

## Tools You Can Use for Your Children's Church

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### **Curriculum:**

- KUEST Student Leadership. [www.kuest.org](http://www.kuest.org)
  - 9 months of curriculum
  - Student & teacher materials provided.
  - Focused on Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>, can be applicable for other ages.
  - KUEST is a team of kids that serve the children's church ministry. Meeting on a separate night (Wed night) and go thru training – the KUEST Curriculum- rehearse/ prepare for serving on Sunday.
  - The cost per kid for 1 year worth of KUEST training materials is \$80.00.
  - Created by Tom & Kathy Toney, lead pastors of Family Life Church in Marion, OH. They have been teaching and implementing Kuest for over 20 years with proven results.
  
- Grow Youth Ministry Curriculum & Annual Strategy. [www.growcurriculum.org](http://www.growcurriculum.org)
  - Curriculum & Annual Strategy for Preschool, Elementary, Junior & High School, Adult Small groups.
  - 4 FREE VBS themes + lessons + schedules/checklists/supply list + graphics & videos,
  - Prep sheet with shopping lists for every lesson
  - Weekly preschool Bible story videos
  - PLUS Discipleship and programming tools
  - 3 annual subscriptions to choose from.
  
- Elevate – Creative Children's Curriculum. [www.elevatekidsnow.com](http://www.elevatekidsnow.com)
  - Video based curriculum providing scope and sequence of lessons.
  - Multiple video elements help you teach your lesson through a medium that kids love, engage with, and learn from during kids worship or Sunday School.
  - You can perform your teaching time (Skit and Bible Lesson) live using actors OR you can use the DVD to show the Skit and Bible Lesson Video while teaching live
  - Teaching through fun Bible characters, games, age-appropriate discipleship activities and kids worship music for preschool and elementary children.

- \$159.00 for base pack which provides material for 8 lessons.
- FREE streaming website where kids can watch hundred of Bible stories anytime on any device. No download required. [www.elevatekids.com](http://www.elevatekids.com)
- Assembly of God curriculums. [www.Kidmin.ag.org](http://www.Kidmin.ag.org)
  - Royal Rangers, Missionettes, etc.
- Create your own curriculum
  - Create a theme for the year with quarterly objectives
    - Ex: Theme: Quest for Truth (Kingdom/Medieval Theme)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – Discovering Truth
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – Proclaiming Truth
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – etc.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> quarter – etc.

### **Material Sources:**

- Backdrops / scene setters
  - Oriental Trading
  - Printing company – design your own and have it printed on fabric
- Lights & Sound
  - Blacklights – can be bought and sold individually
  - Light bar
    - Suggestion: Amazon - Roleadro Black Light 2 Pack Flood Light.
- Puppets (Blacklight & Normal)
  - Puppet Creation – [www.puppetcreation.com](http://www.puppetcreation.com)
    - Puppet pattern including in email. Cost of materials per puppet - \$10.00.
    - Pattern designed by David Johnston.
  - Creative Ministry Solutions – [www.creativemin.com](http://www.creativemin.com) - **no longer active**
  - Puppet Factory – [www.thepuppetfactory.com](http://www.thepuppetfactory.com)

Examples from our kids crusades that you can watch on YouTube.

- Youtube -
  - Agents of Truth Wed Night Puppet Skit & Story - <https://youtu.be/NlByMxBc1Gc>
  - Agents of Truth "2" Kid's Crusade – Operation Wall Builder - <https://youtu.be/5yvU-plGmrM>
  - LHA McKnight 1 - <https://youtu.be/-qIRLV9tcLo>
    - Quest for Truth theme – Medieval
  - LHA McKnight 2 - <https://youtu.be/Oh-8Zbj8tvM>
    - Quest for Truth theme – Medieval
  - The Great Beyond Kid's Crusade - <https://youtu.be/EZeBrC2lE14> part 1  
<https://youtu.be/lktk9xs4l9M> part 2 <https://youtu.be/6frcGSCnFd0> part 3