



How to Use the Konnect HQ Curriculum

Welcome to Konnect HQ! This guide walks you through three key areas for implementing this curriculum: the People & Planning, the Room & Materials, and Running the Service.

People & Planning

Konnnect HQ needs two types of volunteers:

- **Emcee**
 - The Emcee leads the service. This role requires a bit more preparation because the Emcee will guide the programming and timing of the service.
- **Small Group Leaders (SGLs):**
 - Konnect HQ is a **small groups-focused** curriculum where kids are in small groups for the entire service. The small group structure helps kids interact as they're learning and gives SGLs an opportunity to make a personal connection with each child.
 - Plan ahead and estimate how many small groups you might have before the service, and assign one small group leader to each expected small group. A good rule of thumb is to keep a ratio of one leader for every seven kids (1:7). So, in a room of 20 children, plan for 3 SGLs. If you have fewer SGLs, that's OK! Just coach them to pay special attention to each child in their group.

Konnnect HQ offers two types of videos:

Konnnect HQ is flexible—choose one of these videos based on the time you have allocated for services.

- **Full experience: The “Message Video”** is 90 minutes and is designed to play without stopping throughout your entire service. The video includes phase-in and phase-out time at the beginning and end and a 60 minute service in the middle. It works with the Emcee Guide and Small Group Leader Guide as a plug-and-play service. All transitions and small group times are baked into the video, and you won't need to pause it at any time. **We recommend the full experience “Message Video” to get the most out of this curriculum.*
- **Partial experience: The “Teaching Segment”** gives you the option to customize the timing if your service is not one hour long. It includes only the Konnect HQ show (the teaching portion) of the lesson and allows you to add any other programming before and after.

*You can get even more flexible if you want—use the “Message Video” but manually control the pace by pausing it for longer small group discussions, a snack, or more activity time if needed.

Room & Materials

Konnect HQ is a robust curriculum that works great in both permanent buildings and portable locations. You’ll only need a few key items and supplies.

In the Room

- **Television.** Have a TV and a way to play the video file. Many churches use a USB drive loaded with the lesson video or a Roku plugged into a TV. You won’t need internet access as long as you download the video file before service.
- **Space.** Ideally, choose a room with enough space for your kids to spread out into small groups. You can use tables with chairs or have kids sit on the floor—any setup will work.
- **Small Group and Emcee Leader Guides.** Leaders will need to reference the Small Group Leader Guide and/or the Emcee Leader Guide throughout the service to know how and when to transition to the next phase of the experience. We recommend you have at least one copy in the room for each leader.

Materials

For each lesson, download the resources outlined on the **Materials List** in each unit. You can find the materials list for each week in the unit resource group on Open Network. For some units, there are small supporting items you can purchase listed in each unit’s materials list.

Running the Service

The rest of this guide will show you how to run a Konnect HQ service using the resources provided on Open Network.

Before Service:

- **Preparing the Room**
 - Make sure to have all the materials listed in the materials list for each resource group before each weekend.
- **Pre-Service Music**
 - Start playing **Pre-Experience Music** (available in the “General” tab of each unit) up to 30 minutes before service starts.
- **Preparing Volunteers**
 - Make sure your volunteers are equipped to lead through the entire service. They’ll need the Small Group Leader Guide, Emcee Leader Guide, and equipment to play the video.
- **Drop-off Time**
 - While parents are dropping off their kids, kids and leaders can play together. This is a great opportunity for your leaders to have fun and build relationships with students!

- **Countdown Timer**
 - Start the Message Video five minutes before service starts. This is a time for kids to filter in and settle down.

When Service Starts:

- **Small Group Welcome (3 Minutes)**
 - As the countdown hits zero, form into small groups and lead through the Small Group Welcome.
- **Theme Song, Emcee Intro, and Rules Video (2.5 Minutes)**
 - Kids will continue to sit in small groups. The Theme song will mark the end of the Small Group Welcome, and then the Emcee will introduce the weekly topic, and transition to the rules video.
- **Emcee Giving Koneksi and Offering Teaching Video (2 Minutes)**
 - The Emcee will briefly explain how giving works and transition into the Offering Teaching Video and Worship.
- **Worship Teaching Video and Worship Music Videos (7 Minutes)**
 - The Worship Teaching Video will transition into the Worship Music Videos. Encourage everyone to sing and dance along.
- **Emcee Activity Koneksi and Small Group Activity (~10 Minutes)**
 - The Emcee will celebrate worship and transition into the Small Group Activity.
 - Each small group leader will lead their kids through that week's activity.
- **Emcee Point Transition, Konnect HQ Teaching Show, and Konnect HQ ABCs (~18.5 Minutes)**
 - After the Small Group Activity, the Emcee will introduce The Point and transition the room into the Konnect HQ show.
 - At the end of the show, the Emcee will encourage everyone to say admit, believe, and choose along with the video. (The ABCs)
- **Emcee Wrap Up and Small Group Talk & Prayer (~14 Minutes)**
 - After saying the ABCs, Emcees will encourage everyone to say the Verse together while acting out the motions.
 - They will then remind kids to stay in small groups until they are checked out and transition into small group discussion and prayer time.

After Service:

- **Check Out**
 - Follow your church's checkout procedure.
 - Encourage kids to stay in small groups until checkout ends.
 - Leave the video playing. The final slide is designed as a reminder for parents.
- **Clean up and prepare for next service**
 - If your church runs multiple services in a row, use this time to reset the room.

For more on how to run Konnect HQ, watch the *Konnect Leader Training* videos [with your team here](#).

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