



KidsQuest USA—

Churches Helping Churches Reach Kids!

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KidsQuest USA is a ministry that is a part of the National Children's Ministries Agency. The primary concept of KidsQuest USA revolves around the idea of local Assemblies of God churches helping other Assemblies of God churches and ministries reach the children in their neighborhoods, cities, and communities.

The concept is this: A church learns how to conduct this special three-day KidsQuest USA children's event and first ministers it to their own children. Afterwards, this church ministers the same event free of charge at a new church plant, an Indian reservation, a home missions church, a military installation, a Convoy of Hope outreach, a language church, or other local Assemblies of God ministries.

This concept is meeting a vital need in our home missions efforts and in smaller Assemblies of God churches across our nation. It is giving them a tool to assist in their efforts to reach the lost in their areas.

KidsQuest USA is NOT

designed to be a one-time event at the team leader's church. Its purpose and function lie in its ability to be used as a method of evangelism and outreach in partnership with other ministries.



The Event

KidsQuest USA is a three-night event performed using the KidsQuest USA kit. This kit is a pre-packaged children's event, complete with scripts, costumes, props, illusions, full-body animal costume, clown costumes, stage backdrops, and sound effects. There are over 500 items contained in the kit.

Service Themes

Service One leads the kids on a *Quest for Truth*. In a society that teaches truth is relative and can be found anywhere, this service leads the kids to the real source of truth found in the Bible.

Service Two is the *Quest for Happiness*. What kid doesn't want to be happy? This service focuses on the importance of knowing that "those who trust in the Lord will be happy," Proverbs 16:20 (NLT).

Service Three takes the children on the *Quest for Love*. Everyone in the world wants to be loved. Jesus is the only one who can show children perfect love. This service walks the children alongside Jesus, and allows them to take His hand to continue their lives together.

Other Features

There are three essential parts of the KidsQuest USA events that are critically important for the outreach event:

- ❖ A free six-part, full-color, comic book series with a salvation follow-up plan for all

kids accepting Christ as their Savior.

- ❖ A free one-day children's ministries training event conducted for the mission church's children's leadership.
- ❖ One year of free children's curriculum provided to the host Assemblies of God church.

Our goal is training and equipping local churches to effectively minister to their children.

Getting Involved

To ensure the quality and consistency of KidsQuest USA, training is required prior to receiving approval to conduct the event. You may be trained in the KidsQuest USA event in several different ways:

- ❖ Attend one of the one-day regional training events being held across the nation.
- ❖ Attend and observe a three-night KidsQuest USA event near your location.

In addition to training provided by the national office, KidsQuest USA currently has six regional trainers who are certified to conduct sectional and district events. This team is available for training if your team cannot attend one of the previously scheduled events.

For more information about KidsQuest USA, visit:
www.kidsquestusa.ag.org.

To find the event nearest you, contact the national KidsQuest USA office at (417) 862-2781, extension 4089.

Questions for Further Study—

1. What is the primary concept of KidsQuest USA?
2. Why is training required before approval is granted to conduct a KidsQuest USA event?
3. How can KidsQuest USA help your children's ministry?

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