

TELLING THE NEXT GENERATION

UTILIZING OUR SCHOOLS FOR OUTREACH

Telling the Next Generation is a ministry provided by the WELS Commission on Evangelism, the Commission on Lutheran Schools, and Early Childhood Ministry. The program serves congregations of the WELS with planning, assistance, and resources for implementation of outreach strategies utilizing their Lutheran elementary school and/or early childhood ministry.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Committed to the Word

The gospel is the *means* that the Holy Spirit uses to work/grow faith in the hearts of its audience. The Word teaches us the true definition of our church/school *mission* and guides us in our *vision* for carrying it out. It's the Word that *empowers* our faith and *directs* our lives to serve Jesus and the people he leads us to reach with the good news of his salvation.

2. Relationships

Very important for utilizing our childhood ministries for outreach are the relationships that church and school leaders have and strive to grow with each other and with school families. They work as an organized and determined team with focus on the precious souls they are reaching for Christ.

3. Harvest Strategies

A practical guide for congregations and schools to build relationships with the school children and their families, to develop an organized program for nurturing those relationships, and to strive to lead them to instruction in the Word.

It's the *gospel* (1st presentation) that unites and motivates *people* doing ministry (2nd presentation) and compels them by the love of Christ to use the gospel in strategic ways to *harvest* souls for the kingdom (3rd presentation).

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The presenters and other advisors work with individual congregations to advise them regarding outreach plans and strategies.

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