

# Mighty Kids

## ("Mighty Friday" optional)

Mission Statement for the leaders of Mighty Kids:

***"To aid in the growth of the children's department, both spiritually and numerically; through godly fellowship, proper leadership, and the faithful preaching and teaching of the Bible"***

### 1. The Purpose of Mighty Kids:

#### 1.1 To Strengthen Our Children

##### 1.1.1 Through Fellowship

Fellowship is important for proper child development. The people (younger and older) that children associate with the most will contribute largely to what kind of adults they will become. In any setting, children will likely seek out other children that behave like themselves. However, in a proper Christian setting, with realistic rules and restrictions, even children who misbehave the most will be positively influenced.

##### 1.1.2 Through Leadership

The adult leaders who are in charge of the activities have a huge responsibility in setting an example for the children. It is imperative that the adults follow and enforce all the rules that are in place and provide the safest, most god-honoring environment possible. They should be kind and loving, yet they should be firm.

##### 1.1.3 Through Preaching/Teaching

It is my belief that Bible preaching/teaching is the most important means helping children to make Spirit-led decisions about their life. It is important to include Bible lessons at every opportunity, but there are some considerations:

1.1.3.1 Length should be considered. The attention span is so short with children, especially in this day and age. Although we want to teach children how to discipline themselves to sit and listen to the teaching, we must understand how to use a shorter span of time most effectively.

1.1.3.2 Lessons should be easy to understand. Remember that children are developing their minds and still think in absolutes as opposed to abstract thoughts. Parables and metaphors are actually harder for children to understand. It is best to tell true stories and give as many facts and details as you can, in the simplest terms. Learning to speak in a way that a child understands takes lots of work and practice.

1.1.3.3 Lessons should be both exciting and easy for the audience to comprehend. Whenever possible, we encourage skits, puppets, object lessons, and illustrations that will help the children to better understand and retain what they learn.

## 1.2 To Evangelize Our Community

### 1.2.1 By Visiting Prospects

1.2.1.1 One of the purposes of Mighty Kids is to bring in the lost children so we can introduce them to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

1.2.1.2 It is important to document visitor information so we don't lose contact.

1.2.1.3 Sunday School teachers should be given the information so that they can begin visiting the children and their parents, and encourage them to visit the church for Sunday School and worship services.

### 1.2.2 Building Relationships with Workers

1.2.2.1 The more familiar the child becomes with the workers, the more they will trust them to talk about spiritual matters.

1.2.2.2 It is important to capitalize on this relationship.

### 1.2.3 Invitation Time

1.2.3.1 Children are not likely to come to Christ if they are not confronted with their need and given an opportunity to respond

1.2.3.2 At some point they must be asked to confess their spiritual need

1.2.3.3 At some point they must be given a chance to call on the Lord as their Savior if they haven't already done so.

1.2.3.4 However, we should be careful not to make the invitational part of the service habitual or ritualistic.

1.2.3.5 We should be careful, especially with younger children, not to force anything.

1.2.3.5.1 We do not want to force a response that is unreal.

1.2.3.5.2 We don't want to force something that the Spirit is not leading.

1.2.3.5.2 Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading

## 2. The Plan of Mighty Kids:

### 2.1 Why the "Mighty" Theme?

2.1.1 Children like the idea of being "mighty," just think of how they enjoy pretending they are super heroes. We don't want them to try to be anyone they are not designed to be, but we want them to know they have the power to be something very special, and very "mighty" in Christ.

2.1.2 The theme verse is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheth me" (Philippians 4:13). It is not that they can do "all

things” that they want to do, but that “all things” are possible if they are what God wants for them.

## 2.2 When do we meet?

2.2.1 Originally, we scheduled “Mighty Fridays” for the last Friday night of each month correlating with our “Atomic Friday” for the teens. These events were kept separate from each other, but they ran at the same time (although Children were let out an hour earlier than the teens)

2.2.1.1 There are at least two good reasons for having it on Fridays:

2.2.1.1.1 Fridays are already exciting to children that are looking forward to a couple days off of school.

2.2.1.1.2 Kids are more likely to be allowed to stay out when it is not a “school night,” and Saturdays are discouraged because they are on a “church night”

2.2.1.1.3 Children will be more likely to sleep in on Sunday morning and miss church if it is on a Saturday night

2.2.1.1.4 Workers may need Saturday night for preparation for Sunday

2.2.1.1.5 Fridays work well for prospecting purposes because we can visit any of our Mighty Friday visitors on Saturday and encourage them to come on Sunday

2.2.2 Mighty Kids can meet whenever the church leaders would like, and can even operate during weekly adult services.

2.2.3 We have been running ours bi-weekly for “Children’s Church.”

## 2.3 Why Do We Teach Hebrews 11?

2.3.1 First of all, because I feel the Lord laid it on my heart to do so!

2.3.2 Hebrews 11 has been called the “hall of faith,” because it features many biblical characters who are considered “heroes of the faith.” It teaches us that the only thing that made them great is that they had faith in God and obeyed Him, and that is what we want the children to do.

2.3.2.1 Hebrews 11 is what Mighty Kids is actually about

2.3.2.2 This is part of the design and make up of the Mighty Kids program

2.3.2.3 There are about 30 lessons. It could take four years to complete on a monthly basis (Mighty Friday). On a weekly basis (Children’s Church), it can be finished in one year.

2.3.2.4 After the course is finished, we suggest using a different curriculum, although you can come back and repeat in the future.

## 2.4 Why play games and eat food?

- 2.4.1 The answer is obvious, but there is more to it than attracting a crowd.
- 2.4.2 We live in a culture that is hardly attracted to anything if it doesn't entertain them. And whereas we would like our teens to grow beyond that point, we need to reach them first. Therefore, it is important to offer something that will draw them in or "compel them to come."
- 2.4.3 Besides that, it is good for teens to see that Christians can have a good time, although we must be careful that our games are appropriate, innocent, and bring no dishonor to our Lord.

### 3. Procedures:

#### 3.1 Overview of Lessons:

"By Faith..."

- Lesson 1: Abel Offers an Excellent Sacrifice
- Lesson 2: Enoch Pleases God
- Lesson 3: Noah Prepares The Ark
- Lesson 4: Abraham Obeys
- Lesson 5: Abraham Looks for a City
- Lesson 6: Sarah Delivers a Child
- Lesson 7: Abraham Offers Up His Son
- Lesson 8: Isaac Blesses Jacob and Esau
- Lesson 9: Jacob Blesses His Grandkids
- Lesson 10: Joseph Commands Concerning His Bones
- Lesson 11: Moses was Hid Three Months
- Lesson 12: Moses Chooses Affliction With His People
- Lesson 13: Moses Forsook Egypt
- Lesson 14: Moses Kept the Passover
- Lesson 15: Children of Israel Cross The Red Sea
- Lesson 16: Walls of Jericho Fall
- Lesson 17: Rahab Receives The Spies
- Lesson 18: Others Obtain Good Report (part 1)
- Lesson 19: "(part 2)"
- Lesson 20: "(part 3)"
- Lesson 21: "(part 4)"
- Lesson 22: "(part 5)"
- Lesson 23: "(part 6)"
- Lesson 24: "(part 7)"
- Lesson 25: "(part 8)"
- Lesson 26: "(part 9)"
- Lesson 27: "(part 10)"
- Lesson 28: "(part 11)"
- Lesson 29: "(part 12)"
- Lesson 30: "(part 13)"
- Lesson 31: "(part 14)"
- Lesson 32: "(part 15)"

## 3.2 Themes and Ideas

### 3.2.1 Be creative and flexible

3.2.1.1 Keep it “low budget.” Simple is usually better.

3.2.1.2 Recycle decorations and material that have already been used in other activities (youth rallies, vacation Bible schools, etc.)

3.2.1.3 Stay fresh. It is okay to reuse themes that were well liked in previous meetings, but don't over do it. Try to come up with new ideas. The young people are usually full of ideas for you.

3.2.1.4 Favorite themes, games, and popular concession items will vary from one group to another. Observe and learn what your young people like.

3.2.2 Themes can, but don't necessarily have to match the lesson

3.2.3 Games and Concessions should, but don't necessarily have to match the theme.