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ONE TEAM

"We are one team

from different cities and on different districts but all called

to serve God, children and their families."

WELCOME

Welcome to SPARK! We are so glad you are here. Wow! What a crazy past 2 years we have all been through! It's not uncommon for some people to have a crazy year. It's just not normal for it to happen to the whole world at once. But here we are. We have learned some things, changed some things, and gotten rid of some things. The fire of the past 2 years has made us strong. Are we at the strongest we will become? No, but we are being made stronger.

As Candice and I began to prepare for this wonderful time of being together, we sensed that while many of us are celebrating that we can be together, there are also those among us who are grieving loss from the past 2 years. Maybe it's grieving a way life, or things we did that are different, or a job, or perhaps it's the loss of a friend or family member. Maybe it's loss from COVID or maybe it's loss from something else. So, in the midst of our celebrating and fun, we are going to give space this weekend to grieve. Psalm 23 says:

> 1The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
> 2He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
> 3He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
> 4Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close
> beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
> 5You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
> You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
> 6Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,
> and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

While you're here, we pray that you will allow these words to wash over you and be rest, peace, stength, protection, comfort, anointing, blessing, goodness, and love for your Shepherd.

Serving together,

Trey Brooks,
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Retreat Schedule

Thursday

3:00 – Registration
6:00 – Dinner (Dewey Litl Loj)
7:00 – Tailgate Party (Worship Center)
9:00 – Fellowship

Friday

8:00 – Breakfast (Dewey Litl Loj)
9:00 – Worship Session 1 (Worship Center)
10:30 – Breakout Session 1
Redefining the Wins: How To Face Discouragement – Shaun Stevenson
12:00 – Lunch (Dewey Litl Loj)
1:00 – Breakout Session 2
Option 1: God Made Me Special! – Missy Segota
Option 2: Prayer Stations – Sara Taber
2:30 – Breakout Session 3
Innovative & Fun Ways to do NazareneSafe Training – Cortney Coombs and Sheri Lynne Martin
4:00 – Free Time
7:00 – Dinner (Dewey Litl Loj)
8:00 – Team Building (Worship Center)
9:00 – Fellowship

Keynote Speaker

Chuck Russ

Pastor Chuck and Linda Russ have been serving at Lake Worth First Church since May of 2017. He has always had a heart for church planting and church renewal. He and Linda have served in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Pastor Chuck and Linday have two adult children.

Saturday

8:00 – Breakout Session 4
Creating Family Discipleship through Tradition – Trey Brooks
9:00 – Breakfast (Dewey Litl Loj)
9:45 – Breakout Session 5
Option 1: Children's Bible Quizzing: What is it? – Alfa Renegar
Option 2: Fun & Games: Learning about God while NOT Sitting Still! – Missy Segota
11:30 – Worship Session 2 (Worship Center)
1:00 – Lunch (Dewey Litl Loj)
1:30 – See you next year!

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Breakout Session

Redefining the Wins: How to Face Discouragement

Shaun Stevenson

Worship Center

As churches went through the last couple of years, Children's Pastors have seen it all: budget cuts, families leaving, stressful decisions, and more. So how do we face discouragement in such a difficult season? Perhaps it's all about how you "define the win." What does it look like when your Children's Ministry is "winning?" In this session, we'll face discouragement head-on and look at how and where we find our peace in the midst of the storm.

Tell THE Story Training

October 24-26, 2022

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West Harrison, IN

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Breakout 2 Session

God Made Me Special!

Missy Segota

Big Oak

Special needs ministry is one of the fastest growing demographics in the church. Come and learn the basics of ministering to families that have special needs. (Spoiler alert: it isn't as hard as you think!)

Prayer Stations: Take some time today to spend in prayer

Sara Taber

Worship Center

This will be a special time, set aside for you and God to be alone. There will be 4-5 stations set up, where you will be prompted through scripture to pray. Some of these stations will have an activity for you to complete as a response to the scripture reading and your prayer time.

Breakout 3 Session

Innovative & Fun Ways to do NazareneSafe Training

Cortney Coombs and Sheri Lynne Martin

Worship Center

This in-depth session will equip you to train others in a district or local church setting. You will come away with a greater knowledge of what NazareneSafe Training is as well as with tools and ideas that can be easily implemented.

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- Regional Gathering
- Leadership Development
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- National Gathering
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- Ministry Collaboration
- Focused Discussion

Tell THE Story

- Simple, Interactive Method
- Listeners Engage
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January, March, September, November

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February, April, August, October

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January, October

District Children's Director
January, March, May, September, November

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Nazarene Kidmin Meet-Ups

Hosted by Equip to Engage

Northwest Ministry Conference
March 18-19, 2022 | Bellevue, WA
nwmincon.com

D6 Conference
April 20-22, 2022 | Orlando, FL
d6conference.com

Child Discipleship Forum
September 22-23, 2022 | Nashville, TN
childdiscipleshipforum.com

Children's Pastors Conference
January 10-12, 2023 | Orlando, FL
childrenspastorsconference.com

Breakout 4 Session

Creating Family Discipleship through Tradition

Trey Brooks

Worship Center

Usually, leading up to Christmas Day and Easter Sunday are busy times of school presentations, additional church services, community activities, and family travel. Many people want to make spiritual traditions that are meaningful during these times but are too busy to "fit" it into the schedule. We will talk about simple yet meaningful and impactful ways for families to be intentional during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Children's Bible Quizzing: What is it?

Alfa Renegar

Big Oak

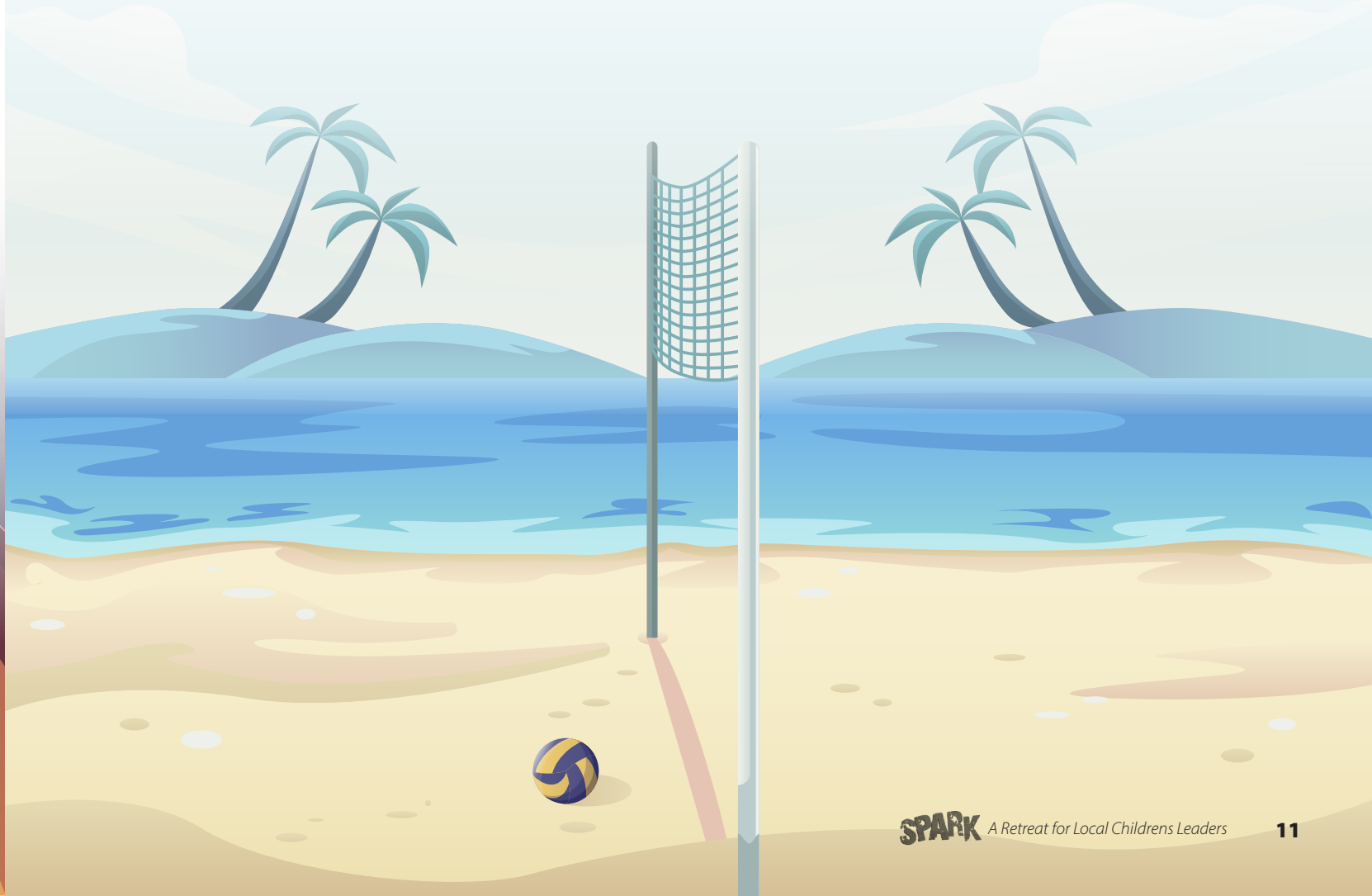
What age group is it for? How does it work? Do we have to participate at district meets? Learn the answers to these questions and more! Let's teach our kids another way to hide the Word in their hearts.

Fun & Games: Learning about God while Not Sitting Still

Missy Segota

Worship Center

Learn some tricks to incorporating games for the kids who just can't sit still. Learning about God doesn't have to be done while seated.



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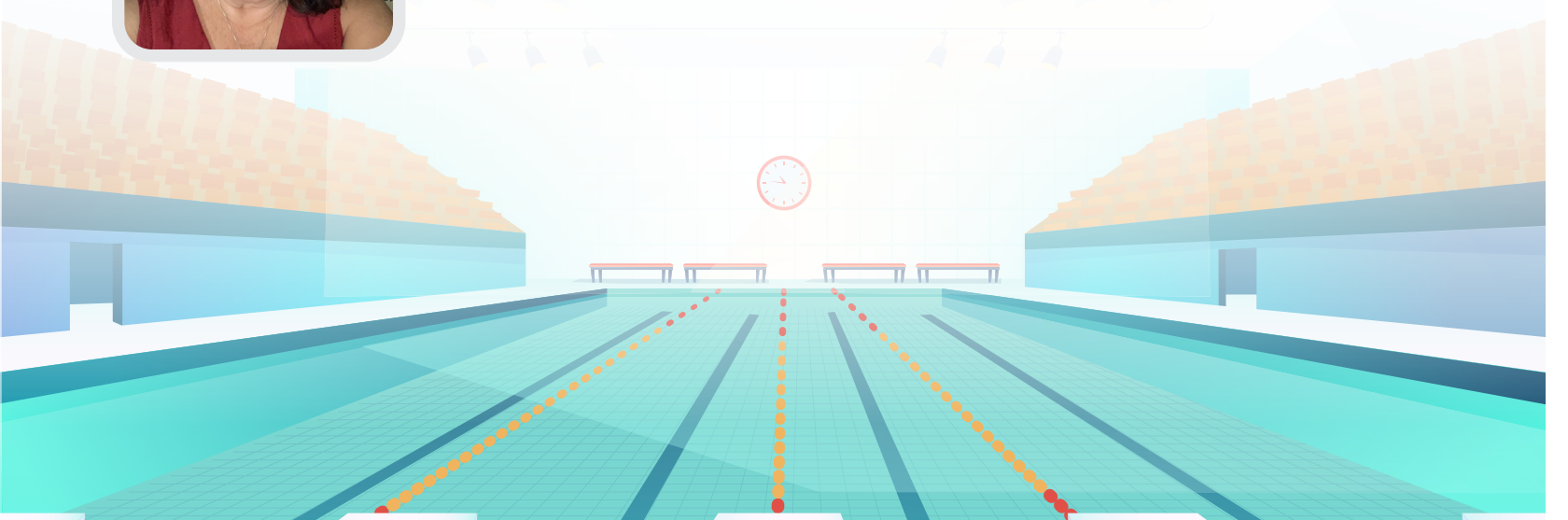

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