



## RPK LEADER ESSENTIALS

### *Tips for Leading Well*

We have discovered five essentials for creating the optimum group environment for God to work in.

#### Stay Connected

- This essential reminds us to stay spiritually nourished as we encourage spiritual growth in our kids ministry.
- In John 15, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to instruct his followers to “abide.” When we stay connected to Jesus in this way, we welcome God’s work in us and through us.
- *Are you first staying rooted in your relationship with Jesus, realizing that apart from Him you can do nothing? How are you encouraging those in your group to stay connected to Jesus?*

#### Be Present

- This essential reminds us to practice the ministry of being present.
- One of the things that was so attractive about Jesus, beyond being the King of Kings, our Savior, miracle worker, a gifted teacher, the Son of God, was his ability to be present with every person he was with. Jesus felt the people’s pain, engaged in their stories, came up close and personal, and met their physical and spiritual needs.
- *Are you present with those around you? Do you know their names and are you walking with them in their faith journey?*

#### Create a Safe Place

- This essential reminds us to provide a safe place for the kids where they know they are loved by God and can trust Him no matter what.
- When you look at Jesus’ interactions and intimate moments He had with His disciples or someone He healed or forgave, He came with grace and truth, full of love and not condemnation. He created a safe place for those who would normally be considered an outsider or someone who didn’t belong.
- *Are we creating a consistent environment where kids feel safe and protected?*

#### Partner with the Family

- At Rocky Peak, we’ve adopted what we call the Orange philosophy of doing ministry where the basic idea is that 2 combined influences have a greater impact than the 2 influences alone. The color red representing the heart of the family combined with the color yellow representing the light of the church, make the color orange.
- We believe that when parents are growing spiritually and building healthy relationships, they will have the greatest impact in the lives of the kids. That is why we are passionate about partnering with and resourcing parents.
- *How are we partnering with parents to see the kids grow in their faith?*

#### Multiply Influence

- This essential reminds us to empty our cups and replace ourselves to influence the next generation.
- In 2 Timothy 1:6, apostle Paul encouraged Timothy that God has not given him a spirit of fear but of power, love and self-control. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. In the same way, we can, like Jesus and apostle Paul have these “I See In You” conversations with others of their God given potential, giftings and passions.
- *How are we multiplying influence and helping to grow future leaders?*