

L.I.T. (LEADERS IN TRAINING) VS. OTHER MIDWEEK PROGRAMS

This chart gives a comparison between the two ministry formats. It looks at what happens at home, church, and beyond.

PROGRAM	PARENT TRAINING	HOME	SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP	ROLL OF SMALL GROUP LEADER	MINISTRY TRAINING/ACTIVITY	MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT	MISSIONS
Other Programs		Children memorize Bible verses.	Children recite their memory verses.	The leader listens to children quote memory verses.	Children play games and other fun activities.		Children invite their friends to church.
L.I.T. (Leaders In Training)	Parent Training/Resources Parent Covenant with Church Parent covenant/application Daily quiet times: Parent Talk reinforces a Christian Worldview	Children do daily quiet times and memorize Scripture. Their daily devotions reinforce the meaning of their weekly memory verses. Children put Christ first daily and learn to pray with their parents.	Children go to their small groups (D-Groups) prepared, and the leader reinforces what they have learned at home. They know how to share their faith, pray, and use their spiritual gifts during D-Group time.	The D-Group leaders are disciplers and mentors like Paul with Timothy. They come alongside the children and model their faith. They encourage the children to lead out during D-Group using their spiritual gifts.	Children and preteens are trained and equipped for ministry using their spiritual gifts. Children have a platform for ministry within their church.	The church sees children as younger brothers and sisters in Christ. They are encouraged to serve in church during the midweek program and on Sunday mornings. Many churches have their preteens run their children's worship services leading worship, teaching, greeting, running sound, etc.	Children learn how to share their faith and many times lead their friends and family members to Christ. They are engaged in ministry and missions in the community and on mission trips.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES LEARNED AT HOME AND AT CHURCH

PROGRAM	LORDSHIP (Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1)	BIBLE STUDY	PRAYER (Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7)	EVANGELISM (Acts 1:8)	GIFTS & MINISTRY (1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4:11-13)	LIFE OF OBEDIENCE	PROGRAM
Other Programs		Children memorize Bible verses at home and then quote them to their leader at church.	The leaders pray with the children in their groups.	Leaders reach children with the Gospel. Children are encouraged to bring their lost friends to church.	Children are recipients of ministry.	Children are encouraged to obey God's commandments.	Alternate Program
Leaders In Training	Children learn to surrender their lives to Christ daily and live in obedience to His Word. They learn to spend time with God in daily prayer.	Children learn the discipline of reading God's Word daily, memorizing Scripture, and learning to apply it to their lives. They learn God's Word by putting it into action.	Children learn how to pray and intercede for family, friends, missionaries, the lost, and people in authority. Prayer is a significant part of their D-Group time.	Children learn how to share their faith and many times reach their family members and peers for Christ. They are mobilized into their community and lead out on their mission trips teaching, leading in prayer, and counseling lost children.	The church sees children as younger brothers and sisters in Christ. The leadership helps them discover their spiritual gifts and encourages them to use their gifts in D-Group and in the church.	Children learn to live a life of obedience to Christ in action through acknowledging the lordship of Christ, prayer, daily study of His Word, evangelism, and ministering to others using their spiritual gifts.	Leaders In Training