

Adventure Club

A weekly lesson for children, young people, parents and grandparents, from the GCI Watford Church.
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Speech (Part 2) Life Club

What is *life*? The definitive answer is: 'Life is in his Son' 1 John 5:11, *NIV*. How should we live our lives? The apostle John again gives us the answer: 'Live a life of love' 2 John 1:6, *NCV*. The apostle Paul tells us to 'set an example' in 'life', in 'love' . . . and in our 'speech' 1 Timothy 4:12, *NIV*.

Foundational Purposes

The main foundational purposes of Life Club are to assist the Church in helping as many people as possible to:

- Come to Jesus Christ. 'Come, follow me' Mark 1:17, *NIV*.
- Grow spiritually in love towards God and neighbour. 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 'Love your neighbour as yourself' Matthew 22:37, 39, *NIV*.
- Go to help make new disciples. 'Go and make disciples' Matthew 28:19, *NIV*.
- Become reliable and competent Church leaders and teachers. 'Pass on what you heard from me to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others' 2 Timothy 2:2, *MSG*.
- 'Worship God.' Revelation 22:9, *NIV*.

'The Purpose of Life is a Life of Purpose.'
Robert Byrne

Foundational Goals

'Choose life.'

Deuteronomy 30:19, *NIV*

Life Club is founded on Christianity. Therefore it encourages Christian work and spiritual growth. Its goals are also to encourage the following: Achievements; Character and

Personality Development; Competency; Confidence Building; Education; Enjoyment; Friendship & Fellowship; Integrity; Leadership Training; Life Skills & Life Values Building; Love; Networking; Personal & Professional Development; Service and lastly Speech & Communication Training. Goals help map your life.

'Teach believers with your life.'

1 Timothy 4:12,
The Message

Paul writes that we should 'make it our goal to please him' 2 Corinthians 5:9, *NIV*. Paul also writes: 'I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus' Philippians 3:14, *NIV*. These two goals of Paul can be our goals too.



Life Club

Life Club has grown out of a long tradition of Speech Clubs of various names in Grace Communion International. Life Club will continue to contribute to the work of the Church. It will help its members to come onto, and stay on, the 'path of life' Psalm 16:11 *NIV*.

Because of the important benefits the Club provides many people who have been a part of it have been able to support the Church more competently. The Clubs have helped tens of thousands of people in

many ways including finding and keeping jobs. Life Club is primarily focused on public speaking. However, its benefits are far more than just helping you to communicate more effectively. It will help to improve your life skills and values as well as giving you many opportunities to benefit yourself and others.

Life Club gets its name from John 14:6 where Jesus says: 'I am the way and the truth and the **life**', *NIV*.

Life Club Recommendations from some GCI Leaders.

‘Because it encourages vital goals and purposes, I recommend Life Club without any hesitation.’

James Henderson is GCI Superintendent for Europe and oversees Life Clubs worldwide

‘Life Club is fun. It provides a base to make and develop long lasting friendships. Be ready to learn. Welcome.’

Kalengule Kaoma is GCI Superintendent for Africa

‘Of all the activities in the Church over the years I have always rated Life Clubs as being the most valuable in terms of personal skills development. You will never regret the time you spend in Life Club.’

Francis Bergin, former Board Member and Secretary of WCG U.K.

‘Life Club is a valuable gift available to those congregations who wish to use it. So don’t miss it!’

Rod Matthews, former GCI Mission Director for Southern Asia and the South Pacific

‘The purpose of Life Club is not to complicate already busy lives, but for equipping and training for greater confidence and effectiveness, to smooth the path before you and help you tackle life’s challenges.’

Dennis Richards is the GCI New Zealand Pastoral Supervisor

‘Life Club invites you to develop your public speaking skills. It’s a venture well worth investing time in.’

Anthony Gachanja is GCI Director for Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania and Rwanda

‘Life Club provides opportunities for everyone in Church to further develop his/her relationship with Christ. Public speaking can be daunting; however, it can be learned. Be a part of Life Club in your congregation.’

Emmanuel Okai is GCI National Ministry Leader for Ghana and West Africa

‘Life Club skills will help to instill confidence and hope. My prayer is that our membership, both young and old, will avail themselves of the speaking adventures offered in Life Club.’

Joseph Mpofu, former GCI National Ministry Leader for Zimbabwe

‘Life Club will help men, women and young people to develop to their potential and thus serve the Church in different capacities. I therefore encourage *you*, men and women, young and old to participate in Life Club.’

Gardner Kunje is GCI Director for Malawi, Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

‘A member testified how Life Club had helped him overcome shyness and sharpened his communication skills. What a blessing! In one word, members find Life Club *exciting*.’

Essien George is GCI National Ministry Leader for Nigeria

‘In Life Club we learn to relate to one another better, to develop sound relationships and to demonstrate biblical love more effectively. I therefore heartedly encourage young and old to participate in Life Club.’

Othieno William Wilberforce is GCI National Ministry Leader for Uganda

‘Life Club will help you very much. I can verify it’s most worthwhile and very beneficial from personal experience! It has helped me greatly in my Church and business life. So go for it!’

Frans Danenberg is National Director/Pastor of GCI in the Netherlands and in Flanders

‘Life Club helps members to develop their talents: Life Club provides opportunities for us to further develop our relationship with God.’

Dr Eugène Sibomana is the GCI Burundi Legal Representative

‘Life Club is fun, Life Club is valuable, Life Club is a gift to be treasured, long may they continue.’

David Silcox, former GCI UK National Ministry Leader

‘Life Club will help you in different aspects of your life, give you confidence and help you articulate clearly when you are called to give an answer for the hope you hold within.’

José Ribeiro, GCI Pastor in Portugal

‘Life Club is a structure in our Church to help members speak in public. I encourage children, young people, adults and seniors, men and women to join Life Club.’

Rigobert Rafiringason, GCI National Ministry Leader for Madagascar

‘Life Club has helped us to grow in Love, Integrity, Faith and having a worldview with **Eternity** in mind.’

Joe D’Costa is Senior Pastor for three GCI congregations in South India

Some Life Clubs

These all took place between 2015 and 2020







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1) Masterton, New Zealand. 2) India. 3) Birmingham, UK. 4) Watford, UK. 5) Great Baddow, UK. 6) Peterborough, UK. 7) Paignton, UK. 8) Nairobi, Kenya. 9) Naivasha, Kenya. 10) Bujumbura, Burundi. 11) Kibirichia, Kenya. 12) Benin City, Nigeria. 13) Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. 14) Blantyre, Malawi. 15) Lilongwe, Malawi. 16) Rugombo, Burundi. 17) New Ashongman, Ghana. 18) Chawama, Lusaka, Zambia. 19) Dzaleka, Malawi. 20) Kaduna, Nigeria. 21) Buduburam, Ghana. 22) Brook North, Zimbabwe. 23) Tororo, Uganda. 24) Chitungwisa, Zimbabwe. 25) Luanda, Angola. 26) Tanzania. 27) Port Harcourt, Nigeria. 28) Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 29) Maelula, South Africa. 30) Kutunse, Ghana.

If you would like some more information about Life Clubs please contact Geoff Sole: geoff@geoffsole.co.uk.

See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words: 'Life is in his Son.' 1 John 5:11, NIV

Word Search

LIFE CLUB
CHAWAMA BUJUMBURA
DZALEKA KIBIRICHIA
KADUNA LILONGWE
TORORO RUGOMBO
NEW ASHONGMAN
LUANDA BUDUBURAM
BULAWAYO CHITUNGWISA
MAELULA NAIROBI
KUTUNSE NAIVASHA
BENIN CITY
PORT HARCOURT
KINSHASA BLANTYRE
BROOK NORTH
WATFORD BIRMINGHAM

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