

God's Original



Parent's Handbook

2009-2010

Harvest Assembly of God

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not turn from it."*

Proverbs 22:6

Dear Parents,

We are excited to have the opportunity to present this program to the children of our church and our community. Harvest Assembly of God believes this ministry offers something of great value to our children and yours.

This booklet is designed to provide information and answer questions about God's Original Route 66.

We hope your experience with Route 66 and Harvest Assembly of God will be a positive one. We consider it a privilege to serve you and your children.

If you have further questions please call the church at 614-878-3830.

God's Original Route 66 Leadership

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General Information



What is Route 66?

Route 66 is the ministry for children at Harvest Assembly of God. It is designed to bring children into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through discipleship in God's Word—the 66 books of the Bible that comprise God's Original Route 66.

The mission of Route 66 is to:

- **CONNECT** children to Christ
 - ⇒ through age-appropriate worship
- Help them **GROW** with others
 - ⇒ through discipleship in God's 66 Books of the Bible
- Teach them to **SERVE** the world
 - ⇒ through ministry and missions

Who can participate in Route 66?

Boys and girls ages 3 through fifth grade.

Important Note: Preschool children must turn three by September 30. Children who turn three between October 1 and April 30 will join the first Sunday in April. School-age children will advance the first Sunday of September.

For the safety and wellbeing of **preschool** children, there must be a parent or legal guardian in attendance during the Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs.

What do kids do at Route 66?

At Route 66, children experience God in fresh and exciting ways that encourage them to live for Him 24/7! Three “stops” along Route 66 serve different purposes throughout the week: Coolsville, Kidsville and The Hop.

Coolsville

The goal of Coolsville is to introduce new kids to the love of Jesus Christ, and to disciple believers into a deeper relationship and understanding of God’s Word.

Children ages 3 through the 5th grade come to Coolsville on Sunday mornings. Service begins with energetic, current, media-driven praise and worship, led by our children’s Praise Jam. School-age children stay in Coolsville to learn more about God’s Word through video lessons, games and activities.

Kidsville

The goal of Kidsville is to introduce preschool children to the love of Jesus Christ and prepare them for a life-long relationship with Him.

Following worship on Sunday morning in Coolsville, preschool children go to Kidsville, where they are introduced to Jesus and the Bible through stories, games, songs, crafts and snacks.

The Hop

The goal of The Hop is to reach the children of the church and community through fun programs and personal relationships with an emphasis on salvation. Believers will continue in discipleship while preparing for future ministry.

Children ages 3 through the 5th grade meet at The Hop on Wednesday evenings. Service begins with praise and worship, led by our children's Praise Jam. School-age children stay at The Hop to learn more about God's Word through interactive lessons, games and hands-on, small group activities. Preschool children return to Kidsville for their own age-appropriate lessons and activities.

Missions at Route 66

Route 66 participates in the Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge. Children receive a Buddy Barrel to fill with change and bring to church the first Sunday of each month. A special missions lesson is presented on BGMC Sunday, along with special snacks and activities. Route 66 also supports a child from the Dominican Republic through Compassion International. Funds are raised through children's offering and special activities (VBS offering, Matchbox Car Show, etc.).

Activities at Route 66

Children are encouraged to participate in church activities such as Vacation Bible School, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Party. Check the church calendar frequently for upcoming events.

Is there a cost to attend Route 66?

There are no fees for Route 66. Children are encouraged to bring an offering each week for the missions fund. Some activities may have a cost, but parents will be notified prior to the activity.

Route 66

Code of Conduct

Our desire is to present a well-run ministry that maximizes the use of manpower and time. To do that we expect the children to follow a code of conduct that will mirror Christ's love and allow each child the best possible experience at Route 66.

1. Be on time.

Route 66 begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Each session is packed full of fun and learning and must start on time.

Children will go directly to the large group area on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. All items (except Bibles) should be placed in the pouches on the back door.

2. Be respectful.

Children are expected to listen, participate and follow directions. Children are asked to follow these basic classroom rules:

- Respect those in authority
- Use words to solve problems
- Speak softly indoors
- Listen when others are speaking
- Walk in hallways, Fellowship Hall and classrooms
- Remain in class until picked up by an adult

3. Be prepared.

Please bring your Bible and offering each week, and any take home papers that are to be returned

4. Be friendly.

We want to encourage children to help each other and always welcome newcomers to Route 66.



Important 2010 Dates

(All dates subject to change.)

July 12-16	VBS
August 21	Harvest Fest Matchbox Car Show
September 1	Back to School Kick-Off
October 31	Harvest Party
November 25	Happy Thanksgiving! (No Route 66)
December 11	Bethlehem Marketplace
December 15	Christmas Party
December 22	Merry Christmas! (No Route 66)

