



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 2019 PLANNING CALENDAR



## PLANNING TIP

Generally, the larger your children's ministry, the more lead time you'll need before an activity to plan, publicize and conduct it. For example:

*size*

*Lead Time Needed*

	SMALL Congregation	MEDIUM Congregation	LARGE Congregation
Plan major children's events	6 months	6 months	12 months
Plan for VBS	6 months	6 Months	6-8 Months
Recruit leaders	1 month	2 months	3 months
Background checks & Safe Sanctuary paperwork	2 months	2 months	3 months
Publicity	2 months	3 months	4-6 months
Registration	1 month	2 months	3 months
Order & purchase supplies	2 weeks	1 month	2-3 months

## Things to Plan

- Meet with Children's Council to set dates for all major CM events in 2019
- Set dates for VBS
- Choose VBS Directors
- Choose and purchase or borrow VBS starter kit.
- Valentine's Day mission/outreach project for children

## Things to do

\*\*\*Attend Beyond CM Conference\*\*\*

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## January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Important days this month

1st—New Year's Day

6th—Epiphany

13th—Baptism of our Lord

21st—MLKing Jr. Day

## People to Contact

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## *Things to Plan*

- Meet with VBS Directors to select VBS team leaders (snacks, decor etc..)
- Contact VBS team leaders to confirm assignments
- Monthly mission/outreach activities
- Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday activities and worship for children
- Lenten study/activities for children

## *Things to do*

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## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28		

## *Important days this month*

14th—Valentine's Day

18th—President's Day

## *People to Contact*

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## Things to Plan

Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th

- Meet with VBS directors and team leaders to start recruiting teachers and helpers for all areas
- Palm Sunday participation in worship
- Meet with Children's Council to plan special Easter celebration for children

## Things to do

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## March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Important days this month

3rd—Transfiguration Sunday

6th—Ash Wednesday/ Lent begins

10th—Lent—First Sunday

17th—Lent—Second Sunday/St. Patrick's Day

24th/31st—Lent—Third and Fourth Sundays

## People to Contact

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### *Things to Plan*

- Plan and schedule VBS volunteer training sessions with VBS Directors.
- Begin volunteer background check process for all VBS volunteers following your church's Safe Sanctuary policy.
- Meet with Children's Council to plan special summer activities.
- Mother's and Father's day recognition
- Begin teacher recruitment for fall.

### *Things to do*

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## April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### *Important days this month*

7th—Lent—Fifth Sunday

14th—Beginning of Holy Week/Palm Sunday

18th—Maundy Thursday

19th—Good Friday

21st—Easter

### *People to Contact*

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### Things to Plan

- Begin VBS registration May 1st
- Publicity for VBS and special Summer activities
- Meet with pastor and worship leaders to plan children's participation in Pentecost worship services.
- Research International Children's Sabbath in preparation for June's planning sessions.

### Things to do

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## May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### Important days this month

12th—Mother's Day

Festival of the Christian Home

27th—Memorial Day

### People to Contact

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### Things to Plan

- Meet with Children's Council to plan special fall activities, promotion Sunday and back-to-school activities.
- Meet with pastor, worship leaders to plan for children's participation in worship on Children's Sabbath.
- Meet with UMW representatives to enlist help for Children's Sabbath

### Things to do

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## June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

### Important days this month

9th—Pentecost

16th—Father's day and Trinity Sunday

### People to Contact

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### Things to Plan

- Meet with pastor and worship leaders to plan teacher consecration and children's blessing of the backpacks in each worship service the Sunday before public schools start..
- Begin publicity for Quest
- Acolyte training before Labor Day
- Christmas program if you have a children's choir or drama team

### Things to do

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## July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### Important days this month

4th—Independence Day

### People to Contact

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## Things to Plan

- Promote Quest event for 3rd-5th graders.
- Complete Background Checks for all adults accompanying students to Quest in September by the end of August..
- Graduation ceremonies for 5 year olds to elementary classes and 5th graders to youth group

## Things to do

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## August 2019

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## Important days this month

Promotion Sunday

Special Recognition of Students and teachers returning to school in worship services

## People to Contact

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## Things to Plan

- Complete Conference Safe Sanctuary paperwork for Quest..
- Meet with Children's Council to plan end-of-October family event (Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat etc.)
- Begin rehearsals for Christmas program this month

## Things to do

\*\*\*Take a group of kids to Quest!\*\*\*

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## September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## Important days this month

2nd—Labor Day

28th—Quest (for 3rd-5th graders) at St..  
James UMC in LR

## People to Contact

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## Things to Plan

- Family Advent activity for 1st Sunday in Advent.
- Leader appreciation event in November before Thanksgiving for all Children's Ministry volunteers .

## October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Important days this month

6th—World Communion Sunday

14th—Columbus Day

20th—International Children's Sabbath

31st—Halloween

## Things to do

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## People to Contact

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## Things to Plan

### Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd

- Meet with Children's Council to set dates for all major CM events in 2020.
- Plan and submit a Children's Ministry budget for 2020.
- Complete charge conference paperwork if applicable.
- Register for Beyond Children's Ministry Conference to be held January , 2020

## Things to do

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## November 2019

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## Important days this month

1st—All Saints Day

3rd—All Saints Day celebrated

11th—Veteran's Day

24th—Christ the King Sunday

28th—Thanksgiving

## People to Contact

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## Things to Plan

- New Year and Epiphany activities.

## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Important days this month

1st—Advent—First Sunday

8th—Advent—Second Sunday

15th—Advent—Third Sunday

22nd—Advent—Fourth Sunday

25th—Christmas

## Things to do

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## People to Contact

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