

CM “Special Forces” Team Rotational Program Ideas

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The large group experiences (Sunday morning, midweek, or Sunday night) could include variety and use rotational teams of planners and presenters. The “backbone” of this rotational program is the consistent “curriculum” used; and the variety is added through monthly rotating groups. All large group experiences may present ONE lesson/topic that is discussed or applied in the small group classroom experience. This lesson/topic may be determined by the curriculum, or by the topic that is preached at the adult service.



Organizing and staffing the various large group programs that rotate to provide variety for the children cannot be accomplished using the same team members who serve weekly in the CM. In order to accomplish this amazing rotation plan, you need to (the Lord needs to) recruit more CM team members. BUT, you will find it much easier to specifically recruit for specific, limited programs.

These specific teams who plan and carry out the specific programs are called your children’s ministry “Special Forces.” As with the real “Special Forces” in the military, these individuals will be specifically prepared for specific programs or “missions.” The “Special Forces” team members will NOT serve outside of their specific expertise! They must not be asked to serve in any other capacity other than for what they have enlisted! This limitation of expectation will become a very positive driving force for recruitment! You will see people volunteer to join the CM because they realize they are being protected from being over-used!



“Special Forces” Team Ideas

1. **Drama team** (high school students as actors and discussion leaders) presenting the skit and related discussion/activity options. **(Once a month?)**
2. **Science team** (experiments, object lessons, etc.) **(Periodic)**
 - a. CM or church people w/science experience or who act as such
 - b. “Mad Science” - <https://www.madscience.org/>
 - c. Local school science teachers
 - d. Mad About Jesus Object Lessons - <http://www.madaboutjesus.net/objectlessons.html>
 - e. Steve Spangler Science - <http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/>
 - f. Bible Science Lessons - <http://www.christianitycove.com/dir/bible-science-lessons/>
3. **Nature team** (nature video clips, surprising things in nature that proclaim God) **(Periodic)**
 - a. Discovery Channel videos - <http://dsc.discovery.com/videos>
 - b. Nature videos (YouTube, etc.)
 - c. “Blue Planet” videos (Netflix, Amazon, etc.)
4. **Animal team** (animals on stage, talented animals, birds in room, etc.) **(Periodic)**
 - a. CM team member or a church person’s personal animal with special talent.
 - b. Beekeeper with “observation hive”
 - c. Animals on stage (reptiles, talented animals, etc.)
(public school reference)



5. **Guest team** (research and book guests to enhance lessons or interest children) **(Periodic)**
- a. Police officers (in uniform)
 - b. Fire fighters (in uniform)
 - c. Military personnel (in uniform)
 - d. FBI agents
 - e. Sports “stars” (or even non-stars)
 - f. Actors/actresses
 - g. Talented guests (bike stunts, jugglers, gymnasts, race drivers, etc.)

6. **Artist team** (chalk drawing/black light, unusual item sculptor) **(Periodic)**
- a. Chalk drawing/black light
 - b. Unusual item sculpting
 - c. Splash painting
 - d. Paper cutting

7. **Zoom tours team** (“on location” tours/interviews live) **(Periodic)**
- a. Zoom live interview (projected onto large screen)
 - b. Zoom visit recorded (appear to be live, but recorded video)



8. **Puppet team** (talented, unusual puppet stories) **(Periodic)**
- a. Black light puppets
 - b. Full body puppets
 - c. Large marionettes

9. **Shadow screen team** (Bible stories or other stories told) **(Periodic)**

10. **“Live Radio Show” team** (a “live” radio show on stage with sound effects) **(Periodic)**

11. **Summer Program Team** (summer programs for children) **(Summer)**
- a. VBS-type programs
 - b. Day camp programs (held at the church or at a local site)
 - c. Summer field trips
 - d. Special interest programs (arts, crafts, science, etc.).

12. **Production Team** (Produce seasonal productions)
- a. Showcase the talents of the children
 - b. Provide fun family evenings

13. **Camp Team** (Design family and children camps that operate on the church campus or at established camp facilities)



14. **Community Service / Outreach Team** (Create and operate community service / outreach efforts in the city or county)

15. **Family Events Team** (Create and operate various family-centered events)
- a. Parenting seminars
 - b. Fun trips
 - c. Movies
 - d. Service projects
 - e. Car rallies with a meal at the end
 - f. Campouts at church or campground

