

HOW TO WIN AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

The Main Things

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Our mission is to mobilize middle schoolers' God-given potential to deeply love Christ and their neighbors.

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Our strategy: It all starts with fun. Fun leads to relationships. Relationships lead to sharing about Jesus. Toss in some OneLife and Community Bridges, and you've got a recipe for mobilizing Christ-followers!

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We are aligned with the overall organization of Valley Church. We value majoring on the majors, helping relationships thrive, loving our community, and pursuing boundless generosity.



Before You Show Up

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Invest in your own spiritual growth. It overflows to students.

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Regularly attend weekend worship services at Valley Church. It sets a good example for students.

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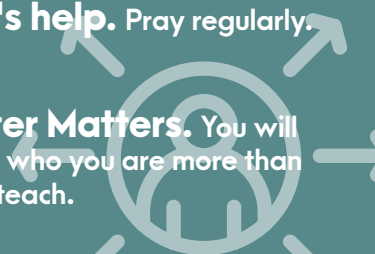
Don't do this without asking for God's help. Pray regularly.

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Character Matters. You will reproduce who you are more than what you teach.

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Read or listen to materials provided by ministry leadership. We'll do our best to set you up to win!



When You're Here

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Show up consistently. Be present and be on time. Let us know ahead of time if you're going to miss.

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Learn the names of everyone in your small group. Bonus points if you learn and remember additional info about each person.

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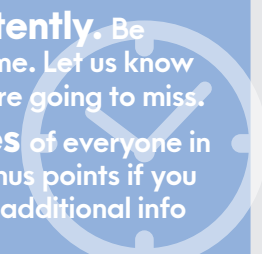
Kids want to know they matter. Be courageous and initiate conversations with them.

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We want to help you become a better leader. Make the most of leadership development opportunities.

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Go deeper here by connecting with students outside of programming whenever possible. Special events are a great way to do that!



If you ever have a question or don't know what to do in a given situation, talk to paid staff or a Coach. We're here to help you!



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Never Forget

- 01** Middle Schoolers are goofy and developing but they're incredibly moldable and shapable.
- 02** This is a profound moment in students' lives. You can make a huge difference in a few short years.
- 03** Chances are high you won't see tangible, immediate results by the end of 8th grade.
- 04** God sees you. He will bless you for your investment in students.
- 05** It's normal to have a difficult ministry night every once in a while. Sometimes ministry is a labor of love and perseverance.

Don'ts

- 01** Don't stand in the back during large group time. Sit with students.
- 02** Don't cluster with other volunteers during program. Focus on students.
- 03** Don't use your phone excessively during program. It communicates you're not interested.
- 04** Don't be a friend. Students need you to be a leader.
- 05** Don't let your discomfort or insecurity get in the way of interacting with students.

You Know You've Succeeded When

- 01** You are able to greet students by name, with a smile, and students are excited to see you.
- 02** You connect with at least one student in a meaningful way during the night, whether through conversation, prayer, activities, or silliness.
- 03** You show or tell at least one student one way they can deeply love Christ and their neighbors.



1 Corinthians 15:58 "My dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."



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