

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

— DRG 2018 —

Jr. High & High School

JANUARY

- 02 Off for Winter Break
- 09 **Parent Meeting | 7pm | Kids off for Break**
- 16 Apologetics | You & Your World View (Jn 18:33-38)
- 23 Group Night (Location TBD) |
- 30 **All Worship Night - Invite Your Friends**

FEBRUARY

- 06 Apologetics | You Can Trust The Bible (2 Tim 3:10-17)
- 09-11 **Winter Retreat | Angeles Crest**
- 13 Valentines Day (Genesis 1:27; Hosea 3:1; John 15:13)
- 20 Apologetics | God's Revelation to the World (Heb 1:1-2)
- 27 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 1

MARCH

- 06 Apologetics | Sharing Your Faith (Acts 4:1-21)
- 13 Easter | Palm Sunday (1 Peter 1:18-20)
- 20 Easter | Good Friday (Luke 23:1-49)
- 27 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 2

APRIL

- 03 Easter | Resurrection Sunday (Matthew 27:57 & 28:20)
- 10 Apologetics | Understanding the Trinity (Jn 14:6-26)
- 17 Apologetics | Knowing Who Jesus Is (Jn 1:1-13)
- 24 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 3

MAY

- 01 Apologetics | Reality of the Resurrection (Mt. 27:57-28:15)
- 08 Apologetics | Sin and Salvation (1 Jn. 1:5-2:2)
- 15 Mother's Day | (Isaiah 66:12-13)
- 22 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 4
- 29 **All Worship Night - Invite Your Friends**

JUNE

- 05 Apologetics | Evolution (Psalm 8:1-9)
- 12 Apologetics | New Age (1 Cor. 8:1-6)
- 19 Father's Day | (Luke 15:11-32)
- 26 **Lock-In | Invite Your Friends**

JULY

- 03 Independence Day | (John 8:31-36)
- 07 **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Sat)**
- 10 Apologetics | Atheism (Jn. 3:3-16)
- 17 Apologetics | Agnosticism (1 Cor. 1:18-25)
- 24 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 5
- 31 **All Worship Night - Invite Your Friends**

AUGUST

- 07 Apologetics | Islam (Eph. 2:1-10)
- 14 Apologetics | Mormonism (Isa. 43:8-12)
- 21 Apologetics | Buddhism (Ecc. 12:1-14)
- 28 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Ch 6

SEPTEMBER

- 04 Labor Day | (Genesis 2:1-4; Mark 6:30-34)
- 11 Apologetics | Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (Eph 1:15-23)
- 18 Apologetics | Where to Go From Here (1 Peter 3:8-17)
- 25 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters -

OCTOBER

- 02 Prove It | So Many Questions (John 20:19-29)
- 09 Prove It | Jesus Knows All About You (John 1:43-41)
- 16 Prove It | The Great Q&A (Prov 1:7, Jas. 1:5)
- 23 Group Night (Location TBD) | Truth Matters - Epilogue
- 30 **All Worship Night - Invite Your Friends**

NOVEMBER

- 06 Prove It | Every Longing Met (Rm. 1:18-27, 2:14-15)
- 13 Thanksgiving, Part 1 (1 Samuel 7:3-14)
- 20 Thanksgiving, Part 2 (2 Corinthians 9)
- 27 Group Night (Location TBD)

DECEMBER

- 04 Christmas (Luke 2:1-40)
- 11 Caroling @ Playa Del Rey Center
- 18 **Youth Christmas Party**
- 25 **Off for Winter Break**

YOUTH GROUP CHANGES

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CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP

Ryan Richards will be taking over the Youth Group. He is extremely gifted in working with youth. He has been serving with our kids for almost two years. He recently graduated from Masters Seminary. Ryan is well qualified. The transition will begin immediately with Ryan directing the HS. and will slowly assume the responsibilities for everything by the end of the year. For the time being, you can continue to communicate with me until notified further.

WE HAVE NEEDS FOR MORE HELP

Our youth program has been fortunate to have so many talented and godly leaders. We have social workers, teachers, seminary students and the like who have all worked with our children. This year, we are experiencing a loss of leaders on the female side of things. Join us in praying as we seek to fill these positions as soon as possible. We will let you know who ends up joining the team.

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

Over the last few years, our nightly schedule had one teaching slot. While the age mix of all our kids was great for our younger students - they had role models in the older kids - we kept hearing feedback from the high schoolers that they wanted to be more distinguished from the younger ones. At the end of 2017, we played around with a schedule that allowed for the jr. high and the high school to each have separate lessons. Looking ahead, we'll maintain the elements of worship, games and discussion groups. We think that this will allow for more growth and make it easier to invite new friends.

CURRICULUM & HOME DISCIPLESHIP

This year we will be following an apologetics curriculum. The lessons will be given in a way that is relatable to jr. highers and senior highers. It is our desire to keep you as parents more informed about what we are covering. Each night, your child will come home with a handout of the lecture. The discussion questions which they cover with their group will be on the handout. You will also receive a weekly email about the lesson encouraging you to dig deeper with your kid. We want to make it as easy as possible for you as a parent to disciple your child in conjunction with what we are doing. Please provide your child with a 3-ring binder.

GROUP NIGHTS

With the hope of encouraging relationships between kids, training them to process the word of God together, and provide an environment that is family driven, we are starting something new. On the fourth Tuesday of every month, we will break from our normal routine and meet in someone's home. Jr. High will meet in one home and high school in another home. The upperclassmen have a book to which they will discuss, in addition to hanging out and having fun. Logistically there are some challenges, not wanting people to be driving all over the world. Nevertheless, we see it as a way to introduce kids to our Church's Community Groups.

ALL WORSHIP NIGHTS

We want to foster hearts of worship among our youth. We also want to provide a setting where it is easier for kids to invite their friends. Sometimes our normal night is too unfamiliar for new people. This year we have scheduled 4 worship nights. These will be special times of singing together, playing high energy games, praying for one another, and enjoying food and fellowship. Please encourage your children to be good witnesses and invite their friends from school and the neighborhood to join us.