



tips for youth workers

SEPTEMBER 2019

BODY BUILDING THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

September is now well under way. Our young people are settling back into the routine of school and ministry groups are up and running again within the corps. This year why not take your ministry a **step forward** by building relationships outside of your normal class or program time? This year, hold yourself responsible to spend time with your class members either individually or as a group getting to know each other. **Build up the body of Christ** through relationships!

We've done some brainstorming here in the youth department and below are some ideas to help get your creative juices flowing.

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| <p>Have a leaf raking party (especially at the home of seniors) – have some fun with it! Try having ‘Stuffed Sweater Sumo Wrestling’ matches</p> <p>Try apple picking and baking</p> <p>Have an apple and bake sale to raise money for a service project</p> <p>Get involved with Operation Christmas Child (www.samaritan.org)</p> <p>Volunteer at a food bank</p> <p>Volunteer to cover kettle shifts as a team (take some instruments with you to serenade with)</p> <p>Volunteer at a toy depot to sort toys for needy kids</p> <p>Autumn hike and picnic on a local hiking trail (especially as fall colours explode)</p> <p>Host a Potluck Thanksgiving dinner (anytime during the fall season)</p> <p>Arrange to see a provincial or national synchronized swimming team (or other sport-oriented, not-so-common interesting activity: kayaking team, ski jumping, etc.)</p> <p>Go see an appropriate movie together (www.pluggedin.ca)</p> <p>Go see a local theatre group perform</p> <p>Go and listen to a jazz band</p> <p>Go together to see a band of your students' choice together</p> <p>Do lunch at student's school</p> <p>Meet for breakfast and prayer</p> | <p>Wash nursery toys together</p> <p>Let your students teach you how to play Nintendo Switch or Play Station 4</p> <p>Have a student show you their favourite games on their phone</p> <p>Go shopping (wear comfortable shoes)</p> <p>Indoor or Outdoor mini golf</p> <p>Bowling: 10 pin or 5 pin (make up silly ways to bowl: blindfolded, backwards, etc.)</p> <p>Have a pumpkin carving contest</p> <p>A search for the perfect Charlie Brown Christmas tree</p> <p>Check out Kids Helping Kids Foundation which encourages kids to help needy kids through partnerships with local organizations (http://www.kidshelpingkidsfoundation.ca)</p> <p>Check out local competitions or sporting events and invite your teens to come with you</p> <p>Go to sporting events your young people are involved in – be their loudest cheerleader!</p> <p>Go tubing at a ski resort</p> <p>Tackle a new activity together, like an indoor rock-climbing wall</p> <p>Are you thinking about dying your hair? Ask your teens for their “expert” advice!</p> <p>Ever tried karaoke? Rent a machine and go for it with the whole group!</p> <p>Plan and organize a food drive together</p> |
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It's also important that you **show your young people that you care in intentional ways**, such as sending **cards** (not just electronic ones!), making **phone calls**, **on-line chatting** and spending time away from your class and group.