

The Many Places for OJT

On-the-Job Training opportunities are limitless. Following are some that have been used. Be creative. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to places where children and adults gather and would be open to hearing the Gospel.

Teach Kids' EE classes during Sunday School and OJT on Sunday afternoon.

- Visit families who have visited church or kids who have visited Sunday School.
- Visit nursing homes.
- Visit special needs children's facility.

Teach Kids' EE on Saturday morning and after a 45-minute lesson, take kids on OJT.

- Visit hospital children's wards.
- Go to malls and other locations where kids gather, such as parks or video arcades.
- Spend time at nursing homes and other facilities.

Arrange for children to go on a home visit with their parents who are in Adult EE.

If Kids' EE is on a week night, arrange for OJT on Sunday after church.

Have kids share the Gospel with younger children.

This can be done in Sunday School, Pioneer Club, Awana or other groups.

Plan outreach events.

Kids can invite their non-churched friends for the special event. Structure a time when children, trained in Kids' EE, share the Gospel with their friends.

- Weekend Bar B Q

- Backyard Bible club for neighborhood children
- After-school program
- Summer Christian school
- YMCA

Follow up on church outreach events with a personal home visit. Request names of those who participate in church events such as VBS, Mother's Day Out, Awana, CEF, Upward Basketball, and others.

Plan a mission trip in the U. S. or abroad.

Families and kids can share the Gospel Presentation.

Host a movie night, showing the DVD of "*The Big Trip*."

Invite non-churched friends to an evening get-together and watch this Gospel-sharing Kids' Musical Drama.

Turn holidays into an OJT experience.

In place of Halloween, have a "Trunk or Treat" event. Park cars in a line. Fill opened and decorated trunks with candy. Share Gospel and give away candy as kids pass from car to car.

WALK THROUGH THE GOSPEL . . .

Invite visitors to attend a church-sponsored pizza party or ice cream social. As visitors enter, they complete a registration card that asks for contact information AND answers to the two diagnostic questions.

Next, the visitors move through six rooms (or stations), each designed to present one portion of the Gospel Presentation ... Grace, Man, God, Christ, Faith and Commitment. For example, when a group of visitors is gathered in the Grace (Heaven) room/station, a team shares the Grace

portion of the Gospel, including Scriptures and the “Three Gifts Skit.” The sharing team concludes with the transition (“So what keeps us from getting this gift?”). Then the visitors move on to the next room/station to hear the Man portion of the Gospel Presentation, along with the “Rotten Egg Illustration.”

Visitors continue through all six rooms/stations, ending with an opportunity to make a commitment to Jesus.

SCRIPTURE FUN FAIR . . . AND MORE

Invite the neighborhood and others to enjoy your Scripture Fun Fair. Have Kids’ EE participants create a flyer promoting the Scripture Fun Fair. Set the Fair up in a large room, series of small rooms, or hallway. Have visitors sign in when they arrive, answering the 2 diagnostic questions. Then send them off to enjoy the games. Finish with a snack and the Gospel Presentation.

KIDS’ EE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Plan a birthday party, centering it on Kids’ EE. This party can be for an individual child, all kids in Kids’ EE or a party for “a surprise guest,” Jesus.

- Birthday “favors” can be one or more of the Take-Home Truths, especially the gift box (Unit 8) with Romans 6:23 Scripture inside.
- Games can include Scripture Fun Fair Games.
- Face or hand-painting of a rainbow is a great lead-in to God’s Word (His love, provision, promise ... fulfillment of His promise of a Savior).
- Birthday cake can be layered in some of the colors of Gospel bracelets (yellow, chocolate, cherry, white, green) and the Gospel can be shared while cutting the cake.
- Cups or water bottles can have “Living Water” Scripture on them.
- Crafts can include making beaded Gospel bracelets (Unit 14) and decorating crowns (Unit 11).
- Songs can include “*The Big Trip*” Musical songs.

FUN AND FOOD FEST

Balloons, music, hot dogs on the grill, and a simple flyer inviting families to attend are all that is needed to attract a crowd.

Plan an afternoon of fun for families, including the ideas above. Participants can go to different stations/tables for crafts, food, face-painting, and games.

Conclude by using the Farley Cards to share the Gospel.

MORE IDEAS . . .

More OJT experiences submitted by our Kids' EE churches:

- Visit Sunday School classes and pair up sharing the Gospel. The use of the Farley Cards makes this experience easy and enjoyable. The week prior to the visit, ask each Sunday School class participant to complete an information card which asks the 2 diagnostic questions.
- Have a parent/grandparent day, inviting adults and senior adults to join your class. Team them up with kids who will share the Gospel.
- Plan a meal event after Sunday School or Kids' EE, during which children share the Gospel as a mini-performance. To simplify this, you can have one narrator. Assign specific skits for groups of children to perform. This also works well as a Sunday evening performance for your church family.

REMEMBER: TAKE-HOME TRUTHS AND USE OF SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY SERVE AS NATURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL ... IN ADULT EE, WE CALL THIS "WAY OF LIFE" OPPORTUNITIES. ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS AND TEAM LEADERS TO SHARE THEIR "WAY OF LIFE" EXPERIENCES EACH WEEK.

LIST YOUR OWN IDEAS HERE