

## Leadership Tip!

Life Groups impact kids in unexpected ways. Don't be afraid to ask the kids connected to your group what they think of the group. Their answer could push your group to the next level.

## The Art of Relationship “With Kids”

### STARTER QUESTION:

**Think back on the adults that impacted your spiritual life as a kid, both the good and bad. What is one thing about them that stuck with you into adulthood?**

### MAIN IDEA:

It is about protecting the future; we pass on to the next generation lessons from our past whether we know it or not. Being intentional about talking to kids about what God has done in our life will pay off in generations to come.

### Psalm 78:1-7 (NLT)

*“O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.”*

Asaph, the leader of King David and King Solomon’s choir wrote this psalm as a way to reflect on Israel past and God’s unchanging character.

**Using what you know about Israel’s past; how do the deeds of Israel compare to “the deeds of the Lord?”**

**Why it is important for kids to understand the difference?**

**How does understanding the difference affect your relationship with kids?**

**Do you think the above psalm was only written for parents? Why or why not?**

At the end of Psalm 78 in verse 7 it says “*So each generation should set its hope anew on God*”.

**Given what you know of your relationship with the next generation right now; what would that “hope” look like? How could you change it for the better?**

### **John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**How does John 13:34-35 fit into Psalm 78:1-7?**

One idea to help kids understand the above command is to do service projects with them. It is a practical way of expressing God’s love into a hurting world and it deepens your relationship with the kids you serve with.

**What other ways can you think of to do the above?**

### **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

The irony of Asaph’s words in Psalm 78 is that neither King David nor King Solomon was a perfect spiritual role model for their kids. But that is not the point of the psalm. The idea of the psalm is that God’s unchanging character transcends our own failing and time. Generations after David, his dependences would heed his words and trust in God, in a way that changed the world. (Matthew 1:17-22)

## THE ART OF RELATIONSHIP

“...With Kids”

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Relationships are \_\_\_\_\_

Think \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

The foundation of a relationship is \_\_\_\_\_

### Focus on what matters:

To \_\_\_\_\_

If it matters to \_\_\_\_\_, it better matter to \_\_\_\_\_

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Joshua 4

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*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.<sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”*  
Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

*“Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form”*  
Philippians 2:7 (NLT)