



# CELEBRATE YOUR CLUB ON PIONEER CLUBS' SUNDAY

*Shine a spotlight on your Pioneer Clubs program!*

On the first Sunday of February (or a date that fits your church), join churches across the country in celebrating Pioneer Clubs Sunday! By participating in this important event, you and your club members will have the opportunity to:

- show parents and church family what club is about
- let kids in the congregation see how fun club is
- help your congregation catch a vision for how Pioneer Clubs transforms young lives and teaches kids to put Christ in every aspect of life
- provide your congregation with an opportunity to support your club
- provide your club and church the opportunity to financially support Pioneer Clubs Kids4Kids Cuba initiative which will provide training and resources to churches throughout Cuba to reach children for Christ.

Whether your club presentation takes the entire worship service or just five minutes to share some stories and details about club during a service, here are ideas to spark your creativity.

## WORSHIP SERVICE IDEAS

### Club Member Participation

- greet worshipers
- read Scripture
- serve as ushers
- distribute bulletins
- sing “Thy Word” theme song
- perform special music or a skit
- show a video of club members in action
- show a slide presentation of a typical club meeting
- give a testimony of why they enjoy coming to club
- collect the congregational love offering



### Recognition

Pass out most recently earned badges to children or order service pins and present them to club leaders and other club volunteers during the church service. If your club uses Pioneer Clubs apparel, make sure club members and leaders wear their shirts, vests or sashes that Sunday.

### Message Ideas

Use the suggested theme verse (Exodus 15:2) for Scripture readings, the sermon or in some type of presentation.

Focus the sermon on the importance of ministering to children. Suggested passages: Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Psalm 78:1-8, Mark 10:13-16

Lead the congregation in a Bible Exploration from one of the Pioneer Clubs leader plan books to give them a taste of what kids learn in club. Choose a lesson that deals with thinking on godly things or how God's Word can help overcome sin. Ideas:

- Voyager Growing in God's Grace, meeting 22, “God's Word in Your Heart”
- Pathfinder Discovering God's Care, meeting 24, “Remembering God's Word”
- Trailblazer Exploring New Trails, meeting 25, “Visual Media”

## **Bulletins**

Have club members design a bulletin cover for Pioneer Clubs Sunday to reflect this year's theme. Or download the theme verse logo and use it on the cover of the bulletin.

Have club members finish the sentence "This year at club I've learned to think and act like Jesus wants me to by \_\_\_\_\_." Print the answers in a special bulletin insert.

Print the names of club members and leaders in the bulletin, and ask the congregation to pray for these individuals.

## **Testimonies**

Ask "graduates" of Pioneer Clubs to share how club has helped them stay focused on Christ.

Ask someone who became a Christian through Pioneer Clubs to speak briefly.

Have someone share a testimony about a club service project in which they were involved.

If you are in an area with a Camp Cherith and children attend, have someone share how camp has helped them live for Christ.

## **Offering**

Have club members take a special Pioneer Clubs offering for your club or for Pioneer Clubs Kids4Kids Cuba initiative in Cuba which will help churches reach the next generation in Cuba for Christ

## **Decorations**

Designate a prominent bulletin board in your church to highlight Pioneer Clubs. Add club pictures to show what is happening at Pioneer Clubs. You can also place children's and leader's names on bulletin board and suggest that members of the congregation take one or more names to pray for.

## **Coordinator Presentation**

Present the purpose and goals of Pioneer Clubs as described in the leader plan books.

Invite interested adults to consider serving as volunteers in the Pioneer Clubs ministry. Have a sign-up sheet available after the church service or include a response form in the bulletin.

Have a club leader share his or her story of how being part of Pioneer Clubs has provided an opportunity to minister to kids.

Share a life-impact story of how Pioneer Clubs has changed the life of a child in your church or community. Be sure to get permission.

## **Prayer and Dedication**

At some point during the service, have everyone involved in club stand or come forward. Lead a prayer thanking Jesus for Pioneer Clubs members and leaders.

Have your pastor pray for Pioneer Clubs—both your local club and the international ministry as well. The international ministry has been partnering with local churches for 75 years!



## PROMOTING PIONEER CLUBS SUNDAY

**Invite** parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends by letting the children make invitations.

**Use the downloadable** 2015-2016 theme verse logo to create promotional items.

**Post announcements** on your church's website about Pioneer Clubs Sunday events.

**Email reminders** to church members to attend the special worship service. Ask them to pray for Pioneer Clubs Sunday.

**Post flyers** wherever you can. If you are hosting a Pioneer Clubs Sunday special event, create flyers using the theme verse logo.

**Post the flyers** throughout your community and schools to invite the public to learn about Pioneer Clubs. (Ask for permission from the business or organization.)

**Distribute flyers** to homes in your church's neighborhood (if your community allows).

**Ask members** of your outreach ministry team to extend invitations to people they visit.

**Send a news release** to your local newspaper, cable TV station and radio station. [See sample at end of this document.]

## CLUB FUNDRAISING

### Contribution Ideas

Let the congregation know of your Pioneer Clubs budget and ask them to support a portion of the cost.

Ask each adult member of the congregation to give \$5 in support of club. If your church family is on a modest budget, ask for just \$1 as a love offering to your Pioneer Clubs program. Allow club members to collect a love offering from the congregation during your Pioneer Clubs Sunday service.

Have your club members make and decorate a special Pioneer Clubs collection box and place it in a common area (by the bulletin board, on a special table in the narthex/lobby, etc.) for people to drop in a love offering.

Encourage members of the congregation to give an honor gift or memorial gift in recognition of past and present club leaders who have helped children learn to trust God.

Let the children sell refreshments—donuts, hot chocolate, coffee, etc.—after the service as a way to raise money for club. (Always check your church policy before planning any fundraisers.)

For those who would wish to give directly to Pioneer Clubs Kids4Kids Cuba initiative, please let them know about the online giving option at [www.pioneerclubs.org](http://www.pioneerclubs.org).

### Special Fundraising Project

Organize a fundraising project during the club year to support Pioneer Clubs various international ministry efforts including the Kids4Kids Cuba initiative. Let kids know their contributions will help other kids learn to know Jesus through Pioneer Clubs. Let families know their contributions to Pioneer Clubs headquarters will:

- allow Pioneer Clubs to provide curriculum at deeply reduced prices to churches in impoverished areas
- provide club materials to ministries around the world so children can hear the good news of the gospel
- allow Pioneer Clubs to develop new materials to help churches reach children for Christ





# News Release

## For Immediate Release

### **[Name of Church] to Celebrate Pioneer Clubs Sunday**

Pioneer Clubs members and leaders at [name of your church] in [location] will celebrate Pioneer Clubs Sunday on [date and time]. We invite the community to see club kids and leaders [describe what they'll be doing]. Refreshments will be served afterward, and admission is free.

Pioneer Clubs is an international ministry that provides Bible-based club program for today's kids, preschool through middle school. This ministry has been meeting the changing needs of children with an unchanging message for more than 75 years. Each week the club program at [name of your church] integrates spiritual and personal development to help boys and girls build healthy relationships with caring Christian adults, peers and, most importantly, Christ.

For more information about Pioneer Clubs® at [Name of Church], contact [Name] at [phone number] or [email address].