

Here are the answers from the Sunday Club. From Francine

1. how are things going in your group?

Before confinement things were going relatively well. Leaders were involved, the core group of regulars was expanding in the preschool ages. The teens and pre-teens were probably not getting the attention that they needed, but their attendance was quite sporadic and it was hard to plan something specific for them, so a lot of times they end up helping.

During confinement, even our most active participants were not present. Personally, I cannot provide online programming, other than suggesting things for parents to do with their children, or linking to videos and things that have been prepared by others. I do not feel like I have a value added here. Many people relied on their previous congregations for resources.

I should note that the Christmas celebration was a hit with all the children who attended. It might be nice for this to coincide with the Christmas market in the future.

2. how are you moving forward? what are your plans?

Honestly, in these times of uncertainty I do not know. Our teaching team will have to evolve this year because from what I know at least one family will not be with us. Benoit and I can continue to commit to one Sunday per month should Sunday club be gathering in person.

We would like to open something more regular for the teens and pre-teens. If we have enough teachers we can set up 2 groups downstairs each week. Another option is having something less regular for them in the form of leisure and prayer. It would be nice to see a bigger group of young people too, but again we don't have the programming there to entice them to come.

I do not plan to continue online, but if someone else would like to try to get this started that's great.

3. what do you need in order to grow and develop (this could be equipment, funding, help with something ...) *The council will look at all requests and try and help where possible; equipment and funding requests will be put forward for the budget.*

We are okay in terms of curriculum and supplies I think (although up until this point all the helpers have been bringing in what was needed – the supplies we currently have are useful, but we bring snacks and additional games or craft materials each week. If a helper is unable to participate in this manner, we might need a bit of a budget to cover things.)

Our biggest need is helpers at this stage. We have one leader and one helper each week, but it would be great to have 2 leaders (separate the children according to age). I am not sure that is possible, so I think it might be good to have a helper specifically for this pre-teens/teens 'youth group' that might happen less regularly than every week at the beginning. Ideally, this person would be younger and able to lead and would be accompanied by a regular Sunday club adult in the helper role.