

# TIPS FOR PARTNERING WITH SMALL GROUP LEADERS

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There are few relationships in a kid's life with as much potential as the relationship between them and a trusted adult. While a parent is the most important influence, the truth is kids (and their parents) simply need other adults supporting them and speaking truth into their lives.

Your kid's small group leader (SGL) is already leaning in and investing in your kid every week. In order to maximize their influence, here are a few tips to partnering with them:

## COMMUNICATION

Ask the SGL what their preferred mode of communication is (text, email, etc.) and use it! If you have concerns or questions about your child or the phase they are in, reach out!

## TRUST

Allow the SGL to lead with authority. Avoid asking them what your kid is sharing in group. There needs to be an established trust for them to get the most out of their relationship. (Plus, you don't really want to know *everything*, trust us.)

## HELP!

Offer to host or co-host an event. Grab some snacks and open your home to your kid and their small group. You'll get to know the kids in their group better and support their leaders at the same time.

## SAY THANK YOU

Being a small group leader is a huge commitment. And it doesn't exactly pay well! Saying thank you with a note or a gift card will go a lot further than you think!

## BE AN ENCOURAGER

Be the SGL's biggest supporter, encourager, and cheerleader. Typing a quick text will let them know you believe in them and want to be there for them.

## PRAY

Your SGL wants to make an impact on your kid and the other kids in their group. But just like parenting, it's not always easy or intuitive. Pray for them, that they will have wisdom to say and do the right things, and that they will be able to build a relationship with each kid.