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Building an FX from the Ground Up

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What an FX is NOT?

A Show A Family Worship Service

Children's Church For Kids Only

What IS an FX? EXPERIENCE!

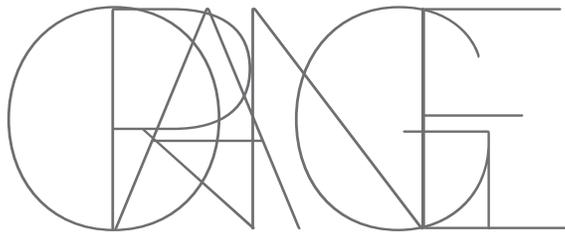
Shared between parents and kids in the **SAME** room
for a purpose....

Built Upon Relationships

- Family → God
- Parent → Child
- Family → Family
- Family → Church
- Parent → Church Leader

That Creates a Next Step

That Communicates ONE Thing



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Why an FX?

1. Meets families where they are
2. Leads to an outside experience
3. Connects the Family's Story to God's Story
4. Platform to Cast Vision

The Pieces of an FX:

1. Hype

PURPOSE: Welcome kids as they enter and help them form relationships with the cast.

2. Opening Music (two – three songs)

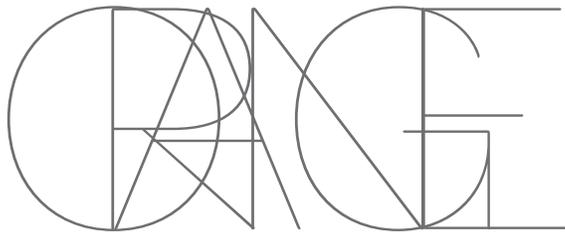
PURPOSE: Create energy and incite crowd participation.

3. Welcome/Intro (Comic and Credible Script)

PURPOSE: Reinforce purpose of Experience and introduce this month's virtue and today's Bottom Line.

4. Intro Sketch (Actors)

PURPOSE: Create a dilemma or situation that needs to be resolved



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The Pieces of an FX: (con't)

5. Rapid Response

PURPOSE: *Create a dilemma or situation that needs to be resolved*

6. Word

PURPOSE: *Communicate what the Bible has to say about month's theme.*

7. Media Time Video (Optional use of GetReel 2.0 videos)

PURPOSE: *Provide a visual break to keep kids engaged. Reinforce the theme with video that focuses on one of five faith skills.*

Discovery: *focuses on Navigating Scripture*

Dear God: *focuses on Dialogue with God (prayer)*

One Thing: *focuses on Personalizing Scripture or Articulating Faith*

Live Loud: *focuses on Worship with Your Life*

8. Exit Sketch (Actors)

PURPOSE: *Resolve tension and make application of truth.*

9. Wrap Up (Actors)

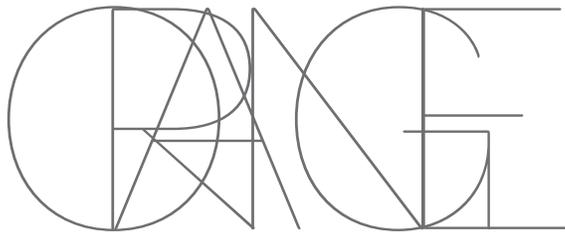
PURPOSE: *The sketch characters review what they have learned.*

10. The Landing (Credible Host)

PURPOSE: *Define the "take away" one more time.*

11. Special Song

PURPOSE: *Celebrate the virtue with movement and singing.*



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The Pieces of an FX: (con't)

12. Announcements

PURPOSE: *Invite parents and kids back and promote resources.*

13. Exit Song

PURPOSE: *Dismiss parents and kids on an upbeat note.*

BUT... what if you only have 30 minutes?

Hype

Opening Music – 1 or 2 songs

Welcome/Intro

Rapid Response

Word

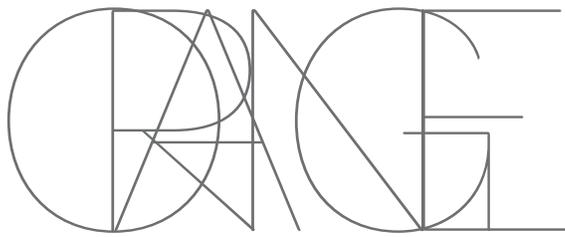
Media Time

Landing

Special Song

Announcements

Exit Song



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15 Minute Version:

Hype

Welcome/Intro

Word

Landing / Announcements

FX: How do you do this?

Planning

252 FX scripts are posted two months ahead of time. This gives you plenty of time to read through the scripts and decide what you will keep, edit, and rewrite.

Enlist volunteers to help you with finding and creating props and costumes that you may need for the story.

Make a “Who” list along with your “to-do” list to make sure you don’t forget anyone.

Creative Boards

Use an empty workspace or an official Creative Board to visualize your event.

Production Orders

Included with your FX scripts are Excel documents with full, editable production orders to keep you and your tech team organized during a production.

Cast

Audition your actors. Even if you know your actors ahead of time, it helps to see and hear them read lines as these characters. You’ll know who best to put in which roles. Some people may surprise you with where they fit best!



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FX: Creating a Rhythm

You Have Options... try seasonally, quarterly, monthly, and weekly

FX: Evaluation

The Postmortem

Take time to evaluate your FX after it's done. Think about the Good, Needs Improvement, and Misses of the event and make a plan to implement those changes as necessary.

Feedback Loop

Work on creating focus groups with parents to discover how the FX is meeting their needs as parents. This doesn't mean that you have to change everything, but this will give you insight into how they are enjoying your FX events.

You could also do this with a Self-Addressed, Stamped Postcard that you include in their take-home packets. Just ask a few simple survey questions, and ask them to fill it out and drop it in the mail. You'd be surprised how many completed surveys you'll receive.