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Village People



Eight TMC families form the small group Village People, aptly named as the four founding families used to meet at Spanish Village.

Today they continue to meet fortnightly to study the bible and share perspectives on applying His Word amidst the struggles of daily living. Recommended Christian books and study guides are used to steer discussion.

Besides the popular Rick Warren's "The Purpose-Driven Life" and "Growing to be like Christ", Philip Yancey's "What so Amazing about Grace", members have found studies such as "Parental Guidance Required" by Andy Stanley relevant to such a group with growing children.

In fact, this group has 13 children, aged from 7 months to 14 years, all who make up an integral part of the meetings. As one new member commented, "We feel at home with the group, especially for Raphael. It is common for him to play, sing and talk during our small group meeting but the members are not disturbed because they are used to such behavior in a child."

These Village People are indeed living their aspiration to nurture a "kampung spirit" where members can feel safe, trusted and draw support from each other.

Given so many children in this group, we decided to let them tell us what they think of being a young "Villager".

"I look forward to small group meetings because I can play with my friends and we learn to care for each other."

Carissa, 7 years old

"My small group teaches us that God is important. It helps us understand how great our God is. Our parents arranged many activities to help us understand God more. I will not let the parents in the small group as well as mine down, and I will continue to love, praise, bless and respect God."

Dian Rong, 12 years old

"I always look forward to going to church as I know my small group friends will be there. We get to play and go out together for lunch and to each others' house. Friendship is really important as we can count on each other when you need help."

Calida, 11 years old

"I like small group meetings because I get to meet my friends. We play, do our homework and study together. We also help each other with our work and talk about our problems. We always have unforgettable moments together."

Rebecca, 10 years old

"I look forward to SG Sundays. They are tremendously fun as I get to play with my friends. I really like to have SG in our friends' homes because we get to play with each other's things and also have more space to run around. Now we have it in church too. I also like to go for holidays and church camps with my SG friends. I pray that we will remain as good friends as we grow in Christ and have our own SG next time."

Su Wen, 10 years old

"I have been in the same SG since I was 5 and now I am 14. Time flies! I have always enjoyed the friendship I shared with my good friend, Lois. Though she is no longer with TMC, we will still try to meet and go out during the school holidays. The most memorable experiences of SG when I was young were the many outings we made. The best though was going away for church camps as a SG. However, our SG is not always play. Our parents made sure the children had to learn something too. Each family took turns to impart valuable biblical insights followed by activities for the children before we were let off to play. Sometimes fights or quarrels happen amongst us during the play time, but, I think that is part of growing up and we all grew closer together as a result."

Su Min, 14 years old

"I like meeting my friends and playing with them. It is really fun. I look forward to meeting my friends to do work and to play together. I have also learnt more about my friends, and friendship is important."

Deborah, 11 years old

"I enjoy going for SG meetings 'cos I get to play with my friends. I was in SG since I was 2 years old (wah!) and have made a few good friends there. We learn more about God and pray together and share secrets and we even do our homework together while our parents are doing bible study. The best thing is we can play after we do our homework (yeah!!)."

Su En, 11 years old

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