

## *How to Help Your Child Get The Most Out of Kids' Kompass*

**Passports and Check-in** – If you filled out a permanent registration form your child's passport will be on the passport table in the hall outside the Kids' Kompass room. Help your child pick up their passport, take the paper passport out of the folder and approach the desk to have his or her passport stamped. If their passport is missing, please look carefully as many times two passports get stuck together. If you still can not find their passport, please let one of the adults know so we can search for it. If your child brought their Bible, ask for an extra power buck from the Krew volunteer who is stamping the passport. If your child is turning in devotions, please ask for a power buck for this as well.

**Power Bucks** – Power bucks are a positive reinforcement tool. Children receive power bucks for the following:

- 1) bringing his or her Bible
- 2) bringing back devotions (if you do not use the devotions that we provide but you do have a family devotion time at least four times a week, please tell the person stamping the passport OR write a note and turn it in that your child completed his or her devotions)
- 3) bringing a visitor – they can ask for this power buck when they get their passport stamped.
- 4) Games – these are handed out during the game time

Children keep their power bucks in their passports so they do not lose them. They have an opportunity to spend their power bucks in the Kids' Kompass store after worship on Sunday. Items range from five to fifty power bucks.

**PROGRAM** – A typical Kids' Kompass includes the following:

Worship through lively music

Drama

Puppets

Good Book Look – Bible lesson time

Object lessons to drive home the definition and memory verse

Communion

Games to reinforce the lessons

**GAMES** – We have two games each week in Kids' Kompass. They are usually some type of relay and we always play boys against the girls. The children answer questions from the current and previous lesson in order to come up and play. All the children are interested because if the girls win ALL the girls get a power buck, if the boys win ALL the boys get a power buck. As time permits we keep asking questions until no one knows the answers. We also have “kindergarten only” questions that are easier. If your child has difficulty with this portion of the

service (not getting picked to play the games) you can take home the list of questions and practice with them. Learning the memory verses and reviewing them also helps. Some children do not like to play the games, they'd rather watch. Others want to play every week.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Please call me if your child has special needs.

**PROBLEMS** – Most children adapt to Kids' Kompass very quickly. Those who have problems usually are not consistent in their attendance.

**VOLUNTEERS** – Kids' Kompass is fuelled by volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. We can always use adult greeters and help during transition time.

**COMMUNION** – Each week the Lord's Supper or communion is served in Kids' Kompass. We emphasize that this is not a snack but a commemoration of Jesus' death on the cross. We also emphasize to the children that if they are taking communion in a frivolous manner, they are sinning. We announce that children who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus, and been baptized into his death can come and take communion. If your child has a full understanding of the meaning of communion and chooses to participate even though they have not been baptized, that is fine. The only time we will stop a child from partaking is if they are obviously showing outward signs of disrespect. Please have a conversation with your child before they come in Kids' Kompass as to whether or not you think they should be participating in communion.

**OFFERING** – We do collect offering in Kids' Kompass, however since children have trouble hanging onto their money we ask that parents help them deposit it in the bank near the passport table. (large pink flower)

**BIBLES** – There are many wonderful children's Bibles available. It is important for your child to have a full Bible (not a picture or story Bible) as we do begin looking up scriptures (with lots of help!) I suggest you take a shopping trip to the local Bible bookstore with your child and let them pick out the Bible that they like. Most children's translations are NIV however any translation is fine, in fact we welcome having many different translations in class. Just be sure you get an Old and New Testament and that it is not a condensed or story Bible.

**VISITORS** – If your child brings a visitor, all you have to do is stop by the elementary information desk (the one with the L.E.D. sign on it) and have the worker fill out a nametag for the visitor. Write your permanent id on the child's nametag. This is just a reminder of what number to page if we needed to contact you during the service.

**PERMANENT ID** – You will be assigned a permanent id when you fill out a permanent registration form. This number will be mailed to you. This number will also appear on your child’s passport in case you forget. If we need you during the service this number will flash up on the screen with an E in front of it. If you are across the street in ABF you will be called.

**CURRICULUM** – We use 252basics curriculum in Kids’ Kompass and Bible Classes. There is a website 252basics.com that has a section for parents. There are also supporting materials that you can order from the website for home use. One of the really neat resources you can purchase is FamilyTimes which correlates with our lessons. We do not use many of the songs from 252basics so if you are in search of cds that your child can sing along, give me a call and I will recommend some that contain many of the songs we sing.

**HANDOUTS** – Each month we provide *Refrigerator Door*, a sheet that has the virtue, definition and memory verse of the month. Each week we provide *Godtime*, four devotions that your child (with help) can use for nightly devotions. Our monthly elementary ministry newsletter is called *Kids’ Konnection* and is available the last Sunday of the month. All of these publications are available on the passport table in a black stacked tray.

**PICKUP** – We do not always let out the exact same time as the adults. Until the door is open we ask that you respect our worship time. In those cases where you know you are going to have to pick up your child early, please make sure your child sits in the back of the room and that you let one of the adults know that you will be coming early. If you need to come in, please slip in quietly, don’t knock. If you have any questions, please try to call during the week as Sundays are very hectic. For your child’s security and for ease in pickup until we get to know you, please say your child’s name when you come to the door. We have over 100 children and although we know the children’s names, it takes awhile to put the whole family together.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS** – Please feel free to call Marsha Hancock, Elementary Student Minister at 288-9061, extension 25 or email at [marshachancock@yahoo.com](mailto:marshachancock@yahoo.com).