

SIMPLE STEPS TO CREATING A VIRTUAL YOUTH NIGHT

SELECT A PLATFORM

Which ones are the best?



It all depends which one you are most comfortable using. Whatever service you use – Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts, FaceTime – spend some time getting to know its special features. While I love Zoom, it depends what works best for your audience.

CREATE AN OUTLINE

It's important to have a plan.



Teens and parents want to know how much time they are going to sacrifice. Will it be 30 minutes? An hour? Remember when you are going virtual it's a lot harder to fill time because no one is moving from room to room. My recommendation is make your first one shorter (~30-45 mins)

Sample of a Basic Outline

2-3 minutes - Everyone logs on

3-5 minutes - Opening prayer

7-10 minutes - Virtual Game Play (ex. Kahoot.it for Trivia)

7-10 minutes - Guided Reflection. Looking for something simple? Use Lectio Divina

5-10 minutes - Continued discussion

5 minutes - Closing Prayer

PICK A DATE

When will you meet?



Start with the time your ministry use to meet, but don't be afraid to change things up. If you do try midweek (Tuesday-Thursday), it'll break up their week.

A good start time is around 7 or 7:30. Whatever time and day you pick, commit to it for 4 weeks before you decide whether or not to change it.

PLUG IT LIKE CRAZY

Email, Share, Text and Plug



Virtual ministry is new and a lot of people have busy inboxes and feeds. Be sure to communicate as much as possible and ask other teens, their parents and your volunteers to do the same. Don't be disappointed if you start with a small group. Even virtual ministry takes time.