

Cancelling a Bible Adventure Class

The School Coordinator has authority to cancel Bible Adventure, but before you cancel consider:

If the children can come, but you are short-staffed, conduct Bible Adventure but change your plans. Refer to **Suggestions for When You Are Short-Staffed** in the SC manual. It is not a requirement to do the same things every week. You do not have to have a lesson and listening time. On the contrary, students will likely enjoy a change of pace. Every week we do not get students we are losing an opportunity to minister to them and to teach them.

In the event that Bible Adventure **must** be cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergency, follow the procedures below.

- Notify the school that Bible Adventure will not meet
- Call all volunteers to inform them- set up a phone chain
- Call the transportation provider, if applicable (usually a bus company or church)
- Call the bus or van driver
- Call the host facility to let them know you are canceling
- Call your Equipping Coordinator
- Call Joy El - It is important that Joy El be informed so that they have updated information should schools or parents contact them.

It is not necessary to automatically cancel Bible Adventure in the event of a two-hour delay at school. Most Bible Adventures meet in the afternoon and are unaffected by the delay. We desire that you meet as often as possible, however, we do not want to jeopardize anyone's safety. Consider the following questions when determining whether to cancel Bible Adventure in the event of bad weather:

- Will the church parking lot be plowed?
- Will the sidewalks be shoveled?
- Can the volunteers drive to the church?

Cancellations are a great opportunity for leaders to reach out to students in the homes. Here's an example of how a phone call could go:

- Introduce yourself to the parent and compliment their child/student on how well he/she has been doing in Bible Adventure/CIA. Thank the parent for encouraging their child to attend BA/CIA.
- Ask if you could speak to the child/student for a few minutes
- If you speak with the child/student, you can ask how they plan to spend their snow day, review Bible Verses with them, talk about lessons, etc.

Cancellations are a great opportunity for leaders to “meet” with students online. Through uses of technology, such as Zoom, a regular meeting with a lesson and Scripture memorization and recitation can take place.

As you know, any time we get to pour love and light into these students' lives is time well spent!