

#Engage* NCC Initiatives

1. Complete a Spiritual Gifts Assessment Inventory to determine the Spiritual Gifts of each Adventurer. Based on what you learn determine how those Spiritual Gifts can be used in the programs/activities that are currently a part of what is happening at your church. Work with your pastor and or church leaders to find a way to actively use at least one of the Spiritual Gifts of each child to perform a job or service in your church program for four weeks.
2. Research five leaders in your community (civic, education, business, social, social services, media, religious, health). Find out their name, job description, how long they have served and lived in your community, etc. As a family or as a club, meet two of them in person.
3. Assess a need in your community and determine how your club/family can help to meet that need.
4. One of the initiatives of #engage is to plant new churches. Find a way to impact a church plant near you.

Helps

1. You can find an assessment tool in the Go Fish! Kit available at AdventSource. There are also some available online. The goal here is to have Adventurers actually participate to the level they are able in the function of your church. Once the Adventurers have taken the Assessment work closely with your pastor/church leaders/board to be sure they are receptive to having children be a part of the 'workers' in your church. You will need their cooperation but also you need to coach the Adventurers well, be sure they understand thoroughly how to do their church job. We want the experience to be positive for the church members/staff and the Adventurers too, of course.
2. The idea is to get to know your community, to see what is happening there, who does what, what the needs are, and how you can be helpful. Have the Adventurers help you decide who to research. The two leaders you choose to meet could come to visit with the club during an Adventurer meeting or you could visit them at their work place.
3. Just because you have something to give doesn't mean someone else needs it. Work with social service organizations in your community to see where you can be the most helpful to the real needs. Because Adventurers include very young children there may be some limitations as to where you can help but every community has needs and all of us have something to give. There may be programs already in progress and all you need to do is step in to someone else's program and lend a helping hand.
4. Several churches in Northern are planting new congregations. If you don't know of one near you contact the Executive Secretary's office at the Northern

California Conference Office (925) 603-5007) for more information. Ideas to impact or be involved in a church plant include but are not limited to: sponsor in some way the church plant, visit the church plant, interview the church pastor or lay person planting the church.

*Most awards are designed to be completed as a group rather than by just one Adventurer working alone. This award is specifically designed to be completed by an Adventurer Club working on it together or a family could work on it together.