

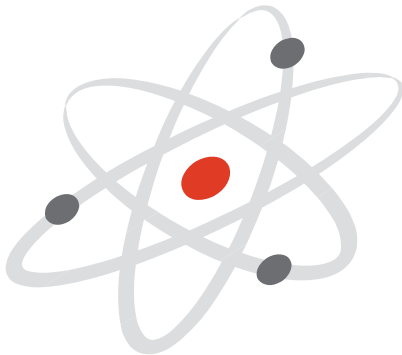
the **KIDology** handbook

**TEACHER'S
EDITION**

*Relational
Teaching
That Changes
Kids' Lives*

**SAMPLE
VERSION**

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How To Use This Handbook

This is not a book, it is a HANDBOOK! I am so glad you purchased the Kidology Handbook for Teachers! This handbook is designed to be a guide for you as you seek to be an effective communicator to children. If all you do is read this handbook, you will limit its impact on your ministry. Let me encourage you to make the most of this handbook by getting organized before you begin!

How get the most out of this handbook:

- 1) Print the entire handbook. While the handbook ideally should be printed in color, it is designed to print in grey scale as well.
- 2) Get a 3-ring binder. Put this notebook in a three-ring binder that is at least 2 inches thick. If you get a binder with a clear cover you can slide the cover page into the front of your notebook.
- 3) Create category tabs. Purchase a set of three-ring binder divider pages and label the tabs with categories for content such as: HANDBOOK – ARTICLES – GAMES – OBJECT LESSONS – ETC. Add any other categories that you might want to collect along the way.
- 4) Complete the Labs! Don't go to the next chapter without completing the Kidology Lab Notes at the end of each chapter. This will help you retain and apply what you are learning.

- 5) Join Kidology.org if you haven't already. Collect ideas and articles that will help your ministry and be involved in submitting your ideas and engaging in the forum conversations. You will be equipped and encouraged as a part of our online community.

Let this Handbook be your ministry companion. This is not a book you read and put back on the shelf. It is designed to be a resource for you for years to come. Therefore it is expandable and adaptable as you add your own content. Eventually you will have a manual for your teaching ministry and ideas. Reminders and resources will be at your fingertips whenever you need them. You will even have tools for training others as well. So let's get started!

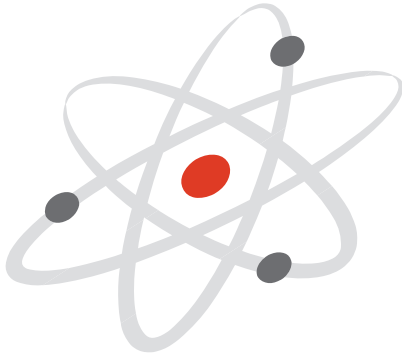


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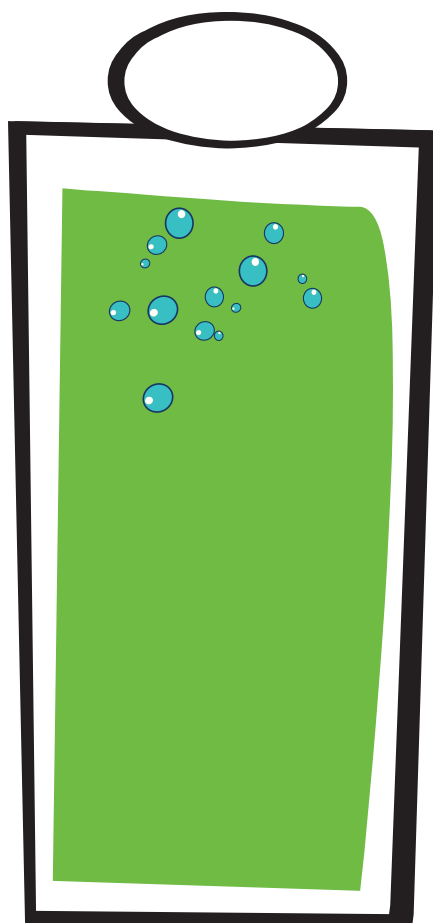
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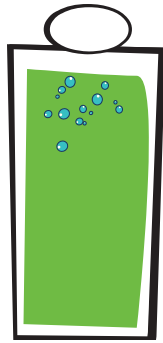
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Section One :

Introduction





Chapter One :

What Is Kidology?

If you are like me, you aren't in children's ministry just because you want to teach doctrine to children. You are there because you want to be used by God to make a difference in the lives of children and you know the best thing for kids is a relationship with God and a life lived for Him! You want to be more than just a teacher, you want to be an **IMPACTER** of kids' lives! You don't want your children to merely know a lot about God, you want them to **KNOW GOD** and **LOVE GOD** and **LIVE FOR GOD**. There are many books and resources that can make you a better teacher, and this book will too — but there is a significant difference about this book.

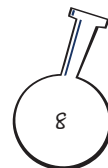
The purpose of this handbook is more than to make you a more effective teacher of children, though it will! It is to inspire you to be an effective communicator through a relational approach to teaching. It will transform your teaching ministry from one of passing along biblical information to children into one that impacts their hearts as well as their minds for Jesus! Many teacher training resources and strategies begin with what children need to learn or know and then address how to teach it. This book presents a very different approach that begins with the child and understanding them first, and the teaching flows more effectively as a result of communicating in ways that engage and interest children. Since my approach begins with the study of children and then how to effectively communicate with them, I coined the term Kidology.

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noun

KIDOLOGY is the study of kids: how they think, relate, communicate and learn.

Chapter One: What Is Kidology?



notes:

KIDOLOGY is more than just a catchy phrase! "Kidology" represents a whole approach to children's ministry. While the word is catchy and fun, it means exactly what it says: It is the study of kids. While the "study of children" is not new, the focus and approach of a Kidologist is a little different.

Books abound on how to teach, how to prepare lessons, and how to work with children. Kidology incorporates all of these, but first it takes a step back so that it can go a step further.

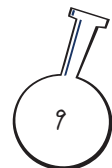
KIDOLOGY, in short, is the study of kids: how they think, relate, communicate and learn. Most children's educational materials focus on the teacher - child relationship. This ultimately is important, but a Kidologist starts with how children relate to each other in order to approach them in a more familiar way. Also, Kidology takes into account the study of a kid's world, a focus that is often overlooked thus crippling the effectiveness of the teacher. A Kidologist is "up" on what is currently popular and important to kids. KIDOLOGY is a KID-FOCUSED approach to children's ministry.

The KIDOLOGIST strives to get **on the child's level**, to see life and the world from their point of view and teach from that perspective and understanding. By using the Kidology approach you will seek to discover what is going on in a young child's mind. What he is feeling. What want is really behind what he asks for. As a result you will learn to successfully relate to children and your effectiveness will soar while your work becomes easier! You will learn how to drastically reduce and almost eliminate discipline problems. You will find children calling you "friend" as well as "teacher." You will see your classrooms come alive as well as your relationships with children.

Some of the things you read will not sound new, but will be applied in light of the Kidology approach. Other things will sound new, or even "impossible," but if tried you will discover the "magic" that many others have experienced in becoming a KIDologist!

It is my prayer that as you read this book, try the assignments given, and practice applying the principles covered, you will discover a new excitement and zeal for sharing the Good News with boys and girls, teaching them His Truth, and inspiring them to live for Jesus! If you keep an open mind and are willing to try some new things, you will have a lot of fun. That is the wonderful thing about ministering to children — you get to make a difference in the world and have a lot of fun at the same time! That's not to say there aren't challenges, hardships and even heartbreak at times, but what a blessing to know God used you in the life of a child. I hope this book will challenge and inspire you to reach kids the way Jesus reached us... by becoming like us!

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KIDOLOGY LAB ASSIGNMENT

Transferring Knowledge from Head to Heart

Date Completed: ____ / ____ / _____

Why did you get involved in ministry to kids?

a note from Karl

Never allow the "work" of your ministry to distract you from why you are in ministry in the first place. Too many teachers get discouraged because they allow the work of teaching to rob them of the joy. Remember, YOU have the opportunity to be one of the teachers your students will remember for years to come! And what you like about kids... make it true of you too!

Describe a teacher you remember from your childhood and why you remember him or her.

What do you love about kids?

Additional notes:

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