

First Steps for Youth Leaders – January 2020

Here are the first steps you need to take to set up the new Children and Youth initiative. Links are provided so you know where the direction came from.

1. Your bishopricks should be orienting your class presidencies. Here's the link with the training page they could use:

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/content/pdf/children-and-youth/PD60009511/PD60009511_000-Quorum-Class-Training.pdf?lang=eng

2. Once you get them oriented - it's important to hold regular in-person class presidency meetings for a while so the youth can plan the next three months of activities, plan to minister, and learn about the new Children and Youth program. Here's a guide for planning the activities:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/ldsorg/content/pdf/children-and-youth/PD60009891-Service-and-Activity-Guidelines.pdf?lang=eng>

3. As you plan activities, there are lots of activity ideas on this website:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/childrenandyouth/discover?lang=eng&types=ACTIVITY>

4. How do we plan activities?
 - Every activity starts with a need
 - Plan with a purpose (what do we want to have happen in the lives of the YW as a result of this activity)
 - Read the FAQ on page 6 of this link for more info

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/pdf/children-and-youth/17313_000_notice.pdf?lang=eng

5. You need to give them their stuff :-) (See pages 2, 3, and 5 of the link below)
 - Class presidencies give the medallions to each girl (it's an emblem of belonging and every girl gets one) In the future only new Young Women will get them each January. This would be a good topic for a presidency meeting – how they want to present the belonging medallions to the young women in their class.
 - Bishops give the temple recommend holders during his next interview
 - Someone (you decide who and how) gives them a goal booklet. Bishops should already have received them. Goal tracking will also be available on the app, so youth do not have to use the paper copy if they don't want to. They get a new one every year to do new goals every year.
 - None of this stuff is for sale yet on the website. Your ward clerk should be getting an order form to order all of these materials at the end of 2019, so keep checking (they may already have them).

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6. The App will be out in 2020

- Youth can do goals on the app
- The app has a calendar for goals and activity reminders
- The app has “circles” so you can chat/text with just your class, your family, or the whole yw group.
- The app has tons of goal ideas, memes, articles, stuff to share, and activity ideas on a DISCOVER page that looks like this:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/childrenandyouth/discover?lang=eng>

7. Goals (officially known as Children and Youth Personal Development)

- Youth get a new booklet every year
- There’s goal ideas online at churchofjesuschrist.org and on the Gospel Living App (due out in January) - just search for “goals”
 - <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/childrenandyouth/discover?lang=eng>
- The app has reminders that pop up on their phone of goals they have set for themselves
- Children and youth don’t need to tell anyone their goals, but they can. Adults are responsible for supporting, not tracking.
- Youth are encouraged to do 2 goals in each of the 4 areas (spiritual social physical intellectual) each year
- The Crystal is earned in the year youth turn 18. Another place it says it’s earned the year they either graduate, enter RS, or move away from home. There is a list of things the youth should be doing to earn the award. There seems to be service or a big service project involved. Here’s the link - See page 5 for the achievement info.

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8. For Youth and Class Presidencies - here’s the best list of links to youth resources:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/childrenandyouth/for-youth?lang=eng>

- Service & Activity ideas
- Goal ideas
- Link to goal booklets,
- links to instagram
- Youth music
- Theme, camp guides, face-to-face, etc.
- ALL THINGS YOUTH!