



## Welcome to the Creative Conference!

Welcome to the Creative Conference. Why creative preaching and teaching? Think of it this way, the greatest majority of children are not actively seeking a biblical education. Yet they are actively seeking fun and entertainment. This gives you and I a tremendous opportunity.

We have a message that is the Greatest Story Ever Told, The Good News, The Hope of the World! I believe it is important to share this message in a way that arrests kids' attention and causes our message to stick. This in no-way implies that we don't preach and speak absolute truth, discount the desire, or need of the Holy Spirit, or that we soften the Word of God.

Our message simply must be the most important thing. The entertainment portion is a very distant second, but in my opinion is important for us to be the most effective when teaching children.

Can I tell you something? God is not boring! It takes people like you and me to make God boring. I remember going out into the government housing neighborhoods in my home-town and gathering a crowd of kids by showing them simple magic tricks. We were laughing, playing together and having great fun, and then we would invite them to church with a colorful flyer. The minute that I uttered the word "church" their entire countenance would change. Why?!? Not because they hated God, not because they didn't believe in Jesus.

Because they had been to church and it was boring.

They were told to sit down and to be quiet. No-one had taken the time to plan a service that was both full of God's Word and His Spirit, yet delivered in a way that kids understood and enjoyed.

From that day forward, I decided that I was going to do my best to make sure that I never made God or his house boring to a child. We want to learn to capture a child's attention and earn the right to continue to introduce them to a Living God, His son Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

I must tell you that I have seen children's ministry leaders who were extremely funny, but their message got completely lost in their desire to make kids laugh. I have also seen children's ministry leaders who were super talented, but they were so busy showing things, doing multiple illusions, etc., that children were not able to remember the actual point of the message.

Remember: Study after study has proven that people cannot truly multi-task. Rather, people rapidly switch their attention back and forth between multiple tasks, focusing only on one thing at a time.

Keep it simple, yet creatively illustrate. All the while looking to the Holy Spirit to lead, anoint, convict, and speak to hearts and minds.

Creative messaging done correctly does not take away from the message or supersede the pursuit of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. It simply helps children's ministry leaders lay the foundation that the Spirit will use to minister to children in our services.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



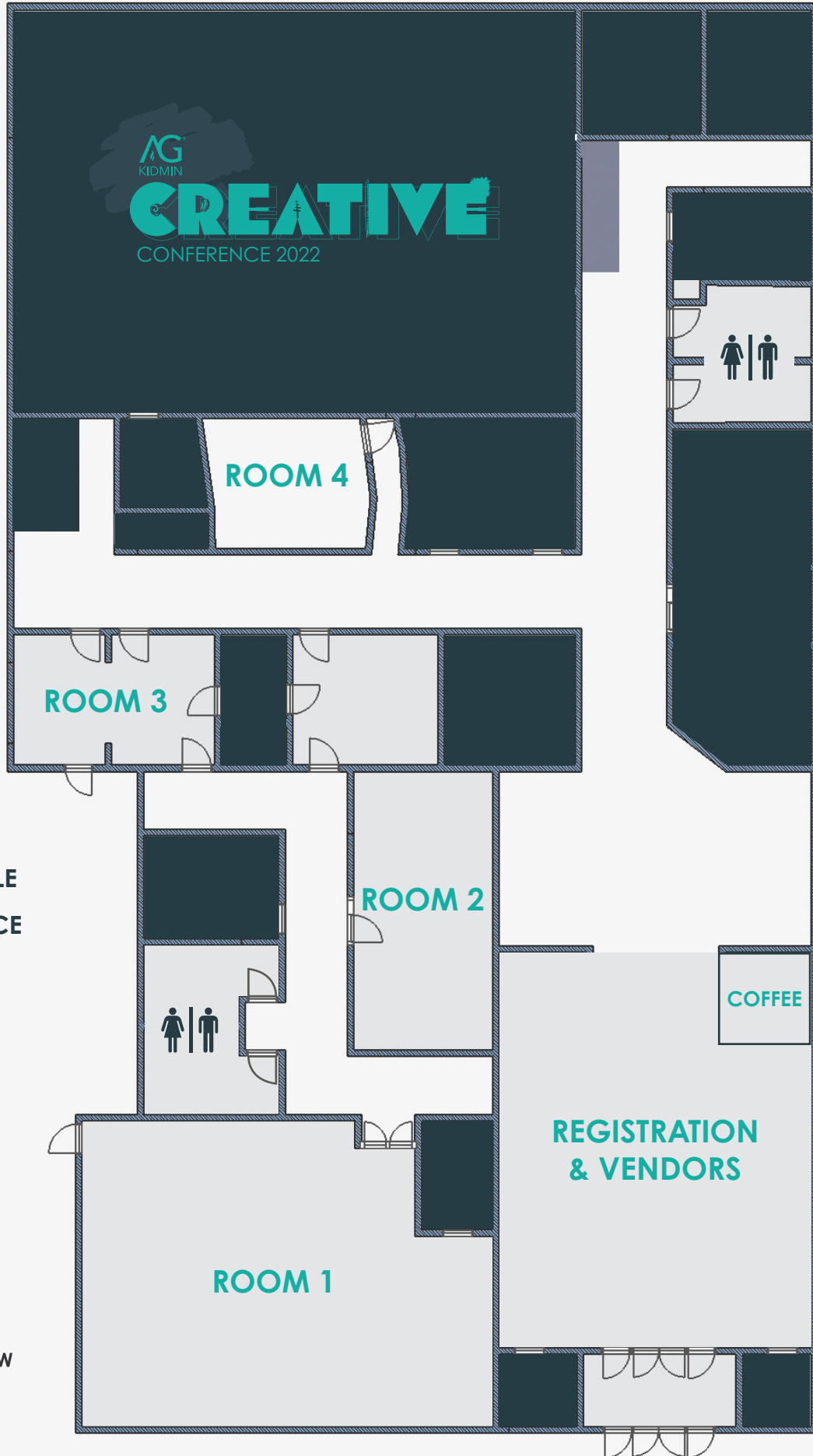
## THURSDAY OCT. 20:

|               |                                                          |         |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 6:15 – 7:00pm | Registration/Vendors/Snacks/Meet and Greet               |         |
| 7:00 – 7:30   | <b>Opening Variety Show</b>                              | -Room 1 |
| 7:40 – 8:30   | <b>Creative Breakouts Session #1</b>                     |         |
|               | Chris Pruett <i>Ventriloquism for Newbs</i>              | -Room 3 |
|               | Don Bursell <i>Basic Balloon Object Lessons</i>          | -Room 2 |
|               | Kyle Jorris <i>Creative Message Crafting</i>             | -Room 1 |
| 8:40 – 9:30   | <b>Creative Breakouts Session #2</b>                     |         |
|               | Mark Kilcoyne <i>Tear it Up – Paper Tearing Illusion</i> | -Room 4 |
|               | Jamie Doyle <i>Tricky Messages for Kids - Part 1</i>     | -Room 1 |
|               | David Boyd <i>Creative Drawing for Everyone</i>          | -Room 2 |
|               | Dick Gruber <i>Story Telling with a Biblical Flair</i>   | -Room 3 |
| 9:30 – 10:00  | Break and snacks/Vendor show                             |         |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | <b>Dollar Tree Creativity &amp; Balloon Extravaganza</b> | -Room 1 |

## FRIDAY OCT. 21:

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| 8:00 – 9:30am | Continental Breakfast provided (Coffee shop available)                 | -Room 1 |
|               | <b>Early Bird Session</b>                                              |         |
|               | Kyle Jorris <i>Making Movies for Your Messages</i>                     | -Room 1 |
| 9:40 – 10:30  | <b>Creative Breakouts Session #3</b>                                   |         |
|               | Randy Christensen <i>Scripture Memory Methods</i>                      | -Room 4 |
|               | Dick Gruber <i>Effective Costume &amp; Puppet Characters</i>           | -Room 2 |
|               | Don Bursell <i>The Creative Mind</i>                                   | -Room 3 |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Break/Vendors open                                                     |         |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | <b>Creative Conference General Session 1</b>                           | -Room 1 |
|               | Kelly Presson <i>Creative and Powerful Lesson Delivery</i>             |         |
| 12:00 – 2:00  | Lunch break on the town/Dollar Tree Creativity Stop                    |         |
| 2:00 – 2:50   | <b>Creative Breakouts Session #4</b>                                   |         |
|               | Jamie Doyle <i>Tricky Messages for Kids - Part 2</i>                   | -Room 1 |
|               | Chris Pruett <i>Creative Skit Writing</i>                              | -Room 2 |
|               | Randy Christensen <i>Message-Based Routines You Can Do</i>             | -Room 3 |
| 3:00 – 4:00   | <b>Creative Conference General Session 2</b>                           | -Room 1 |
|               | Dollar Tree Creativity Activity                                        |         |
|               | Kelly Presson <i>Vital Keys for Building Disciples in 7 Dimensions</i> |         |
| 4:00 – 4:30   | Break and Snacks/Vendors open                                          |         |
| 4:30 – 5:30   | <b>Creative Breakouts Session #5</b>                                   |         |
|               | David Boyd <i>Creative Methods for Mission Trips</i>                   | -Room 4 |
|               | Kyle Jorris <i>Digital Kids Ministry Presentations</i>                 | -Room 2 |
|               | Randy Christensen <i>Creative Offering Lessons</i>                     | -Room 3 |
| 5:30 – 6:30   | Evening meal at the church                                             | -Room 1 |
| 6:30 – 7:00   | <b>Closing Creative Show</b>                                           | -Room 1 |

# CONFERENCE MAP



- UNAVAILABLE
- CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

