



Lads to Leaders 101

What is Lads to Leaders?

Lads to Leaders is a program to help the church build godly leaders. It provides the opportunity for students and adults to grow in their knowledge of God's word and to prepare to serve the church and their families.

Who can participate?

All students (Pre-K through 12th grade) and all adults can participate, although some events are for certain age ranges. The remainder of this document contains information about the many events available. Each event will use the following participant key to specify which ages can participate in the event.

Participant Key:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

What is convention?

Convention is a great way to end the year in Lads to Leaders. It is held Easter weekend in many locations throughout the country. Our congregation attends the convention in Louisville. Convention includes competition for several events, judging for some pre-convention events, and awards presentations. It is also a great chance to fellowship and worship with members of many congregations.

How does someone get started?

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) or yourself, you may contact either Jason (jklongwith@gmail.com, 859-358-1987) or Tonya (tonya_bunny@yahoo.com, 859-358-1866) Longwith.

What are the events?

Pre-Convention Events

Art Says It

Purpose: To offer participants an opportunity to use their talents, skills, and artistic abilities via art media to communicate a biblical message related to the annual convention theme.

Description: Participants create an art project in one or more of the following categories:

Drawing/Sketching

Painting

Photography

Poster (Grades 3-6 only)

Bulletin Board

Greeting Card (Pre-K - 2 and Bartimaeus only)

Collage (Pre-K - 2 and Bartimaeus only)

Sculpture (Pre-K - 2 and Bartimaeus only)

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 (Display Only) 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Banner

Purpose: To encourage team organization and creativity among participants in the creation of banners to be displayed at group functions, youth rallies, church, or in the community.

Description: A group of students creates a banner to be displayed at congregational events. There is only one banner per congregation.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Bible Bowl - Individual Test

Purpose: To enable participants to enhance knowledge of textual content; to develop quick reference to Bible facts and gain knowledge of Scripture.

Description: The participants will read and study the book of Joshua. Study questions are provided by Lads to Leaders in order to prepare for the test. Each student will take a timed test and scores will be submitted. The top 10 scorers in each age will receive an award.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Centurion of Scripture

Purpose: To encourage memorization of God's Word. In Acts 10, a centurion commanded 100 soldiers. The Centurion of Scripture commands 100 Scriptures by memory. This is a local, year-round event where participants memorize scriptures.

Description: Each participant will work to memorize 100 scriptures.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Defender

Purpose: The Defender event is designed to help young people understand the Christian's responsibility to always be ready to give a defense of the Christian faith.

Description: Each participant will read a book and watch a series of videos over a specific subject. A test is then taken over the studied material.

Who can participate:

6 7 - 8 9 - 12

GIFTS

Purpose: To foster a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among Christian teen girls, and to develop spiritual relationship and dependence on one another for strength to overcome temptation and serve faithfully. To grow in the ability to lead and participate in ladies' Bible classes.

Description: Participants meet in a group, led by an adult female mentor, to go over the study materials and participate in projects.

Who can participate:

Girls 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Good Samaritan

Purpose: To reach out to others by going the extra mile. To teach the importance of showing people other than family the love of Jesus. This can be done by sending cards, visiting the sick and shut ins, conducting home Bible studies, performing service projects, etc. Being a Good Samaritan means going beyond our Christian living.

Description: Each participant performs projects of service for others.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

GUARD

Purpose: To foster a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among Christian teen boys, and to develop spiritual relationship and dependence on one another for strength to overcome temptation and serve faithfully. To grow in the ability to lead and participate in Bible classes and worship services.

Description: Participants meet in a group, led by an adult male mentor, to go over the study materials and participate in projects.

Who can participate:

Boys 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Keepers

Purpose: To foster practical homemaking skills. The name is taken from young women as described in Titus 2:4-5, particularly “keepers at home”. The program will provide experience in practical homemaking skills that will be valuable to all Christian girls and women including those who work, at any point, outside the home. Each event within the program will serve to encourage a specific skill that will help prepare girls for their most basic and Biblical place as adults; that is, their place in the home as wives and mothers. The program will use Proverbs 31, the virtuous woman, for the various categories of skills taught.

Description: Each participant participates in a series of activities to learn practical skills.

Who can participate:

Girls **3 - 5** **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12**

Know the Books

Purpose: To teach the books of the Bible and their themes.

Description: Each participant learns to recite the books of the Bible: Old Testament, New Testament, or both. Students in Pre-K - 2 may sing or recite the books.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 **3 - 5** **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12** **Adult**

Mass Communications - Blogging

Purpose: To train Christians to communicate effectively with information and technology.

Description: A student creates a single blog post that is then published online to a blog.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12**

Mass Communications - Podcasting

Purpose: To train Christians to communicate effectively with information and technology.

Description: A student records a podcast that is then published online.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12**

Mass Communications - Storyline

Purpose: To train Christians to communicate effectively with information and technology.

Description: A group of students create a video of a dramatized Bible story, Bible truth, or a moral lesson. The video will be uploaded to the internet.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12**

Mass Communications - PowerPoint Presentation

Purpose: To train Christians to communicate effectively with information and technology.

Description: A student creates a PowerPoint presentation and uploads to a cloud storage site.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 **6** **7 - 8** **9 - 12**

Pearls

Purpose: To provide students with a deeper study into the Bible Bowl book selected for the convention year.

Description: The students participate in a study provided by Lads to Leaders. A test is then taken over the material.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Providers

Purpose: To foster practical skills in typical areas of heading and maintaining a home and family. Each category within the event will serve to encourage a specific skill that will help prepare male participants for their most basic and Biblical place as adults; that is, leading their homes as husbands and fathers. The event will also provide experience in practical home maintenance skills that will be valuable to all Christian male participants.

Description: Each participant participates in a series of activities to learn practical skills.

Who can participate:

Boys 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Read the Word

Purpose: To encourage students and adults to read the Scriptures. This is a local, year-round event where participants read their Bibles.

Description: Each participant must read either the entire New Testament or the entire Old Testament by the convention registration deadline (February 14, 2022).

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Scrapbook

Purpose: To serve as a record of the activities and growth of students and groups. To provide a tool for recording the special achievements in the lives of the individual students and to document events and activities of the local church.

Description: A group of students creates a scrapbook to record events during the last year.

Who can participate:

3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Second Language

Purpose: To promote and increase the ability of men and women to be able to communicate basic information and also to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ in a second language and/or sign language.

Description: Each participant learns to communicate basic phrases and some Bible verses in a second language.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Sower

Purpose: To learn the skill of approaching others to ask for a personal Bible study. To learn the skill of personal evangelism. To focus on the Scriptures necessary to know in teaching others how to follow Jesus Christ and obey the gospel.

Description: The book Sower: Evangelism for Everyone is covered in a series of lessons. After completion of the study, each participant makes a presentation to someone who has not obeyed the Gospel.

Who can participate:

6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Year-Round Bulletin Board

Purpose: Participants will decorate a bulletin board at their home congregation several times during the year. Bulletin boards located in classrooms, hallways or other locations inside the church building can be decorated for the congregation.

Description: Each participant decorates a bulletin board at the building several times throughout the year.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Year-Round PowerPoint Presentation

Purpose: Participants will create visual presentations designed to be used as visual aids that accompany biblical lessons. This event allows students to develop technical skills and creativity. Students are not required to present lessons, only create presentations that are used by a teacher, preacher, or themselves.

Description: Each participant develops one or more presentations that will be presented by themselves or others.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Year-Round Song Leading / Songs of Praise

Purpose: To prepare young men and women to be accomplished song leaders.

Description: Students lead songs a minimum of 12 times during the year before an audience, using no less than 3 different songs.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Year-Round Speech

Purpose: To promote year-round, local public speaking. To prepare students to be accomplished speakers and Bible class teachers by delivering speeches to worship assemblies, Bible classes, devotional groups, or other appropriate audiences, such as civic clubs, ladies' days, lectureships, schools, etc.

Description: Students prepare and give speeches a minimum of 12 times during the year before an audience, using no less than 3 different speeches.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Convention Events (convention attendance required)

Bartimaeus

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for students and adults with special needs to give a speech, lead a song, or read from the Bible in a non-competitive, friendly environment.

Description: There are four different areas for Bartimaeus participation: Oral Bible Reading, Art Says It, Speech, and Song Leading / Songs of Praise.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12 Adult

Bible Bowl - Team

Purpose: To enable participants to enhance knowledge of textual content; to develop quick reference to Bible facts and gain knowledge of Scripture; to bond through team spirit.

Description: The participants will read and study the book of Joshua. Study questions are provided by Lads to Leaders to help in the study. Each team of 4 competes against other teams to answer questions at the convention.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Debate

Purpose:

- To promote deeper study of Scripture as it relates to life's issues.
- To promote development of a deeper understanding of both sides of a debate issue.
- To promote the participant's ability to follow standards of procedure, to keep the discussion within bounds and ensure a fair hearing to both sides of a debate issue.

Description: Each team of two students (2 boys or 2 girls) will prepare and participate in a debate at convention.

Who can participate:

7 - 8 9 - 12

Oral Bible Reading

Purpose: To emphasize the fundamental importance of Bible reading and to strengthen the foundation for public speaking. Bible reading is an important skill for young students to develop – the younger the better. Beyond the fundamental importance of reading the Bible, the skill of oral reading is also a foundation for other public speaking.

Description: Each participant reads a passage from either the Old Testament or the New Testament at convention.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 (These students aren't rated) 3 - 5 6

Puppet Theater

Purpose: To train students to teach children biblical principles using puppets. Participants learn valuable team-working skills in their preparation and presentation. Great opportunity for participants to gain self-confidence in public presentations.

Description: Each team prepares to present a puppet show at convention.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Song Leading / Songs of Praise

Purpose: To train young men to fulfill the role of song leaders in the church. To train young women to lead other women in ladies' classes, devotionals, retreats, etc.

Description: Each student leads 2 verses of a song in a group setting at convention.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 (These students aren't judged) 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12

Speech

Purpose: To provide a challenge to students to excel in public speaking and encourage high standards in speech content, organization, and delivery.

Description: Each student prepares and gives a speech in a group setting at convention.

Who can participate:

Pre-K - 2 (These students aren't rated) 3 - 5 6 7 - 8 9 - 12