

## **EXERCISE – THE TWEEN EXPERIENCE**

The American Baptist Association (an association of independent Baptist churches to which FBCK belongs) is holding its annual messenger meeting in Washington, DC, this year, and FBCK is one of the host churches. And you, lucky dog, have responsibility for the “Tween Experience”. Yes, you’ll be in charge of about a hundred kids for a day of fun in Washington, DC. They come from all parts of the US (including six from our church) and are generally ten to twelve years old.

You already have a tentative plan. You’ll gather everyone in the lobby of the Washington Convention Center (the location of the ABA meeting) at 9am, and then march together through Chinatown to the International Spy Museum. From there, it’s next door to the Museum of the Bible, where you’ve arranged for an interesting and age-appropriate lecture. Lunch will be on the National Mall, where your group can take in the sights of the monuments and buildings of Washington while they eat. (You’ve planned for box lunches from a local street vendor truck.) In the afternoon, you’ll hit the Air and Space Museum, always a DC favorite, and if you have time, the Holocaust Memorial Museum. Then it’s back to the Convention Center for a 6pm drop-off.

The plan is within the budget you were given (after all, most of the museums are free). Fortunately, it’s all walking, so you won’t have to worry about other transportation.

Your biggest concern is chaperones. You have eight people from FBCK that have volunteered to help: two couples that are parents of tweens, an older couple (whose kids are grown), and two singles who are dating each other. You know at least eight youth workers from other churches who might be willing to help, if asked. You also might be able to get some members of the FBCK teen group to help.

The pastor has been supportive, but he does have one request: “Before you finalize your plans, make sure you do a child protection risk analysis.”

### **TASKS:**

- Examine the risk factors.
- Identify any high-risk aspects of your plan.
- Develop mitigations that reduce those risks to an acceptable level.