



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the Life Coaches for Kids® toolkit include?

- A:** The toolkit is a self contained kit containing all materials needed to organize a mentoring ministry. It contains:
- A Leaders Manual and accompanying DVD on how to set up a program
 - 5 Mentor Manuals and accompanying DVD to train mentors
 - Passwords:
 - To access trainings online if preferred
 - To electronically access all forms and promotional materials which may be personalized to your ministry
 - 3 minute DVD to promote the program to church or small groups
 - Home Visit Flip Chart to describe program to parents

Q: What does the online training include?

A: Each church or youth organization that purchases a Life Coaches for Kids® toolkit receives a password to access online training. Both the Leader training and the Mentor training can be utilized by individuals in the comfort of their home, rather than having to attend a group training.

Q: What about liability?

A: There is always some degree of risk in ministry involving children. Life Coaches for Kids® teaches the best practices of screening mentors and supervising matches, and has never had an incident in 11 years. Liability for each mentoring program is the responsibility of each individual church or organization doing the mentoring. Most existing insurance policies cover a Life Coaches® ministry, and churches should check with their insurance agent to be sure.

Q: What kind of ongoing support does Life Coaches for Kids® provide?

A: Life Coaches for Kids® staff is available for phone consultations to answer questions that may arise in the course of your mentoring ministry. New tools may be added to the website and webinars are planned for the future.

Q: Beyond helping kids, what are some ways that Life Coaches® could benefit a church?

A: While the primary goal of a Life Coaches® ministry is to minister to kids, mentoring can be a benefit to churches in other secondary ways. Life Coaches® does not do direct mentoring, but rather equips churches. We provide the training and then the church decides how to adapt and utilize it. In every partner church there is a sponsoring pastor and it may be in varying departments including Children and Youth, Discipleship, Missions, Outreach or Care. Mentoring easily fits under each of those umbrellas and is flexible according to the heart and purpose of the individual church. Our training helps churches establish their own vision. Here are some examples of how churches have utilized mentoring towards secondary goals.

Evangelism: One church has a trailer court two blocks away including many single parent families. The church hopes to mentor kids who live there and minister to those families. Another church has adopted an apartment complex in the neighborhood to mentor kids and reach out to families.

Discipleship: Mentoring is an effective way of grounding young people in their faith. At one church, volunteers in the youth ministry wanted to be trained as mentors in order to more effectively disciple teens. There are optional conversation starters in the Life Coaches training with a spiritual focus.

Prison Ministries: An incarcerated parent could have an opportunity to sign up their child for a mentor.

Foster Care: One church has a goal to provide a Christian mentor to every local foster care child.

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