



# **BKC Motto: Facing Fear! Trusting God!**

**BKC Verse:  
For God has  
not given us  
a spirit of  
fearfulness,  
but one of  
power, love,  
and sound  
judgment.  
2 Timothy  
1:7 (HCSB)**

## **What is BKC?**

Backyard Kids Club has the same great Gospel message and fun learning environment as a traditional VBS. It is just off your church campus and in a location that reaches people who would not normally come to your church campus.

## **Why should my church do BKC?**

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8

We are called to share the Gospel everywhere, starting in our own town. This is a great tool to reach people that may not normally come to your church campus.

## **Where would I do BKC?**

ANYWHERE!! This can be done in someone's yard, neighborhood or apartment complex common area, school yard, open field, any MISSION FIELD!!

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### **Team Structure:**

1. Host

2. Team Leader

3. Music/Worship Leader Prepare music and opening/closing times each day. Assist others as needed.

4. Children's Bible Study Leader Prepare and lead the Children's Bible Study each day.

5. Preschool Bible Study Leader Prepare and lead the Preschool Bible Study each day.

6. Craft Leader Select, plan and gather resources for daily crafts. Assist others as needed.

7. Recreation Leader Select, plan and gather resources for daily games. Assist others as needed.

8. Additional Helpers/Parents Extra hands available to help wherever needed!

### **Responsibilities:**

Safety/Security, Snacks, Promotion, Being Available to talk with Neighbors!

Team Recruitment, Schedule, Communication, Promotion, Registration, Follow up

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### **Schedule:**

**20 min** Early Arrival Games

**15 min** Music and Praise Time

**30 min** Bible Study Time

**25 min** Recreation

**10 min** Snacks

**25 min** Crafts

**15 min** Closing Music Time

### **Decorations:**

- Check out all the options from the VBS catalog for Colossal Coaster World. By using the same theme, all the decoration ideas (such as posters, table cloths, balloons, etc) apply for BKC as well.
- Picnic tables, bright plastic tablecloths
- Balloons tied everywhere – they do not have to have helium
- Hand-banner taped to two long poles make a great park entrance.
- Plastic "race flags" can decorate or make "lanes" for the children to walk through to each area.
- Fun colored blanket or sheet for the children to sit on.
- Decorate yard signs (size of a yard sale sign) to label each area.

## Promotion/Publicity

Make sure everyone in your church knows where the host locations are. They can be the best promoters throughout your area. If possible, have a list on your church website for people to see.

Encourage teams to use social media to spread the word!

Create fliers, yard signs, etc for each home to advertise.

Each host should check with their neighborhood association (if applicable) to find out where they can post signs, deliver information, send neighborhood emails, etc.

Enlist the help of children already in each neighborhood to go with the team door to door to hand out fliers.

## Follow Up

Great follow up plan on the team leader page in the host folder!

Assign each team member families to follow up with by sending postcards, doing a home visit, making phone calls, etc.

Save back a craft (preferably one that included a photo) to take with you to the home visit.

Be sure all information on the families that attend is given to your church office so they can follow up from the church as well.

## Challenges and Benefits of BKC

Challenges—1. Create a communication plan to introduce this new idea to your church. 2. Anticipate their questions and be ready with answers. 3. Train your volunteers to be self-sufficient because church/key staff may not be available be at every location. 4. Decide what age children are able to attend, and have a plan for childcare/preschool. 5. Help teams prepare for unexpected numbers, weather, or distractions.

Benefits—1. Reaching people that would not come to your church. 2. Increased volunteer base around your area. 3. Stronger volunteers ready to share the Gospel. 4. Greater opportunities for young people to take on leadership roles. 5. Training your church to be prepared for mission trips. 6. Training your church to live every day as a missionary in their own neighborhood!

## 2 Keys to Success!

1. PRAYER!

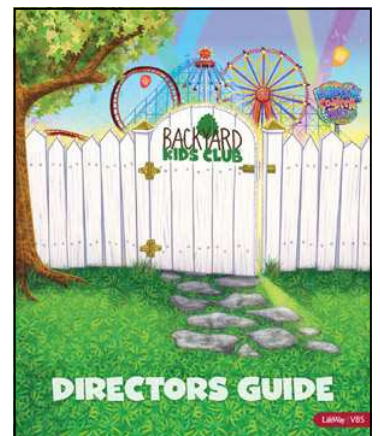
2. FLEXIBILITY!



### **Backyard Kids Club Box, \$34.99**

Provides all the basics your team needs to host and lead a Backyard VBS: promotion instructions, snack ideas, folders filled with children's and preschool Bible study, activities for crafts and music, recreation cards, music CDs, and a choreography DVD.

Order one kit per home. For mission trips or community settings, a good rule of thumb for ordering is one kit for every 20 kids.



### **Backyard Kids Club Directors Guide, \$14.99**

Find help on how to put together your Backyards Kids Club. Includes step-by-step guidance for planning and organizing teams to host and lead Backyard Kids Clubs.