

Information Guide



KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP



MISSION STATEMENT:

***Mentoring kids to be empowered
disciples of Jesus NOW!***

Footprints Testimonies

"I think the *Footprints for Parents and Mentors* 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**



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*Designed
for families...*

*Focused
on children.*

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in the Kids in Discipleship (K.I.D. ministry. In these last days God promises to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers (Mal. 4:6). K.I.D. is a ministry that is binding the hearts of families together by equipping parents and other caregivers to be primary spiritual mentors to their children.

The K.I.D. mission is *Mentoring kids to be empowered disciples of Jesus NOW!* This mission is accomplished through a three-step process:

Step 1: K.I.D. challenges entire congregations to prayerfully lift up the children in their church, and to support parents/caregivers in empowering children in worship, ministry, and mission.

Step 2: K.I.D. brings revival to families by equipping parents to implement the model of discipleship found in Deuteronomy chapter 6:4-9. It is the parents that can train their children “when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (v.7). Small group Bible studies called *Footprints for Parents and Mentors** encourage parents/caregivers in their own walk with Jesus and offer practical ways to make Christ the center of the home.

Step 3: After *Footprints for Parents and Mentors*, parents partner with their children as they continue meeting in small group Bible studies called *Footprints for Kids*. * Families spend interactive time together journeying through seven exciting phases of discipleship; from building their relationship with Jesus, to personally making disciples for Jesus.

Three days of intensive training, called K.I.D. Leadership Training, will prepare a leadership team from your church to establish a Kids in Discipleship ministry! Training links practical instruction with prayer, application, and coaching to set churches up for success.

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

God Bless,

Don MacLafferty founder of K.I.D.,
Collegedale, Tennessee

K.I.D. Values

Focused on Jesus

K.I.D. develops processes and curriculum focused on Jesus.

Biblically Authentic

K.I.D. prayerfully tests everything by the authority of God's Word.

Growing Parents and Mentors as Disciples

K.I.D. nurtures parents and mentors as disciples of Jesus... knowing that parents can only lead children as far as they have journeyed with Christ themselves.

Equipping Parents and Mentors as Disciple-Makers

K.I.D. equips parents to be the primary discipler of their children.

Growing Child Disciples as Disciple-Makers

K.I.D. intentionally leads children to be disciples of Jesus who disciple others.

Family Friendly

K.I.D. seeks to strengthen families in their discipleship journey with Jesus.

Volunteer Led

K.I.D. is led by well-equipped volunteers, not pastor dependant.

Supporting Existing Children's Ministries

K.I.D. strengthens existing children's ministries by because many parents and children who participate in the Footprints discipleship adventure become passionate, committed disciples who seek to use their gifts NOW in worship, ministry and mission. Examples include:

- Sabbath School • Home School • Pathfinder Club
- Church School • Adventurer Club

Steady, Solid Growth

K.I.D. grows leaders who will direct the training and coaching of K.I.D. in new territory. In this way, growth will be as fast as new K.I.D. Site Teams can be fully trained and coached through their first year.

Excellence

K.I.D. strives for excellence in service and products produced.

Financial Integrity

K.I.D. values others' investments as a sacred trust.



Getting Started



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*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6*



Starting is Easy!

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

- a. Pray for God's will to be done.
- b. Review and share the brochures included in this packet.
- c. Recruit a team to intercede for the children, families and future K.I.D. leaders in your church.

II. Get approval to recruit a K.I.D. Leadership Team.

- a. Confirm that your pastor will attend training.
- b. Conduct congregation and church board surveys and record the results separately. (pp. 18-19)
- c. Share K.I.D. ministry descriptions with potential leaders. (pp. 20-23)

III. Register the Leadership Team for K.I.D. Leadership Training.

- a. Mail or Fax your K.I.D. Application complete with all required documentation by the registration deadline. (pp. 10-11)
- b. Attend training.

IV. Promote K.I.D. to the congregation.

- a. Pastor schedules the four-week sermon series (*provided with training*). This sermon series communicates the central importance of discipling children to Jesus.
- b. Challenge the congregation to equip and support parents as the primary disciplers of their children.

V. Plan the K.I.D. Launch Weekend (Sabbath of the 4th sermon).

- a. Introduce the K.I.D. Vision to the entire congregation.
- b. Invite participants from other active K.I.D. ministries to share testimonies, if possible
- c. 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. (pp. 16-17)
 - Provide information and sign-up sheets for upcoming classes.

VI. Begin *Footprints for Parents and Mentors*.

VII. Begin *Footprints for Kids* once participants complete *Footprints in the Sand*.

K.I.D. Leadership Training

What is it?

K.I.D. Leadership Training is four days of intensive training to equip you to direct Kids In Discipleship in your home church.

When is it?

K.I.D. Leadership Training. will be offered once or twice a year.

Contact Anne-May Wollan

Trans-European Division, 119 St. Peter's Street,

St. Albans, Herts.

AL1 3EY, England

or amwollan@ted-adventist.org for current information.

Where is it?

Training will be held at Stanborough Church, in Watford, England

Who are the presenters and coaches?

- Leaders with first-hand experience through their own congregation participation.
- A current church team will present a live "Footprints in the Sand for Kids" class.

How do I register and what are the requirements?

K.I.D. Leadership Training is designed to prepare teams to introduce and lead K.I.D. in their home church. A limited number of teams are accepted each year and must include a minimum of four persons; the pastor and three lay-leaders. Prior to registration, churches must conduct congregation and church board surveys (forms provided), and submit results showing a commitment to empowering kids as disciples of Jesus.

Churches who meet the above mentioned requirements, and have a financial guarantee from their union treasurer, qualify for enrollment. Once your team has been accepted for the training, and you have confirmed participation, the registration is binding and the full fee non-refundable.

What is the Cost?

For a team of 4 persons the Registration fee is £1100. This includes instruction plus the following for each member of the team: Training Notebook, Sample lessons as well as meals and accommodation during the training period. If a fifth person joins your team the additional cost will be £275. Without accommodation the price per team is £ 740 and for an extra person £ 185.

K.I.D. Leadership Training Application Form

Trans-European Division
 Children's Ministries Department
 119 St. Peter's Street
 St. Albans, Herts. AL5 3EY, England
 e-mail: amwollan@ted-adventist.org



General Information

Church: Approx. nr. of members:
 Pastor: Email:
 Team member: Email:
 Team member: Email:
 Team member: Email:

Experience/History

Why does your team want to attend K.I.D Leadership Training?

Documentation/Verification

Church Board and Congregation Survey Forms are included in the K.I.D. Information Guide

A. Church Board Survey Results *(Enter the total number of responses for each question)*

1.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
2.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
3.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
4.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
5.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
6.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested

B. Congregation Survey Results *(Enter the total number of responses for each question)*

1.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
2.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
3.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
4.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
5.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested
6.	I do not like it!	Not Interested	Interested	Very Interested

C. Church Board approval to send a 4-person team: 3 Lay leaders and a pastor.

_____ Yes

Signature of Pastor:

D. Financial approval of union treasurer

_____ Yes

Signature of Union Treasurer:

Please send to

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Trans-European Division of
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Frequently Asked Questions

Tell me more about...

K.I.D. Curriculum

What is Footprints for Parents and Mentors?

Footprints in the Sand is a 12-week small group Bible study for parents and other mentors of children. These lessons are designed to help mentors grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and as spiritual mentors to their children.

What do Footprints for Parents and Mentors classes look like?

The average recommended size of a *Footprints in the Sand* class is 8-12 participants. The class meets weekly. When used as a Sabbath School, the class is 60 minutes. In other settings it is recommended that the time be expanded to 90 minutes, allowing greater opportunity for personal application and group sharing.

What is Footprints for Kids?

Footprints for Kids is a 31-week, highly interactive small group class. Parents/mentors serve as their child's mentor in a small group setting with other families.

What do Footprints for Kids classes look like?

The average recommended size of a *Footprints for Kids* class is 5-7 families. The class meets weekly for one hour. Participants enjoy group and family activities, searching the scriptures, praying together and discussing lesson topics.

What age children attend Footprints for Kids classes?

Footprints in the Sand is designed for families; therefore it accommodates a wide range of children. The target age range is children from 6–13 years and their younger/older siblings.

How many lessons are there in Footprints for Kids?

There are 31 lessons in all. These lessons are designed for parents and their children to complete together. *Footprints for Kids* classes can easily follow a school year calendar.

Does this curriculum prepare children for baptism?

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. This curriculum covers and extends beyond what is covered in a traditional baptismal class.

How many classes must I attend?

Discipleship is a journey that continues as we daily await Jesus' return. Although the lessons are designed for groups, participants are encouraged to review the lesson topics at home when they miss a group meeting.

K.I.D. Training

How many people should come to training?

It is required that the pastor plus three lay leaders attend K.I.D. Leadership Training. Additional persons are welcome and may attend for an additional fee. This ministry is pastor supported and lay-led.

Why are church board and congregation surveys required?

It is vital that the church board and congregation support their children in actively using their gifts in worship, ministry and in the mission of the church. Discipling children is a "church owned" ministry and requires a high commitment from both home and church.

What support is available after I receive training?

Throughout the training process a coach works with individual teams and assists them in developing an action plan tailored to their church needs. Continuing support from a coach and The K.I.D. Center is provided throughout the first year via email and monthly phone conferences.

1st K.I.D. Leadership Training in TED Stanborough Centre October 2006



Five churches from UK, Norway and Iceland, participated in the 1st K.I.D. Leadership Training.

Appendix



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*I can do everything through
Him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13*

Footprints for Parents and Mentors

Small group studies for parents and other spiritual mentors

OVERVIEW

- Lesson # 1** **Jesus' Model of Discipleship**
- Lesson # 2** **Come to Jesus**
Mathew
- Lesson # 3** **Experience the Joy of Knowing You are Saved!**
Mary Magdalene
- Lesson # 4** **Invite Jesus to Shape Your Life**
Peter
- Lesson # 5** **Grow with Jesus' Friends**
Daniel
- Lesson # 6** **Bring People to Jesus**
Andrew
- Lesson # 7** **Become Your Child's Life-Teacher**
Mary the Mother of Jesus
- Lesson # 8** **Lead Your Family in Worship**
Abraham
- Lesson # 9** **Teach Your Children to Love God's Word**
Eunice and Lois
- Lesson #10** **Involve Your Children in the Joy of Serving**
Hannah
- Lesson #11** **Equip Your Children to Stand Alone**
Jochebed
- Lesson #12** **Mentor Your Child to Carry the Torch of Faith**
Mordecai



Footprints for Kids

Small group interactive studies for parents/mentors and children

OVERVIEW

Phase #1 Build Your Relationship with Jesus

1. Disciples Wanted! *An Adventure of a Lifetime*
2. Jesus, A Friend You Can Trust
3. Why Jesus Can Be Trusted
4. The Gift! *Accepting Jesus as Savior*
5. Setting Aside Time to Spend With God
6. Keeping Your Time with God Fresh

Phase #2 Invite Jesus to be the Lord of Your Life

7. Jesus is Lord!
8. Time Talents & Treasure
9. Honoring God with My Choices
10. Growing More Like Jesus

Phase #3 Know the Truth of Jesus

11. It's the Truth! *The Bible is God's Word for Me*
12. Three In One *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*
13. Three Gifts for You! *Creation, Family and Sabbath*
14. The Sanctuary
15. The Great Controversy
16. What Happens When People Die?
17. It's Your Future! *Second Coming/Millennium/New Earth*
18. God's Law
19. The Gift of Prophecy
20. God's Faithful Remnant
21. Part of the Body of Christ
22. Follow the Leader *Baptism/Foot Washing/Lord's Supper*

Phase #4 Discover Jesus' Vision for You!

23. Discover Jesus' Vision for You *Spiritual Gifts*
24. What is in Your Hand? *Called to Share Jesus*
25. How to Know God's Dreams for You

Phase #5 Share Jesus with Your Friends

26. Making Friends for Jesus *Forming Friendships that Last Forever*
27. Leading Your Friends to Choose Jesus
28. Share Jesus (Part 1) *Reading the Bible with Your Friends*
29. Share Jesus (Part 2)

Phase #6 Learn to Lead Like Jesus

30. How to Lead Like Jesus
31. Dare to Lead Your Friends

Phase #7 Become a Friend Like Jesus

32. Becoming a Friend Like Jesus

Church Board Survey

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

1. I recognize a real need in our church family to go far beyond what we are presently doing to spiritually mentor our children and youth and to involve them in ministry and mission.

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

2. I desire our children and youth to become much more involved in our worship services.

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

3. I would be interested in investing my time in helping to pioneer a strategy to mentor children and youth in a personal relationship with Jesus and to use their gifts NOW in worship, ministry and mission.

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

4. 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.

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

5. I am supportive of investing more of our church budget into spiritually mentoring our children and youth and involving each one in worship, ministry, and mission.

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

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

- I do not like it! Not Interested Interested Very Interested

Congregation Survey

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

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K.I.D. Director

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

- Responsible to: Reports to K.I.D. Coach
- Purpose: To lead a team of leaders who equip parents/mentors to disciple kids to Christ and to empower each child to use their gifts NOW in worship, ministry and mission.
- Responsibilities:
1. Pray daily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the lives of families, and K.I.D. Leaders
 2. Recruit and screen for the following leaders:
 - Prayer Coordinator
 - Footprints for Parents and Mentors Coordinator
 - Footprints for Kids Coordinator
 - Classroom Chaplains Coordinator (*optional*)
 - Ministry Placement Coordinator (*optional*)
 - Sabbath School Coordinator (*optional*)
 3. Equip each coordinator for effectiveness in these areas:
 - Recruiting
 - Screening
 - Equipping
 - Leading
 - Developing Leaders
 4. Disciple and coach each coordinator monthly for an hour.
 5. Cast the K.I.D. Vision for your church repeatedly.
 6. Lead the K.I.D. Leader Team once a month in praying, planning and evaluating the effectiveness of K.I.D. in your church.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-6 hours per week
- Commitment Length: 90-Day assessment evaluation followed by two years.
- Special Qualifications:
1. Committed and growing disciple of Jesus Christ.
 2. Committed to the Biblical doctrines and mission of the SDA Church.
 3. Commitment to care for and disciple each K.I.D. coordinator.
 4. Ability to lead, manage and hold leaders accountable.
 5. Minimum of 1 year experience working with children.
 6. Passion to see children disciplined to Jesus Christ.
 7. Team player who is willing to be held accountable.
- Benefits:
1. Investing your life in God's last day movement to disciple kids.
 2. Being a part of a team that encourages you to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a children's ministry professional.

Prayer Partner Coordinator

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

- Responsible to: K.I.D. Director
- Purpose: To partner with The K.I.D. Team to equip families and churches around the world to disciple their children to Jesus Christ by praying that this ministry will be Spirit led every day.
- Responsibilities:
1. All seven responsibilities of a Prayer Partner plus the following:
 - Recruit Prayer Partners.
 - See that Prayer Partners receive weekly updates.
 - Invite Prayer Partners to gather together to support Kids In Discipleship at strategic times.
- Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per week
- Special Qualifications:
1. A passion to support this ministry in prayer.
 2. Faith to claim God's promises.
 3. Love for children and those who minister to them. day.
- Benefits:
1. Becoming a vital part of a Spirit led movement to disciple children around the globe.
 2. Grow in your faith as you intercede for the mighty hand of God on behalf of His children, as you see God intervene in the face of overwhelming challenges.

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 who effectively disciple their children.

Responsibilities:

1. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the lives of participating families, and the K.I.D. Leadership Team.
2. Prepare for and lead Footprints for Parents and Mentors small group.
3. Coach a co-leader who could lead Footprints for Parents and Mentors.
4. Be available to support parents/mentors in their journey.
5. Email lesson evaluations each week to K.I.D. Director.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per week

Special Qualifications:

1. Committed and growing disciple of Jesus Christ.
2. Committed to the Biblical doctrines and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
3. Commitment to care for and disciple your co-leader.
4. Passion to see parents/mentors disciplined to Jesus Christ and equipped to disciple their children.
5. Team player who is willing to be held accountable.

Benefits:

1. Investing your life in God's last day movement to disciple kids.
2. Being a part of a team that encourages you to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a leader in ministry

