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# About **kids@holiday club**

School holidays, which in Australia occur four times a year, and usually for a minimum of two weeks at a time, are a perfect opportunity to reach out to kids and their families for Christ. In recent times, Holiday Clubs have been a popular activity for churches to hold, attracting children in their local area who are looking for a fun program to pass the time. Often, working parents are also looking for care for their kids, which is both enjoyable and safe.

Holiday Clubs are a good way to attract families to your year-round ministry activities. For un-churched families, coming onto church property and meeting church members via a Holiday Club is a non-threatening introduction to Christianity – a kind of try-before-you-buy program. Once kids have a taste of what it's like to come to a church activity, they'll be keen to have the same fun all year at one of your mid-week clubs or Sunday program. Families will feel comfortable coming to another event, including Easter and Christmas services, as an entry point to becoming a full member in God's time.

## What makes **kids@holiday club** different from other programs?

Unfortunately, writing a Holiday Club program and implementing it is a demanding and time-consuming job for Children's Ministry leaders, who usually have other commitments during the year. It involves writing solid Bible-based teaching around a theme that's appealing to children in Infants and Primary School, and then coming up with fun activities to build-out the program. It's an arduous task that takes months of planning and preparation, before you even consider setting a date or recruiting a team to help you.

At CEP, we've used our decades of experience in writing, teaching and producing Children's Ministry resources, to come up with a series of Holiday Club Programs that are a Director's dream! All the work is done for you, from the development of fun themes to reliable Bible teaching, memorable dramas, age-appropriate small group activities, craft and more.

Our programs are tried and tested! Our writers and contributors have been personally involved in putting the programs into action and so, you can be assured that the program works effectively and is culturally-relevant. The first sections of this Director's pack is filled with practical advice on how to approach scheduling, recruiting your team, how to handle registrations and arrange the children into age-appropriate groups.

We even help you advertise and promote your Holiday Club. In this pack, you'll find helpful hints on how to get your community involved as well as support materials that can be tailored with your Club details. CEP also offers glossy, attractive promotional posters as a separate product that you can purchase to suit your own budget and advertising plans. Simply add your church details and get the kids in your local area excited about coming to your Holiday Club!

Each program also has a take-home component that is available to purchase separately. A colourful and fun reminder of the week learning about Jesus, these take-home items are available in handy packs of 20 so that you can give one to every child attending your Holiday Club.

If this is the first **kids@holiday club** pack you have purchased, look out for our other titles. More will be added to the range so that you can run a different Holiday Club theme each year and keep the children coming back to your church.

We pray that this resource will be a blessing to your church as you seek to make our Lord Jesus known.

Julie Firmstone  
Series Editor



# About this program:

## Knights of the King

### Why a medieval theme?

The Middle Ages or medieval times lasted almost a millennium from the 5th to the 16th centuries. Legends and stories based on this period depict knights who had honour, courage and valour, maidens and damsels-in-distress and glorious castles flying the Coat of Arms of the king of the country. It was a time of monasteries, jousting tournaments, royal feasts and crusades.

The medieval theme of *Knights of the King* provides an opportunity to create a fun environment that can engage children's imaginations, while also providing a springboard to teach the children about the true king of all – God's great king who died for us, Jesus.

Jesus says to his disciples in Matthew 16:24, *If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me.* In our lives, we are called to be faithful followers of Jesus, the true king, because of what he has accomplished for us on the cross. All aspects of our lives should show that we follow Jesus and serve him with joy, because he is worthy to be followed.

*Knights of the King* is aimed at teaching children, 'Why we should follow Jesus' and 'What following Jesus should look like in our lives'. To do that, this program aims to portray Jesus as the true king, who is much more worthy to be followed than anyone in this world. The main characters for *Knights of the King* are a knight, Sir Falot (or whatever name suits the personality and skills of your actor) who is looking for the true king, so he can serve him with all his life. His faithful squire follows along the journey and is a voice of clarity in the knight's ear, helping him to understand what it means to follow Jesus.

Through medieval imagery, the children's tract, *How to become a Knight of the King*, also helps explain that Jesus came to free us from sin and that we need to accept Jesus as our king. In doing so, we can live in God's kingdom of heaven forever!

At the end of the week, it is our prayer that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the children attending your Holiday Club will indeed become *Knights of the King* – followers of the risen King Jesus and live their lives for him!



# What's on the DVD and CD-ROM?

The discs provided with the Director's Pack are packed with resources to use in conjunction with the program, to make it visually exciting and engaging for the children in your Holiday Club. Even if you are not technology-savvy, you will find the DVD and CD-ROM easy to use.

## DVD contains two short animations:

- Announcement – for promoting your Holiday Club during church services, and through your church's audiovisual system, should you have one available. Play this animation to the children in your various ministry activities to excite them about the upcoming club and encourage them to invite their friends.
- Welcome – to have playing each day as the children arrive at Holiday Club. Set this one to run in a loop so that it plays continually as more kids come into your whole-of-group session area.

## CD-ROM holds the remaining resources for each day of the program:

- Artwork for backdrops and other decorations that can be used to transform your church into a medieval castle for the week.
- Artwork for a promotional flyer. You can print your individual church details on the back for advertising and/or registration forms. An example of a registration form and confirmation letter/e-mail is also included.
- Clip art to use on your church website to advertise and promote details of your Holiday Club.
- Points tokens for boys and girls to reward the children for Christ-like behaviour during the week.
- Five PowerPoint presentations for *Talk Time* with your *Kindergarten to Year 2* groups.
- Resources to support the Memory Verse Activities.
- Character masks to print out for *Talk Time* with your *Years 3 to 6* groups.
- PDFs of the daily Puzzle Poster for your small groups in *Years 3 to 6*.
- Colouring activity pages for each day's small groups with *Kindergarten to Year 2*, and the artwork for stickers to be printed out and adhered to the children's folders.
- PDFs of Sir Falot's Shield artwork to use with each day's *Knight and Squire's Drama*.
- Resources to support each day's small group activities with *Kindergarten to Year 2* such as *Go Fish*.
- Resources to support the *Knight's Prank* such as the *Stealth Knight Camouflage Make-up Applier Certificate*.
- Resources to support each day's *Craft* activities, such as the patterns for the *Decorated Candle Lantern*, and shield design outlines and emblems for *Tube Duelling* and the *Castle Cubby House*.
- Invitations to *Celebration Sunday*, able to be tailored to your church's own details.

# What else is available to support the program?

We recognise that every Holiday Club will have differing numbers of children attending and that each church will have a limited budget. Therefore to cater to these differing needs, CEP has produced two separate packs for purchase, in addition to this Director's Pack, to support your *Knights of the King* Holiday Club. These are:

- **Poster Pack.** This contains seven A2-size posters of the tract, *How to become a Knight of the King*, to be used in conjunction with the *Shields* session each day. These can be displayed on a wall in your church after each day's session, to remind the children of what they have learnt. Also included in the pack are five A2-size Promotional Posters, which can be tailored to include the details of your Holiday Club, and to be used in your local area to advertise your unique program.



- **Tract Pack.** You will need one tract per child attending your Holiday Club. These colourful and age-appropriate tracts are available in packs of 20 so that you need only purchase the quantity you require. These tracts are an economical gift that's a take-home reminder of the Bible lessons from *Knights of the King*.

For more information on these packs, contact our CEP sales staff on (02) 8268 3344, or visit our website at [www.cep.youthworks.net](http://www.cep.youthworks.net)

