers, Bible verses, drawings, and notes.



Scan for instructions.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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16	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21 Valentine's Day	22
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TO DO:

Register for camps

Purchase VBS planning and promotion materials

Purchase spring curriculum

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JESUS LOVES YOU

THINK AHEAD

- Plan Vacation Bible School training
- Camp and spring break planning
- Easter preparation and volunteer recruitment

CHECK IT OUT

See how Lifeway's special needs resources can impact your ministry.



Scan for more details.

JUST FOR FUN

Encourage kids to love others and their Bible this month! Share the biblical attributes of love from 1 Corinthians 13 with kids through this fun craft to help memorize the Scripture.



Scan for instructions.

INVEST IN YOURSELF

THINK AHEAD

- Easter preparation and volunteer recruitment



CHECK IT OUT

Check out the *Kids Ministry Calling* podcast with Jana Magruder



Scan to
listen now.

JUST FOR FUN

Complete this fun “Grow in Grace and Knowledge” springtime craft in classes or share the instructions with families to work on together at home. Free leaf download included!



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instructions.

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TO DO:

Conduct Easter outreach and events

Recruit and enlist VBS volunteers

Promote dates for VBS

Purchase summer curriculum

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Palm Sunday					Good Friday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter						
27	28	29	30			

THE GREAT GIFT OF EASTER IS HOPE

THINK AHEAD

- Determine summer ministry strategy
- Plan Mother's Day



CHECK IT OUT

Get free resources to help guide kids through practical ways to build Bible skills in their lives.



Scan for more details.

JUST FOR FUN

Guide kids and families through the empty tomb story using this resurrection roll recipe at home or church. Use in class or send home for parents to use to celebrate the risen Lord!



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May

TO DO:

Purchase VBS materials, promote event, and equip volunteers

Purchase summer curriculum

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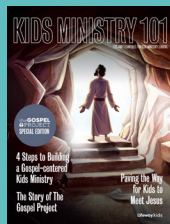
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Mother's Day						
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	Memorial Day					

GROW FROM THE iNSiDE

THINK AHEAD

- Prepare for summer camps
- Plan Father's Day



CHECK IT OUT

Sign your team up for the free digital or print *KM101 Magazine* for inspiration and encouragement.



Scan to sign up.

JUST FOR FUN

Print this Summer Road Trip Activity Book and distribute it to families as they prepare for summer trips! Help kids document their road trip while filling the hours in the car with meaningful activities.



Scan for instructions.

JUNE

TO DO:

Conduct summer programming

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Father's Day				Juneteenth		
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HELLO SUMMER

THINK AHEAD

- Prepare to purchase fall curriculum
- Plan back-to-school and fall events (ex. fall festival)



CHECK IT OUT

Tune in to Lifeway's VBS 2026 theme reveal.



Scan to learn more.

JUST FOR FUN

Encourage kids and parents to include Scripture memory into their summer routines with these free printable memory cards! Glue onto journals, punch holes in cards to create a hanging banner, or put in decorated envelope to send home as an activity.



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JULY

TO DO:

- Conduct summer programming
- Purchase fall curriculum
- Recruit fall/winter volunteers
- Pre-order VBS 2026
Directors Kit
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LEARN SOMETHING NEW

THINK AHEAD

- Make plans to join us at ETCH '26



CHECK IT OUT

Be encouraged and inspired with Lifeway NextGen Podcast, ETCH with Chuck Peters!



Scan to listen.

JUST FOR FUN

Print out 4th of July Scripture tags for kids to cut out and attach to glow sticks or treat bags to remind kids and families to pray as we celebrate our freedom!



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AUGUST

TO DO:

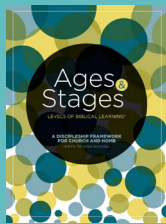
- Begin back-to-school programming
- Follow up with VBS attendees
- Train volunteers
- Purchase fall curriculum
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BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS

THINK AHEAD

- Plan fall retreat



CHECK IT OUT

As kids grow, their understanding of foundational truths grows with them. Learn how to use the *Levels of Biblical Learning*.



Scan to learn more.

JUST FOR FUN

School is starting back up! Encourage parents to make the most of carpool conversations. Share this helpful blog post with your families.



Scan for conversation starters.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparents' Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
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TO DO:

Kick off midweek programming

Register for camps

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HAPPY AUTUMN

THINK AHEAD

- Plan fall events (ex. fall festival)
- Plan for Thanksgiving

CHECK IT OUT

How to host a fall ministry training event



Scan to
learn more.

JUST FOR FUN

As school gets back in session, equip kids with a reminder that God is always with them. Download and put together these free tags in class or attach them to backpacks for a school supply drive!



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instructions.

OCTOBER

TO DO:

Conduct fall events

Register for camps

Purchase 2026
VBS Directors Kit

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day						
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BE THE LIGHT

THINK AHEAD

- Plan Christmas programming
- Plan volunteer appreciation gifts or events



CHECK IT OUT

The *CSB Explorer Bible for Kids* helps kids place God's Word in the middle of God's world.



Scan to
learn more.

JUST FOR FUN

Have a card-making party with your Kids Ministry to celebrate and thank your church leadership. Check out these ideas!



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instructions.

THANKFUL & GRATEFUL

THINK AHEAD

- Plan Christmas programming
- Plan 2026 calendar
- Visit [Lifeway.com](https://www.lifeway.com) for cyber week deals on gifts

CHECK IT OUT

Look for the *Family Advent Guide* on the Lifeway Kids blog.



Scan to
download.

JUST FOR FUN

Celebrate Thanksgiving month in your Kids Ministry with this Psalm 107:1-themed coloring page! Print on cardstock and use watercolor, markers, or crayons to decorate. Create a gift to send home by gluing a decorative ribbon border around the edge to hang up.



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instructions.

DECEMBER

TO DO:

Conduct Christmas programming

Purchase winter curriculum

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			Christmas Eve	Christmas		
28	29	30	31			
			New Year's Eve			

JOY TO THE WORLD

THINK AHEAD

- Plan for Vacation Bible School



CHECK IT OUT

Don't miss the free Christmas color pages available on the Lifeway Kids blog! Use in class or hand out during holiday services.



Scan to
download.

JUST FOR FUN

Show appreciation to your volunteers for all of their hard work! Use ribbon to attach these “You knock our socks off!” gift tags to pairs of socks for a fun Christmas gift idea.



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instructions.