

LIFEWISE ACADEMY



CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CHURCHES

LifeWise Academy is not a local church. However, we aim to serve local churches as an effective tool they can wield in their mission to reach their communities. We will look for every opportunity to strategically connect students and their families to the broader ministry of local churches.

Note: not every local church is in alignment with our vision and philosophy.

- ◆ Post a map with local churches marked
 - ◇ Place a pin on local churches that are supportive of LifeWise
 - ◇ Put photos on your map of church buildings, pastors or LifeWise volunteers who attend
- ◆ Encourage volunteers to share where they attend church
- ◆ Share information about programming hosted by churches (send home printed materials or share church Facebook posts to your program's Facebook page)
 - ◇ Summer VBS
 - ◇ Wednesday night programming
 - ◇ Kids' nights or carnivals
 - ◇ Christmas nativities, performances or special services
 - ◇ *If your local churches aren't hosting any programming for you to share with students, encourage them to try something, knowing they'll have your support in promoting the event!*
- ◆ Create pamphlets or bookmarks (with Support Center design approval) containing names and contact information for churches
- ◆ Generate a list of where LifeWise volunteers and staff attend church and make it available to families
- ◆ Encourage students to bring church bulletins to LifeWise class
- ◆ Introduce pastors to students and families
 - ◇ Invite pastors to visit your program during class
 - Pastors should not teach lessons but should share briefly about their church and kids' programs
 - ◇ Invite pastors to attend your open house to meet families
- ◆ Share your program's student survey results with churches
 - ◇ Ask pastors to answer the kids' questions in short 1-2 min videos
 - ◇ Use the survey results to ask for prayer or Bibles or other support
- ◆ Have your prayer team leader share prayer requests and praise reports with local churches regularly
- ◆ Have a Christmas party in the evening for students and families at your host church