

# K.I.D. Information Guide

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Kids in Discipleship ministry. As you know, our children are rapidly growing and are constantly looking for role models as they mature through life. K.I.D. believes in the Biblical model of having parents take this primary role by providing mature, godly mentoring during their children's spiritually formative years. This is why our ministry equips congregations, parents, and mentors to implement this model of discipleship described in Deuteronomy 6.

The K.I.D. mission is **mentoring kids to be empowered disciples of Jesus NOW!**

**Step 1:** K.I.D. challenges entire congregations to pray earnestly for the children in their church, and to support parents/mentors as they empower children to participate in the worship, ministry, and mission of the church.

**Step 2:** K.I.D. provides parents and mentors direction in becoming strong, positive influences in their children's lives through a series of small group Bible studies called *Footprints for Parents and Mentors*. Parents and mentors are taught throughout the 12 lessons on how to train their children "when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

**Step 3:** After parents and mentors are spiritually equipped, entire families participate in a series of 24 inter-generational small group Bible studies called *Footprints for Kids*. These families journey together through the lessons, building their relationship with Jesus, learning the truth of Jesus, and personally sharing Jesus with their friends.

To put these three steps into practice at your church the K.I.D. ministry invites you to bring a leadership team to one of our three-day intensive training events called K.I.D. University. This training links practical instruction with prayer, application, and coaching to prepare your church for success.

We are excited about partnering with you in equipping your congregation to disciple children to Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don MacLafferty".

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Founder/ Executive Director

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# Overview of *Footprints for Parents and Mentors*

*Footprints for Parents and Mentors* is a 12-week small group Bible study for parents and mentors. These lessons help adults grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and as spiritual mentors to their children.

- Lesson 1      Come to Jesus – Matthew
- Lesson 2      You Can Know – Woman of Grace
- Lesson 3      Invite Jesus to Shape Your Life – Peter
- Lesson 4      Establish Biblical Priorities – Solomon
- Lesson 5      Love Others with Christ-like Love – David & Mephibosheth
- Lesson 6      Allow Godly Friends to Help You Grow – Daniel
- Lesson 7      Bring Others to Jesus – Andrew
- Lesson 8      Lead Your Family in Worship – Abraham
- Lesson 9      Teach Your Child to Love God’s Word – Lois & Eunice
- Lesson 10     Mentor Your Child to God – Moses & Joshua
- Lesson 11     Equip Your Child to Stand for Jesus – Mordecai & Esther
- Lesson 12     The Discipleship Adventure -- Jesus

# Overview of Footprints for Kids

*Footprints for Kids* is a 24-week highly interactive small group disciple builder. Parents/mentors serve as their child's mentors in a casual setting with other families. Three phases provide clear steps to being a lifetime disciple of Jesus.

## **Build Your Relationship with Jesus**

- Lesson 1 Disciples Wanted for a Lifetime Adventure!
- Lesson 2 Jesus, A Friend You Can Trust
- Lesson 3 The Gift of Jesus' Grace
- Lesson 4 Spend Time Alone with God
- Lesson 5 Your Time, Talents & Treasure
- Lesson 6 Honor God with Your Choices

## **Know the Truth of Jesus**

- Lesson 7 The Bible -- It's the Truth!
- Lesson 8 Father, Son, & Holy Spirit
- Lesson 9 Creation, Family and Sabbath
- Lesson 10 God's Law
- Lesson 11 The War Between Jesus and Satan
- Lesson 12 Jesus -- Your High Priest in Heaven
- Lesson 13 The Gift of Prophecy
- Lesson 14 God's Faithful People
- Lesson 15 What Happens When People Die?
- Lesson 16 Jesus' Second Coming and Your Future!
- Lesson 17 You and Your Church Family
- Lesson 18 Follow Jesus in Baptism and Communion

## **Share Jesus with Others**

- Lesson 19 Discover Jesus Vision for You
- Lesson 20 Discover Your Special Design
- Lesson 21 Make Friends for Jesus
- Lesson 22 Lead Your Friends to Choose Jesus
- Lesson 23 Study the Bible with Your Friends
- Lesson 24 Dare to Stand for Jesus

# K.I.D. University at a Glance

## What is K.I.D. University?

K.I.D. U is three days of intensive training to equip you to direct Kids In Discipleship in your home church. You return with knowledge, materials, and enthusiasm!

## When and Where is K.I.D. University?

K.I.D. U is offered several times each year. Visit us at [KidsInDiscipleship.org](http://KidsInDiscipleship.org) or contact The K.I.D. Ministry Center for dates and locations. 423.893.3266 [kidcenter@southern.edu](mailto:kidcenter@southern.edu)  
K.I.D. U training venues include: Collegedale, TN - Portland, OR - National City, CA.

## Who are the Presenters?

K.I.D. U trainers have first-hand experience in K.I.D. ministry on a local church level.

## What are the registration requirements?

- A church team of the pastor and two or three lay-members
- Church board survey (form provided)
- Congregational survey (form provided)
- Complete and mail in the registration form and payment.

## What is the cost?

Early Registration		Register EARLY and SAVE!	Standard Registration	
Team	Each Additional Person		Team	Each Additional Person
\$3,400	\$175		\$3,900	\$175

Early Registration deadline is 30 days prior to the first day of the training event.

## Are subsidies or rebates available?

Subsidies and rebates are often available! Call our office for current availability.

### Registration fee includes 24 hours of dynamic training plus:

- Training Notebook
- Three meals
- Curriculum Starter Set
- Help Desk

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# Starting is Easy!

## **Promote K.I.D. to the senior pastor, potential leaders and parents**

- Pray for God's will to be done
- Review and share the K.I.D. fact sheet (on CD)
- Review and share the K.I.D. Vision PowerPoint presentation and printout (on CD)
- Recruit a team to intercede for the children, families and your future K.I.D. leaders
- Request a K.I.D. Promo DVD featuring 3 & 7 minute K.I.D. Vision video overviews (includes 15 individual testimony clips from kids, parents and leaders)

## **Get approval to recruit a K.I.D. Leadership Team**

- Confirm that your senior pastor will attend training
- Conduct congregation and church board surveys and record the results (surveys found on pages 8 and 9)
- Share K.I.D. ministry descriptions with potential leaders (See appendix)

## **Register the Leadership Team for K.I.D. University**

- Mail or fax your K.I.D. Registration complete with all required documentation by the registration deadline. (see pages 6 and 7)
- Attend the training event of your choice

## **Promote K.I.D. to the congregation**

- Schedule the four-week sermon series (outlines provided at K.I.D. University). This sermon series communicates the central importance of discipling children to Jesus
- Challenge the congregation to equip and support parents as the primary spiritual mentors of their children

## **Plan the K.I.D. Launch Weekend (Sabbath of the 4<sup>th</sup> sermon)**

- Introduce the K.I.D. Vision to the entire congregation.
- Invite members to attend an orientation meeting on Sabbath afternoon:
  - Pray together for the families represented in your church and community
  - Present an overview of the Footprints curriculum (pages 2 and 3)
  - Determine times & places for small groups to meet
  - Provide sign-up sheets for upcoming small groups

Begin *Footprints for Parents and Mentors* followed by *Footprints for Kids!*



# K.I.D. University Registration – part 2

## Team Member Information Form

Make one copy for EACH team member, including the pastor.

Name:	
K.I.D. U. Location:	
K.I.D. U. Date:	
Title (e.g. Pastor, Elder):	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
State:	
ZIP code:	
Phone number:	
E-mail:	
Vegan or Vegetarian:	
Church name:	

**Send one copy for each member, to:**

The K.I.D. Ministry Center  
P.O. Box 3002  
Collegedale, TN 37315

# Church Board Survey

Please check the box after each statement that best describes your response.

1. I recognize a need in our church family to go beyond what we are presently doing to spiritually nurture our children and youth.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

2. I desire our children and youth to become more involved in the worship, ministry, and mission of our church.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

3. I realize that adults need to invest time in mentoring children and youth in order for them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

4. I support investing more of our church budget to spiritually nurturing our children and youth.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

5. If some of the volunteer leaders in my church had to choose between leading ministries that nurtured me as an adult or leading an initiative that led children and youth to be active disciples of Jesus—I would encourage them to invest their time with the kids.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

6. I am committed to praying daily for the Lord to bless and grow an initiative in our church to mentor our children and youth into a dynamic relationship with Jesus.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

# Congregation Survey

Please check the box after each statement that best describes your response.

1. I recognize a need in our church family to go beyond what we are presently doing to spiritually nurture our children and youth.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

2. I desire our children and youth to become more involved in the worship, ministry, and mission of our church.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

3. I realize that adults need to invest time in mentoring children and youth in order for them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

4. I support investing more of our church budget to spiritually nurturing our children and youth.

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5. If some of the volunteer leaders in my church had to choose between leading ministries that nurtured me as an adult or leading an initiative that led children and youth to be active disciples of Jesus—I would encourage them to invest their time with the kids.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

6. I am committed to praying daily for the Lord to bless and grow an initiative in our church to mentor our children and youth into a dynamic relationship with Jesus.

Disagree                       No Opinion                       Agree

# Testimonials

“I think the *Footprints* study made me more aware of my spiritual need for God. I feel this is a great program and is God-led.”

**Diane Ruhling**

“This program has helped me to better understand what is involved with discipleship in preparation for going through the *Footprints* class with my kids.”

**Steve Hunt**

“What I appreciated about this program was it opened lines of communication on spiritual topics between us as parents and our children. It gave strength to our family unit and made spirituality practical in our daily life. Lastly, it personally fostered better communication with my family and increased spiritual awareness of opportunities to witness.”

**Bill Hammond**

“*Footprints for Kids* class helped my dad come back to church. It helped us see him more. I learned to come closer to Jesus. It helped me be on time for church and Sabbath school.”

**Jessica 9**

“This class helped me to understand how to disciple. The church is always telling you do all these good things but you don’t really know how. But *Footprints for kids* helped me understand how to do these things.”

**Jason 14**

“I felt it was really, really good when you learn a lesson through dominoes and real life things. When you do stuff... like the trust taste test. Through this lesson I learned that you can trust God and that He’s not going to do things that are not good for you.”

**Jason 11**

“The classes taught me more about Jesus and lead me closer to Jesus.”

**Mason 13**

“It helped me understand what Christ did for me more. I knew that He died and paid for me but it helped me go deeper into what He did for me.”

**Jenna 12**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **K.I.D. Curriculum**

### **What is *Footprints for Kids*?**

*Footprints for Kids* is a 24 lesson intergenerational Bible study course, where parents and mentors work alongside their children and participate in a highly interactive small group. The group meets weekly for one hour. It is recommended that the small group consist of 3-6 families. If only one family responds, they will be blessed as you lead them through *Footprints for Kids*. Participants enjoy group and family activities, searching the scriptures, praying together and discussing lesson topics. Each group ends with a practical application of the lesson.

### **What is *Footprints for Parents and Mentors*?**

Before participating in *Footprints for Kids*, parents and mentors go through *Footprints for Parents & Mentors*, a set of 12 small group Bible studies drawn from the lives of Bible characters that equip adults to become the primary spiritual nurturer of their own children. The average recommended size of a small group is 8-12 participants. When used as a Sabbath School, the small group time is 60 minutes. In other settings it is recommended that the time be expanded to 75 minutes, allowing greater opportunity for personal application and group sharing.

### **What age children attend *Footprints for Kids* small groups?**

*Footprints for Parents and Mentors* is designed for families; therefore it accommodates a wide range of children. The target age range is children in grades 3-8. Younger and older siblings can also attend.

### **Does this curriculum prepare children for baptism?**

The K.I.D. curriculum covers and extends beyond what is covered in a traditional baptismal class. Children who are preparing for baptism, in addition to those already baptized, or not yet considering baptism will benefit from the K.I.D. curriculum. The curriculum is unique in that it equips parents and mentors to prepare their own children for baptism.

# More Frequently Asked Questions

## **K.I.D. University Training**

### **How many people should come to training?**

Attendees should be church members who have a passion to bring children to Jesus in the context of their families. The registration fee covers four people. A church team consists of the pastor and two to three lay leaders. Extra people can attend for an additional fee.

### **Why are church board and congregation surveys required?**

Church board and congregational surveys are required in order to solicit the support of the church in sending a team to K.I.D. University for training. Kids In Discipleship is a “church owned” ministry and requires a high commitment from both home and church.

### **What support is available?**

Throughout the training K.I.D. University staff members are available to answer questions and help church teams create strategies. After training, staff members are available by email and phone to answer questions. Frequently asked questions are also answered on the website.

### **Can you come to our church instead of us coming to a training site?**

K.I.D. University is structured to give you the highest possible level of experience and training. We provide training at churches that have an active K.I.D. ministry and are able to model K.I.D. The testimony and experience of Footprints families and leaders offer a window for trainees to observe practical applications in real life settings.

### **How does a church become a training site?**

Once a church has completed a cycle of the Footprints curriculum, gained experience, and developed a base of knowledge and understanding of the ministry, it may consider becoming a site to host K.I.D. University training for its region. Contact the K.I.D. Center for more information.

[kidcenter@southern.edu](mailto:kidcenter@southern.edu) 423.893.3266.

# **K.I.D. Director**

## **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION**

- Responsible to: Church pastor
- Purpose: To lead a team of people committed to enlarging God's kingdom by discipling children to Jesus Christ in the context of their families.
- Responsibilities:
1. Commit to keeping your personal relationship with Jesus Christ alive and growing.
  2. Pray daily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the lives of families and K.I.D. team members.
  3. Recruit and screen K.I.D. Ministry leaders:
    - Prayer Coordinator
    - Footprints for Parents and Mentors Small Group Leaders
    - Footprints for Kids Small Group Leaders
  4. Equip each leader in:
    - Knowing the K.I.D. Ministry Vision
    - Knowing his/her role
    - Facilitating life transformation
  5. Share the K.I.D. Vision regularly with your church.
  6. Lead the K.I.D. Team monthly in praying, planning and evaluating the effectiveness of the discipleship ministry in your church.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-6 hours per week
- Commitment Length: Recommended service of two years, renewable
- Special Qualifications:
1. A passion for the K.I.D. vision.
  2. Committed and growing disciple of Jesus Christ.
  3. Commitment to care for and disciple each K.I.D. team member.
  4. Ability to lead, manage and hold others accountable.
  5. Team player who is willing to be held accountable
- Benefits:
1. Being a vital part of a Spirit-led movement to disciple children around the globe.
  2. Being a part of a team that encourages you to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a leader in ministry.
  3. Joy in facilitating life transformation in children and families.

# Prayer Partner Coordinator

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

- Responsible to: K.I.D. Director
- Purpose: To pray for the local K.I.D. discipleship ministry to be Spirit-led in equipping families in the local church and community to disciple their children to Jesus Christ.
- Responsibilities:
1. Commit to keeping your personal relationship with Jesus Christ alive and growing.
  2. Pray for the K.I.D. ministry once a week in a concentrated time, or 4-5 shorter times weekly.
  3. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life, in the lives of the K.I.D. Leadership Team members and in the lives of the *Footprints* small group members.
  4. Recruit Prayer Partners.
  5. Give the Prayer Partners regular updates.
  6. Facilitate the Prayer Partners to come together as a group to support the local Kids In Discipleship Ministry at strategic times.
  7. Facilitate a Prayer Retreat each year for the K.I.D. Ministry.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per week
- Commitment Length: Recommended service of two years, renewable
- Special Qualifications:
1. A passion for the K.I.D. vision.
  2. A passion to support this ministry in prayer.
  3. The Spiritual Gift of Faith to claim God's promises.
  4. Love for children and those who minister to them.
- Benefits:
1. Being a vital part of a Spirit-led movement to disciple children around the globe.
  2. Growing in your faith as you witness God's answers to intercessory prayer.

# Footprints for Parents and Mentors

## Small Group Leader

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

- Responsible to: K.I.D. Director
- Purpose: To lead a small group of parents/mentors to grow as committed disciples of Jesus Christ and mentors who effectively disciple their children to Jesus.
- Responsibilities:
1. Commit to keeping your personal relationship with Jesus Christ alive and growing.
  2. Pray daily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the lives of those coming to your *Footprints for Parents & Mentors* small group.
  3. Prepare for and lead a *Footprints for Parents and Mentors* group.
  4. Coach a co-leader who could lead a future *Footprints for Parents and Mentors* group.
  5. Be available to support parents/mentors in their journey.
  6. Regularly report to the K.I.D. Director on your small group's progress.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per week
- Commitment Length: Recommended service of two years, renewable
- Special Qualifications:
1. A passion for the K.I.D. vision.
  2. Committed and growing disciple of Jesus Christ.
  3. Commitment to care for and disciple a co-leader.
  4. Willingness to facilitate life transformation.
  5. Team player who is willing to be held accountable
- Benefits:
1. Being a vital part of a Spirit-led movement to disciple children around the globe.
  2. Being a part of a team that encourages you to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a leader in ministry.
  3. Joy in facilitating life transformation in adults.

# Footprints for Kids Small Group Leader

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

- Responsible to: K.I.D. Director
- Purpose: To lead an intergenerational small group of parents/mentors along with their children to become empowered disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Responsibilities:
1. Commit to keeping your personal relationship with Jesus Christ alive and growing.
  2. Pray daily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the lives of those coming to your *Footprints for Kids* small group.
  3. Prepare for and lead a *Footprints for Kids* small group.
  4. Coach a co-leader who could lead a future *Footprints for Kids* group.
  5. Be available to support parents/mentors and their children in their discipleship journey.
  6. Connect interests for baptism and ministry involvement with the appropriate resources.
  7. Regularly report to the K.I.D. Director on your small group's progress.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per week
- Commitment Length: Recommended service of two years, renewable
- Special Qualifications:
1. A passion for the K.I.D. vision.
  2. Committed and growing disciple of Jesus Christ.
  3. Commitment to care for and disciple a co-leader.
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