

## Leader's Notes

### CKC Coaching Sheet: 10 Ways to Partner With Parents

*Read through the following tips with your team (bold words are fill in the blank).*

1. **Send** a note to parents when their child registers for Kids Club, introducing yourself as a Small Group Leader (SGL).
2. **Ask** parents what they think you should know about their child, and what they hope their child to get out of their experience in your group.
3. **Encourage** them with an unexpected phone call giving positive feedback about their child's behavior in Kids Club.
4. **Cue** them into what you are teaching at Kids Club. A quick comment such as, "Johnny had so many questions about the Prodigal Son story today!" can give them a valuable starting point to engage Johnny in conversation at home later.
5. **Leverage** your small group check-out time. Checking your kids out directly from small group gives you a weekly opportunity for a face to face interaction with parents. In that brief window of time, be intentional about connecting with them.
6. **Show up** at extracurricular events like soccer games or school plays. Let the parent know that you plan to be there to support their child.
7. **Visit** them at their home. When doing so, it is a good idea to call ahead to schedule this visit and to bring another leader along with you.
8. **Extend** your own personal invitation to any Kids Club family or holiday events or special programs at your church.
9. **Thank** them for the effort they've made as a parent. Write and mail a note sharing something you've noticed about their child that shows their investment as a parent is paying off.
10. **Get to know** the parents. As you build a relationship, pray and listen for God to show you how to love and serve them.

*Lead your team members through the action steps, and encourage them to try out 2-3 of these strategies that they are not already using. Ask how you, as a TL, can help them to be more successful in their attempts to connect with parents.*