



Youth Group Ideas During COVID-19

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Just because churches can't meet in person right now doesn't mean it's time for a vacation from your youth group. Young people need social interaction! They need adults in their lives to reassure them that they aren't alone, and God is still in control.

Here are 5 ways to stay in touch with the youth in your class:

- **Start a group text.** Get the ball rolling each day by sending a message to start the conversation. This could be a devotional thought, discussion question, or anything else that will spark their interest.
- **Pray together.** Call your youth group members individually and pray with them. Allow them to share their requests and follow up in the coming days and weeks.
- **Hang out online.** Schedule a midweek time to share a game, story, Bible study, or just chat. Ask what it's been like to stay at home and what unexpected blessings they have experienced, and just be available if they need to talk. Keep it short unless they are feeling talkative.
- **Use social media.** Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, and many other apps make it easy to stay in touch (at least for your youth—it might push you out of your comfort zone).
- **Begin a Bible reading plan.** Many plans allowing you to invite people to join daily readings and comment at the end are available for free online.

4 EASY AND AFFORDABLE PROGRAMS FOR ONLINE SABBATH SCHOOL

Technology makes it easy to adapt your Sabbath School class during social distancing. Check out these 4 options for ideas on how you can get started:

- **Zoom** allows you to set up and host an unlimited number of meetings for up to 100 people for free. The meetings can only last 40 minutes, but you can schedule two back to back meetings or pay a small monthly fee for unlimited time. Visit <https://zoom.us> to get started.
- **Facebook Live** allows you to stream over Facebook to people all over the world. Anyone can join you! Log into your Facebook account and click on "Live" to get started.
- **Instagram Live** is another great option for reaching your Sabbath School class. To begin, log into Instagram, begin a story, and select "Live."
- **Facetime** is a great option for a small youth groups. You can call all your group members at the same time for a chat. It is a bit limiting since it works only with Apple products, but this means you'll have an opportunity to collect everyone's contact information.