



## What Churches Are Saying About Pioneer Clubs

**Recently Pioneer Clubs® asked club leaders to answer questions about their club experience. Here is a snapshot of some of the responses. We trust they will encourage you as your church considers launching a Pioneer Clubs ministry.**

### **Q How have you seen club members apply the biblical principles taught in Pioneer Clubs?**

*"One of the verses learned stated, 'You must start doing good things. You must obey the Word of God.' I overheard a 3-year-old sister quote the first part of this verse to her brother when he had done something ugly to her. It was precious and encouraging."*

*"They have learned the importance of helping others, and some have found a new boldness in sharing their faith with non-believers."*

*"The parents of the children have told me their attitudes have changed and now they get along much better with their friends and parents."*

*"We have many community kids, and it is great to see them get it and want to bring their friends out and their parents to church."*

*"The children shared with me how they have helped other children in school and made better choices based on biblical principles."*

*"The children use biblical principles when playing games with each other. They share, have fun and are kind to each other."*

### **Q Tell us about a child who heard the message of the gospel for the first time through Pioneer Clubs.**

*"Have you ever looked into the innocent eyes of a young girl who hears for the first time about the love of Jesus and his great sacrifice? Her sincere gaze will melt your heart—we have these moments every year."*

*"We have many community kids with no church background at all in our Pioneer Clubs. Every year we end with a weekend camping trip, and we always present the salvation message. This year we had 33 kids give their life to Christ. It just blew me away at the impact Pioneer Clubs has on these kids' lives."*

*"At the fair, I ran into a kid who had accepted Christ through Pioneer Clubs. I asked her to tell her mom about her decision. She stood there and boldly told the gospel message to her mom, friend, the man in the Noodle Stand, and others about her prayer and belief that Jesus is now her Savior."*

### **Q How has Scripture memory impacted your Pioneer Clubs ministry?**

*"The club members are excited learning the verses, and when we review verses, they also remember the stories that go with each verse."*

*"This is one of my goals to help these girls to hide God's Word in their hearts. We have learned techniques to aid us as we memorize. I also expect them to be able to tell what the verse means so they can apply the verse to their lives."*

*"We had some very bad storms in our area this spring and several girls said they remembered the verse 'What time I am afraid, I will trust in You.' It is wonderful to see them use God's Word in their daily lives."*

*"Scripture memory is vital. When the children are unsure or have more faith-based questions, we turn to the Bible or to the verses that they have already memorized, and they are starting to come up with the correct godly answers. This Bible knowledge will impact them for a lifetime and shape many of their decisions in the future."*

*"Before we started Pioneer Clubs, our kids did not know how to use their Bibles."*



*"Our club members repeat these verses at home to their non-believing family members! What an impact Pioneer Clubs has on lives!"*

**Q What are some examples of how Pioneer Clubs has encouraged children in their relationships with club leaders, friends and family?**

"We are a very small group but the girls are very close to each other. We had an activity day with crafts and games, and a camp-in at one of the leader's homes. These have helped the girls to get to know each other better. Many of the parents help with achievements at home and even the dads get involved."

*"Club members have earned their own Bibles through memorizing the verses, and this has encouraged unchurched parents to attend our church."*

"The children are learning to respect one another better."

*"Because of Pioneer Clubs, new children and their families became a part of our church. These children weekly express to their parents that they do not want to miss church."*

"Families of kids coming to Pioneer Clubs are so thankful for the positive changes they have seen in their kids."

*"I received the sweetest thank-you card from one of the girls in my Pioneer Clubs group. It said in huge letters 'THANK YOU' and 'God bless!' It made me feel like all the work was truly worth it, just to see those written words."*

**Q What do you think club members learned through the skill-building activity awards?**

"That learning about Jesus can be fun."

*"They learn new skills and they learn patience. They also learn the joy of helping others."*

"They have learned cooperation, enhanced their imagination and learned how to pray for others."

*"Our children have learned about cooking, safety, and many other things they can use for the rest of their life. They are learning real life skills."*

"They learn the love of learning new things."

*"We worked hard on cooperation and teamwork."*

"Simply that everything we do should honor our Lord."

**Q Is there anything else you can tell us about your Pioneer Clubs ministry?**

"Thank you for providing a basis or ideas and structure, as well as excellent leader training support. During the year, we used the *Basic Training Workbook for Pioneer Clubs Leaders*—it was easy to follow, relevant and very helpful."

*"We started two years ago with 8 kids. We finished our second year in June with 35."*

"We had four new leaders come onboard this year. All young parents from our church."

*"When we began five years ago, we started with six children. This past year we had 58 registered with an average attendance each week of 36-40."*

"We have had three families who were unchurched join our church after their children attended Pioneer Clubs."

*"We have enjoyed being a part of Pioneer Clubs' ministry. It has become a vibrant ministry for our church. We started with six children in the fall of 2008 and now have over 50."*

"It has changed the perception of our small church. People in our community talk about our Pioneer Clubs program. It makes me very happy to know that we are providing a quality ministry for children and youth."

*"All I can say is that it is an excellent program. We were with another program until two years ago and your program and communication are far superior."*

"I am finding that Pioneer Clubs offers a much greater arena for witnessing. Many of our Christian kids have brought numerous kids to the Pioneer Clubs program, and these are kids who would not darken the door of a church on Sunday morning. Pioneer Clubs supplies kids with an avenue to witness to other kids that they would not have if the program did not exist."

*"In our age of multi-media, technology-based entertainment and sociability, it is FANTASTIC to be able to get to know girls and touch lives one-to-one. Relationships are crucial to knowing Christ."*

