

# YOUR ROLE AS KICK-START HOST

Capture the attention of children by bringing fun and excitement to large group! You are the energy igniters who turn cross-armed kids into leaning-in adventurers, ready for anything!

In a high-impact model, fun is never just filler: it is a strategic tool to build trust. When kids laugh, their defenses drop. Your comedy, games, and massive hype are exactly what breaks down walls so kids "begin to lean in and listen" to the message. By playfully resisting the "serious stuff" and admitting that feelings can be messy, you validate the kids in the room who might feel the exact same way. You earn the right to speak truth by first speaking their language of fun.

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Ignite the Room;** Bring the same high level of energy every time, because "Every Sunday could be someone's first Sunday." Where the Host goes energy wise, the kids will follow!
- **Crowd Work & Identity;** Establish the specific "Rally Cry" for each grade (Banana, Boom-Shaka, Yee-Yee, Skrrrrt!) to build an "I'm Proud To Be A" atmosphere. Run interactive stage elements, like the "Crowd Lifeline" voting system, and highlight older kids on stage for "2 Truths and a Lie" to build aspiration for the younger grades. Lead massive openers like "Stand Up If".
- **The Comedic Contrast;** Use humor to acknowledge that switching to "serious stuff" can feel a little weird or uncomfortable. This creates a perfectly teed-up runway for the Session Host to step in.
- **Master the Mechanics;** Rehearse your games to ensure instructions are clear and kids know what to do. Master your script and cues to give yourself the freedom to have more fun and energy on stage!
- **Continuous Improvement;** Anticipate and embrace feedback to make the entire production better. Evaluate your energy, pacing, or game lead to refine your role and minimize distractions.