

Children's Ministries 101 – Helpful Websites

⇒ Sites for National Assemblies of God:

- www.4kids.ag.org/library - National Assemblies of God Children's Ministry Agency
- www.cmaconferences.com - Upcoming conferences and events sponsored by the Children's Ministries Agency
- www.shop.cmleadership.com – CMA store to purchase online training via webinars
- www.characterconnex.com - Character Connex program
- www.bgmc.ag.org – Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge
- www.ngm.ag.org - National Girls Ministries
- www.nationaljbq.org - National Jr. Bible Quiz
- www.royalrangers.ag.org - National Royal Rangers

NOTE: Following any of the links listed below will take you outside of the Assemblies of God websites. We have no control or influence over any of the content. The General Council of the Assemblies of God nor the Potomac District CE Department give complete endorsement to any of the sites below but merely offer this list for assistance in finding sites at which you may find good information.

⇒ Sites for Background Checks, Volunteer Screening & Sex Offender Tracking

- www.churchlawtoday.com Risk management, background checks, etc.
- www.churchvolunteercentral.com Member based background checks
- www.familywatchdog.us Family awareness and safety concerns
- www.mapsexoffenders.com Site allows you to map sex offenders in virtually any area of the U.S. or Canada
- www.nsopr.gov Sex Offenders registry
- www.pinnacleprof.com Pinnacle Investigations – Many feel this background check service has the best combination of price and thoroughness of screening
- www.screennow.com Screen Now - background check
- www.trak-1.com Trak-1 - background checks
- www.volunteerselektplus.com Volunteer Select Plus - background checks – Fee based

⇒ Sites for Attendance Tracking, Check-in, Pagers & Security Systems

- www.commtechwireless.com CommtechWireless – many nursery paging systems
- www.felloshiptech.com – Attendance tracking, check-in and security systems
- www.jtech.com JTECH – nursery paging system
- www.nspiresoftware.com NSpire - Attendance tracking software, barcode scanners, etc.
- www.pager.net Long Range Systems - paging systems, security alert system, etc.
- www.parentpager.com Parent Pager - comprehensive check-in and security solutions – pagers, software, scanners, etc.
- www.shelbyinc.com ShelbySystems – attendance tracking software, check-in solutions, etc.
- www.signsplussigns.com Signs Plus – nursery paging systems

⇒ Sites for Media Delivery Systems

- www.mediashout.com – Worship & presentations made easy through software
- www.easyworship.com – Presentation tool for any live environment
- www.office.microsoft.com – PowerPoint – media delivery by Office Software

⇒ Sites for PowerPoint Resources

- www.coolkidsministries.com - Lots of free PowerPoint games, backgrounds, lessons, etc.
- www.ebibleteacher.com - PowerPoint how-to's, kids PowerPoint presentations, etc.
- www.knology.net - Great resource for free PowerPoint lessons, games, etc.

⇒ Sites to find Countdowns for your service

- www.churchcountdowns.com – Great countdowns at great prices.
- www.worshiphousemedia.com – Get sermon illustration videos, backgrounds, countdowns, software and more.
- www.freecountdowns.net – Fresh, hot countdowns you can use
- www.muddyrivermedia.org Muddy River Media.

⇒ Sites for Game Ideas

- www.creativeyouthideas.com/blog
- www.funattic.com/games.htm - NOT a Christian site but still more games
- www.gameskidsplay.net – NOT a Christian site but more games for kids
- www.schoolcarnivals.com – NOT a Christian site but lots of great game ideas
- www.thesource4ym.com

⇒ Sites for Praise & Worship

- www.integritymusic.com - Integrity Music – offers several excellent kids worship resources, including the celebrated “Shout Praises Kids” series
- www.hillsongmusic.com - Hillsong Music Australia – great kids worship music
- www.resources.northpoint.org Children's worship music not found in stores
- www.songs4worship.com - Extensive selection of kids music
- www.spin360.com - “Edgy” youth music tracks and a subscription service
- www.worshipforkids.com Fun, cool worship music that inspires kids to worship
- www.worshipmusic.com - Site offers a huge selection of kids music DVD's and CD's

⇒ Sites for Teaching Resources

- Free
 - www.childrensministry.org - Free idea bank in the “Children's Ministry Inspiration Vault” portion of the site
 - www.childrenssermons.com - Many free children's sermons
 - www.coolkidsministries.com - Lots of great free lesson resources and ideas
 - www.creativebiblestudy.com/christianobjectlessons.html - Lots of ideas
 - www.daniellesplace.com - Lots of free craft, activity, and game resources. Can also join “The Resource Room” and get access to even more resources
 - www.dickgruber.com Dick Gruber free resources
 - www.dramatix.org - Hundreds of free drama scripts

- www.ebibleteacher.com/children - Lots of free bible lessons, review activities and games, songs, teaching tips, etc.
 - www.fishersofkids.com - Over a year of free children's church curriculum plus drama and puppet skits
 - www.homeward.ws Free Coloring Pages and Activities
 - www.kidssundayschool.com - Lots of free activities, object lessons, drama scripts, etc
 - www.ministry-to-children.com Fresh ideas for children's ministry
 - www.msscrafter.com Free crafts and ideas for Bible stories and activities for devotions.
 - www.open.lifechurch.tv/kids
 - www.rotation.org - Tons of free resources based on the rotation children's ministry model – useable for other models
 - www.sermons4kids.com Sermons, coloring pages and object lessons
 - www.sidewalksundayschool.com - Free resources and ideas for doing a Sidewalk Sunday School – useable for other settings as well
- **Curriculum Companies**
- www.252basics.com 252 Basics online curriculum site produced by the NorthPoint kids ministry
 - www.bigidea.com Big Idea Productions – Veggie Tale Curriculum (shop under books)
 - www.cefpres.com Children's Evangelism Fellowship resources
 - www.childrenesiringgod.org God-centered resources for training the next generation
 - www.childrenschurchstuff.com Teaching Kids – Inspiring teachers
 - www.cokesbury.com Curriculum and other resources
 - www.cookministries.com - David C. Cook curriculum
 - www.charismallife.com Entire kits containing Kids Church curriculum
 - www.churchonthemove.com Willie George Ministries
 - www.discipleland.com - Discipleland curriculum
 - www.elevatekids.com DVD Curriculum
 - www.empoweringkids.net - Craig Jutila Empowering Kids curriculum and leadership resources
 - www.fishersofkids.com Children's church curriculum
 - www.gcp.org Sunday school curriculum
 - www.gospellight.com - Gospel Light curriculum - also sell KIDS church curriculum formerly published by Charisma Life
 - www.gospelpublishing.com - GPH (A/G) curriculum
 - www.grouppublishing.com Group curriculum
 - www.shop.highvoltage-kids.com Curriculum and other resources
 - www.jerichojunction.com Children's church curriculum
 - www.karynhenley.com Bible study curriculum
 - www.kidmo.com - KidMo and Lil'K DVD and CD-based curriculum
 - www.kidskountpublishing.com Curriculum and free samples
 - www.kidzblitz.com KidzBlitz curriculum and other resources
 - www.kidsonthemove.com - Kids on the Move's media driven curriculum
 - www.letusteachkids.com Pat Hollands blog and site for resources
 - www.lifeway.com - LifeWay curriculum

- www.nph.com Sunday School curriculum
- www.promiselandonline.com - Promiseland curriculum produced by Willow Creek's kids ministry
- www.riversedgecurriculum.com - River's Edge media driven curriculum
- www.shekinahkids.com Training kids to be Prayer Leaders
- www.skituation.com A skit curriculum for children's church, homeschool or family
- www.spiritualformationministries.com Spiritual Formation Ministries
- www.standardpub.com - Standard curriculum
- www.superchurch.com Teach this generation about the move of the Spirit and the power of God
- www.traindepot.org Provides a variety of children's church needs
- www.willowcreek.com/children Willow Creek
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- **Balloons/Balloon Sculpting**
 - www.balloons.com
 - www.balloonhq.com - Balloon Headquarters - huge site encompassing everything imaginable in the balloon sculpting world
 - www.jscballoons.com Ships USPS flat rate which saves you S&H costs
 - www.professorwonder.com - Professor Wonder's Wonder Factory – beautiful site of free fully illustrated balloon sculpting instructions
 - www.tmyers.com - T. Myers Magic – fantastic selection of balloons, balloon sculpting books and videos, etc.
- **Juggling**
 - www.crazytieguy.com/basictricks.htm - Juggling instructions – video demonstrations
 - www.funnyjuggler.com/juggling - Complete animated instructions
 - www.juggling.org - Lots of instructions and links to other juggling sites
 - www.kalvan.net/howtojug/howtojug.htm - Juggling instructions – good detail, but no animation
- **Magic/Illusions**
 - www.allmagic.com - Gateway site for everything magic
 - www.bergchristian.com Sermons in Chemistry
 - www.daytonamagic.com Daytona Magic
 - www.creativeartstore.com Darren Casteel and Professor DooDad
 - www.empiremagic.com Empire Magic – supplies for amateur and professional
 - www.ezmagicrobbins.com – E-Z Magic
 - www.gospelmagic.com - Dock Haley Gospel Magic Company – lots of gospel magic tricks, books, etc.
 - www.ginnmagic.com - David Ginn Magic – specializes in kids magic and comedy
 - www.laflinmagic.com - Laflin Magic – great selection of gospel magic effects, props, books, etc.
 - www.lockfamilymagic.com – Lock Family Magic
 - www.magiclegends.com – Magic Legends
 - www.morriscostumes.com – Morris Costumes

- www.onewaystreet.com - One Way Street – in addition to puppets, they have a nice selection of gospel magic
- www.professorwonder.com - Professor Wonder's Wonder Factory – free gospel magic instructions
- www.stevensmagic.com Steven's Magic Emporium
- www.themagicwarehouse.com For all your magic needs
- www.tophatmagictulsa.com Top Hat Magic and Costumes
- www.traindepot.org Train depot, balloons, illusions etc.
- **Puppetry/Ventriloquism**
 - www.amazehealingwings.com Amaze healing Wings Puppets and resources
 - www.axtell.com - Axtell Expressions - High quality puppets, vent figures, etc.
 - www.maherstudios.com - Maher Studios - Professional ventriloquist figures, in-depth ventriloquist course, etc.
 - www.onewaystreet.com - One Way Street - Great selection of puppets, stages, supplies, and ventriloquist supplies, scripts, etc.
 - www.puppetfactory.com For all your puppet needs
 - www.puppetresources.com The World's Biggest Collection for FREE Puppet Scripts.
 - www.puppetshoppe.com Custom made in the U.S.A.
 - www.puppetsinc.com - Nice selection of puppets, costume characters, stages, supplies, scripts, etc.
 - www.puppetville.com Affordable Marionettes, puppets and Scripts for Puppet Theater
- **Prizes & Toys**
 - www.etoys.com
 - www.imaginetoy.com
 - www.orientaltrading.com
 - www.smalltoys.com
 - www.toyconnection.com
- ⇒ **Sites for Social Networking, blogs and discussion forums**
 - www.childrensministerblog.com Ideas, thoughts & activities for those who minister to children
 - www.childrensministryandculture.wordpress.com
 - www.childrensministryonline.com/blog
 - www.cmconnect.org
 - www.evotional.com Mark Batterson
 - www.facebook.com
 - www.jimwideman.com/blog Jim Wideman
 - www.kidology.org
 - www.twitter.com
 - www.uptownkids.tv/wordpress
- ⇒ **Sites to get you started:**
 - www.childrensministry.net - Links to lots of children's ministry sites, job center, etc.
 - www.crossdaily.com - Links to lots of Christian sites, Christian news, Bible Study tools, etc.

- www.crosswalk.com - Links to lots of Christian sites Articles, Bible study tools, etc.
- www.ministrynow.com Links to lots of Christian sites and resources
- www.surfnetkids.com - Links and reviews of hundreds (maybe thousands) of kids web sites - not a Christian site, but a very useful one

⇒ Sites for Equipment/Supplies

- **Books & Bibles**
 - www.americanbible.org Buy Bibles by the case
 - www.biblesatcost.com - Big discounts on Bibles in bulk, including children's Bibles
 - www.biblesbythecase.com - Big discounts on Bibles in bulk, including children's Bibles
 - www.christianbook.com - Huge selection of books, Bibles, software, and Christian products at discount prices
 - www.christianedwarehouse.com Christian Education Publishers
 - www.cph.org Concordia Publishing House
 - www.ibsdirect.com - International Bible Society – Bibles with bulk discounts
 - www.lifeway.com LifeWay Christian Resources
 - www.parable.com - Bibles, books, music, etc. at discount prices
 - www.pathwaypress.org Pathway Press
 - www.tyndale.com Tyndale House Publishers
 - www.walkthru.org Walk thru the Bible Ministries
 - www.zonderkidz.com Zonderkidz Publishers
- **Misc.**
 - www.animationfactory.com Animated clipart, videos, templates and backgrounds
 - www.childrenschurch.org Links to many children's ministry sites
 - www.childrensministry.org - Huge site with tons of resources and products
 - www.childrensministryarchive.com Collection of FREE children's ministry resources, templates, files and ideas.
 - www.childrensministrytoday.com Resources Designed to Exceed Your Expectations
 - www.christart.com
 - www.coldwatercafe.com Interesting stuff for children's pastors
 - www.discountwristbands.com - Source for wristbands for child security and events
 - www.ebibleteacher.com Resources for the computer
 - www.jubileegang.com Jerry Moyer children's evangelist
 - www.kidzmatter.com Innovative site for children's ministries. K! Magazine
 - www.kidzturn.com/resources/resources.htm Kidzturn Resource Zone
 - www.logosdor.com Cutting edge creativity for the children of the world
 - www.mrmcgroovys.com Cardboard rivets for use on cardboard set design and props
 - www.orientaltrading.com - "The source" for prizes, novelties, small toys, crafts educational supplies, etc.
 - www.painteroffun.com - Supply room décor kits to spice up children's ministry rooms
 - www.pdcorp.com - Precision Dynamics Corporation –supplier of wristband systems
 - www.pssl.com - Pro Sound and Stage Lighting, etc.
 - www.recfx.com - Supplier of YUCK (slime) products and misc. recreational equipment
 - www.saltandlightmin.org - Salt & Light Ministries – resource for drama, creative arts, dowel rods, etc.

- www.sermons.com
- www.ustoyco.com - Prizes, novelties, small toys, crafts, educational supplies, etc.
- www.virginiatoy.com - Another source for novelties, toys, glow items, etc.
- www.wackyworld.tv Theme and design studio of Bruce Barry
- www.wildfirefx.com - Supplier of lighting, special effects, black light paints & dyes, etc.
- www.x10.com - Supplier of inexpensive wireless video camera surveillance systems

⇒ Family & Parenting helps:

- www.activeparenting.com Helping Families Find their Way
- www.brainconnection.positscience.com - Site includes latest research on how children think and learn.
- www.christiananswers.net - ChristianAnswers.net – great site with movie reviews, parenting info, Bible answers and more
- www.effectiveparenting.org - National Center for Biblical Parenting – great parenting resources, parenting groups materials, etc.
- www.familyfun.go.com Ideas for Family Fun time.
- www.familylife.com - FamilyLife – Lots of Christian resources for families and parents
- www.familymatters.net Building Grace-based Relationships.
- www.focusonthefamily.com - Focus on the Family – James Dobson's organization with tons of family and parenting resources
- www.homeward.com Encouraging Parents, Building Families.
- www.marriagealive.com - Marriage Alive – Great resources for healthy marriages
- www.marriagesavers.org - Marriage Savers – Many excellent resources for strengthening and restoring marriages
- www.parentstv.org - Parents Television Council –Secular site offers TV ratings guide, movie reviews, parenting columns, and much more.
- www.pluggedinonline.com - Plugged In – movie and reviews from a Christian perspective – excellent site!

⇒ Sites for kids to enjoy:

- www.bgmckids.ag.org – Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge site just for kids
- www.bigideafun.com - Home of the Veggies and the Penguins
- www.clubhousemagazine.com Focus on the Family site for kids
- www.drewsanimals.com - Fun site developed by a home school family
- www.hiskids.net Down Gilead Lane and other fun stuff
- www.kidsranch.org Fun and encouraging site for kids
- www.kids4truth.com - Amazing site for kids – a “must check it out”
- www.predatorsoftheheart.com - Fun site with animals and Christian applications
- www.theselittleones.com/children.htm - Online games, kids club, online stories, and more

⇒ Sites you can Subscribe to:

- www.childrensministry.com - Children's Ministry Magazine site. Subscribers get full access and can search all of the back issues as well. Some of the site is accessible without a subscription.
- www.churchvolunteercentral.com - Group's Church Volunteer Central - excellent fee-based site providing many children's ministry leadership resources, background check service, training

articles, customizable forms, etc.

- www.kidology.org Amazing fee-based site with tons of teaching resources, job center, discussion groups, etc. Some of the site is accessible without a subscription.
- www.reverendfun.com Source for cartoons

⇒ Children's Ministry Organizations

- www.cefonline.com Child Evangelism Fellowship – organization committed to evangelizing children around the world
- www.cmuniversity.org Children's Ministries University Online – accredited children's ministry classes online
- www.incm.org International Network of Children's Ministry – Host of Children's Pastors Conference, forums, job listings, resources, etc.

⇒ Sites for Online Training

- www.aurorafirst.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=70458 Gene Roncone Children's online Training - FREE
- www.cmuniversity.org Children's Ministry University online – Tuition Fee
- www.jimwideman.com Jim Wideman Leadership Training – Registration Fee
- www.kidology.org/training/online Kidology online Training - Registration Fee
- www.potomacag.org/avms.asp?avstartid=115 Potomac District Children's Ministries podcasts - FREE
- www.shop.cmleadership.com Children's Ministry Agency webinars – Registration Fee

⇒ Sites for Child Evangelism

- www.atstracts.org American Tract Society Links for Kids
- www.kidsee.org Kids Evangelism Explosion International
- www.operationkidnet.net Kids Reaching Kids for Jesus
- www.powermarkcomics.com PowerMark Comic Series
- www.reachingkids.net/ Evangelism tools and Gospel Illusionist
- www.serve.com/Tracts/CTD.html World Christian Tract Directory