



# **Good News Club FAQ's 2017**

## **What is a Good News Club?**

A Good News Club is an after school Bible club held weekly at a local public elementary school. Each week children who attend the club enjoy a one hour program which includes a Bible lesson, memory verse time, fun songs and a review game.

## **Are Good News Clubs legal?**

Yes! Here in Hawaii, the law says that after the school day is completed, every public school is considered a public use facility. This essentially means that any organization can rent space at any public school after school hours and hold any activity the like. Because our Good News Clubs take place after school, our teams have complete freedom to share the Gospel and the love of Christ with every child who attends.

In addition, Good News Clubs received a favorable verdict by the US Supreme Court in the summer of 2001. In that landmark case, the court ruled that if a school opens their doors after school hours for any organization, they have to open them for all organizations.

## **Who can attend a Good News Club?**

Our Good News Clubs are designed specifically to share Christ's love with elementary aged children. In order to attend, every child must have a completed parent's permission form. Because our GNC's are held after school, churches are free to invite any elementary aged child to attend, this includes home schooled children, private school children and children from other local elementary schools. Parents are also invited and encouraged to attend the Good News Club at any time to observe. However, if a parent wishes to become an active participant in the GNC and engage with the children, they will need to complete a background screening.

## **Who sponsors the Good News Club?**

Good News Clubs are held through a partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii and a local church. CEF is an international ministry seeking to help churches share the Gospel with every child in every country. CEF began in 1936 and currently has ministry in every country except one!

CEF of Hawaii, the local arm of CEF, provides training, background screening, liability insurance and legal assistance to each club. Local church provides volunteers, financial support, prayer support and commit to following up with children who make decisions for Christ at each club.

## **How much does a Good News Club cost?**

Every GNC is FREE for children to attend. However, there are some costs associated with starting and sustaining a GNC at a local public elementary school. On average, it costs about \$4 per week to rent a classroom for two hours at a school. In addition, the CEF required Bible Lesson curriculum costs about \$25 for a six week series (teacher's manual and printed visuals). Finally, most churches opt to provide some kind of snack for the children who attend each week. When added together, it comes out to less than \$8 per week plus snacks to share the Gospel with the children at a local elementary school.

## **How do I start a Good News Club in my area?**

Starting a Good News Club takes vision, prayer and commitment.

You need a vision for seeing the children in your community come to know Christ before the crucial age of twelve. You need to prayerfully seek God's guidance for starting a club and you need to be willing to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the start up process. For more details, about starting a new Good News Club please visit our website and read through the following files "*GNC Startup Requirements*" and "*GNC Punch List*" at [www.cefhawaii.com/gnc](http://www.cefhawaii.com/gnc)

## **I have more questions, who do I contact?**

Feel free to contact Matt Walton, our CEF of Hawaii State Director using the information below for answers to any other questions you may have.

