

*“Committed to Salvation, Christian
Growth and Worship Through
Excellence in Children and Family Ministry”*



**MINISTRY
INTRODUCTION
PACKAGE**

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www.wendyandthejamesgang.com**



WJG is the James Family: Ben (15), David, Wendy, Zac (17). They live near Columbus, OH



WJG CD's, written by Wendy and produced in Nashville.



Wendy presents the Gospel to some of the 25,000 kids ministered to in South Africa.



“This is the most fun, exciting and energetic outreach event for kids and families that I’ve ever seen”. - Jeff Pound, Senior Pastor, Spring Hills Baptist Church

Wendy & the James Gang

REACHING KIDS WHERE THEY ARE...

In the March/April 2006 edition of Children’s Ministry Magazine, author Carmen Kamrath writes:

“Kids today are submerged in a fast-paced culture that’s inundated with technology. Kids respond to creativity and variety; they want media, action, change, silence, drama, and attention-grabbing lessons – and they want it all now!”

Hello! My name is Barb Foltz. I’m the Ministry and Booking Coordinator for Wendy & the James Gang. **Please allow me to introduce you to this Family, our Mission, and an outreach event unlike anything we know of in children’s and family ministry... that reaches kids of all ages AND families where they are!**

The event is called “Song of the King”. It is a *full-scale professional musical theatrical production with a life-changing story, an amazing 10’ x 30’ video screen backdrop, unforgettable characters, rockin’ original and worship music, blazing theatrical lighting, amazing effects and vivid costumes - proven to enthrall, electrify and reach all kids and grown-ups for Jesus Christ.*

WJG specializes in outreach events for any size church or community.

OUR FOCUS – WHY CHILDREN? 3 Reasons...

1. “Almost 2/3 (64%) of all Christians accept Christ before the age of 17. **Almost 50% do so by age 13.**” —George Barna (www.barna.org).
2. “If a person under age of 13 is presented the Gospel, there is a **32%** chance that they will respond affirmatively when asked. Between ages 14-18, there is only a **4%** chance. After age 18, the probability is **6%**.” (www.barna.org)
3. Most of a child’s **LIFETIME** values are established **prior to age 13.**
- Dr. James Dobson, Focus on the Family (www.family.org).

There is only ONE logical, INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION: The critical, value-forming years through age 13 is when a person is **MOST** receptive to hearing the Gospel and **RESPONDING** affirmatively when asked!

OUR HISTORY – “A Family Ministering to Families”

God gave WJG the calling and passion to reach children and families for Christ. *Since 2000, God has made it possible for almost 13,000 kids to accept Christ at WJG shows. Nationwide and in South Africa, the Gospel has been presented to hundreds of thousands of kids and families.* WJG is a leader in children’s evangelism and advocating the importance of reaching children for Christ.

OUR MISSION

WJG is called to reach kids of all ages for Christ, utilizing professional theatrical productions and concerts that are:



“Professional theatrical events that present the Gospel in a powerful and moving way!” – Alice Mommenee, Children’s Minister, Church of the Cross, Toledo, OH

- **Evangelistic**: Most Christians don’t realize that over 67% of all Christians accept Christ before age 13. But even without this knowledge, the vast majority of Christian adults agree that it is vital to reach kids at a young age ...“they are our future, the next generation of leaders”.
- **Discipling**: Every show, scene and song teach **Biblical principles** that applies to kids and adults.
- **Hilarious**: Laughter and audience participation are great ways to establish rapport and break down barriers so hearts can be opened.
- **Excellence**: We believe that God deserves our best and wants us to glorify him in all that we do.
- **Relevant**: We’ve invested in video and technology to strive to match the scope of secular entertainment choices offered to kids in today’s society.
- **Fun for Adults**: We believe that shows for kids should be a blast for any grown-up and minister to them as well. The stories, second-level humor, music, presentation and especially the messages are very applicable to grown-ups, parents, grandparents – even teens.
- **Captivating**: Storytelling is a very effective method to reach and teach kids and grown-ups.
- **Family**: We want to demonstrate the importance of family, and show kids that God wants them to join His family.
- **Worship**: Every show demonstrates the importance of worship and invites the audience to participate.

A True Story...by Wendy James

“A Grandmother excitedly approached me after a “*Song of the King*” show. A huge smile lit up her face. She related that her 8-year-old granddaughter (call her Amy) was living with her divorced father who was now involved in an alternative relationship. Grandma often tried to introduce Christ, the church and Christian music into Amy’s life, but Amy would only listen to Brittany Spears – her hero. Amy had rejected her Grandma so strongly that their relationship was nearly severed. Somehow Amy agreed to come to our WJG show at her church. Afterwards, Amy pleaded for the “Song of the King” CD – the first music other than Brittany that she ever wanted to listen to! Then Grandma shared the best news of all –

Amy was the first kid down the aisle to ask Jesus into her heart!”

Original, **Professional** **Theatrical Productions!**



Wendy & the James Gang has produced three separate shows that clearly emphasize **Evangelism and Discipleship**. For 2007, they are presenting “Song of the King”.

Song of the King: A classic confrontation of good vs. evil set in medieval times in a witty, compelling story about Truth, Relying on God and experiencing **Freedom in Christ**. (for 2007)



(Fully Rely On God)

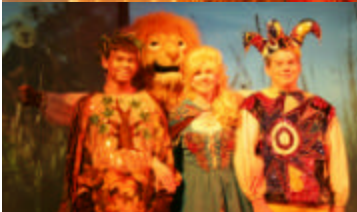
Secret Agent Man: A hilarious spy spoof that has a hi-tech cartoon feel and solves the mystery of how to “Find God”. *It’s about Jesus’ love and gift of **SALVATION**. (EXPECTED TO TOUR IN 2008)*

That was better than ‘Toy Story 2 on Ice!’”

- Boy, age 10, after “Song of the King”



“Your music and shows fill a void that exists in ministry to kids and families – a niche that has not been filled until now.”



LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE! SOUTH AFRICA

- Summer 2002 Mission Tour
 - 6 Weeks
 - 41 shows in 30 days; 22 in schools
- Presented the Gospel to over 25,000 kids and adults
Est. 7,000 kids accepted Christ

Backstage Pass: A rockin’ concert **WORSHIP** experience. This is a variety show that includes a live band (WJG family), jumpin’ favorites from the first two shows, familiar worship songs and surprises galore! (Tour Date TBD).

It was the greatest outreach opportunity that we’ve experienced.”

- Lane Hasson, Children’s Pastor, Rainbow Forest Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

MEET THE JAMES GANG

INTRODUCING...

Wendy

- Singer/songwriter (1 Adult, 2 Kids CD’s)
- World class voice with 4-octave range
- BA Vocal Performance (Huntington University)
- Experienced Worship Leader and Speaker
- Over 500 WJG shows, hundreds of adult concerts, sang for Vice-President on national TV, countless special music, banquets and Women’s Retreats; wrote music, sang and acted on several episodes of a kids TV show.



INTRODUCING...

Zac & Ben

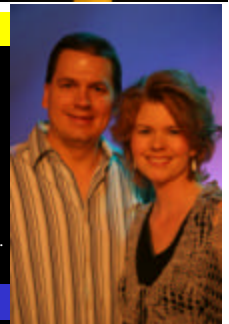
- In full-time ministry since 2000
- Singers and Actors
- Talented Musicians - Piano & keyboard, Guitar (Acoustic, Electric, Bass), Drums
- Homeschooled since 4th/2nd grade
- Heart and calling for Ministry



INTRODUCING...

Dave

- BS Accounting/Business (Huntington University)
- Successful CPA/CFO/Consultant
- Experienced speaker, performer, singer, actor & sound technician
- Corporate Restructuring led to leaving the business world for Full-time ministry in 1998.
- Not easily embarrassed...comment often told to Wendy:



“Your husband must really love you.”

WHAT A WJG EVENT IS LIKE

Performers (4): The James Family: David, Wendy, Zac & Ben James

Video: A unique aspect of our production is 2 rear projection video screens that combine to form a 10’ x 30’ backdrop.

Trusses: 2 freestanding trusses: 30’ wide x 15’ tall (front) and 30’x 12’ (rear).

Crew: We will ordinarily have two crew members.

Sound: Professional sound system with wireless mics and in-ear monitors.

Lights: Professional theatrical lighting system, including moving lights.



“Last night, Christopher (a 7-year-old boy from our church) died in a car accident. Just last week, he came to the Wendy & the James Gang “Song of the King” show at our church and prayed to receive Christ. *I believe the show may have been the only time he attended church in his life.*”



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Effects: Many amazing special effects, include fog (soap-based, not smoke) and other cool tricks.

Stage Sets: There are several large set pieces, elaborate costumes, specialized props, puppets and more.

Music: Rockin' original soundtracks (music written by Wendy) and favorite worship music designed for both kids and adults:

- “**Secret Agent Man**” soundtrack: WJG “God Loves You” CD.
- “**Song of the King**” soundtrack: WJG “Song of the King” CD.

CONFIRMATION FORM / TECHNICAL RIDER

Our Confirmation Form is a separate document that includes the technical details for the show. Here is a summary:

Venue : The event normally needs to be held indoors, due to the complexity of the shows, and all of the technical equipment and sets. Venues where ambient lighting can be controlled to make the room as dark as possible are best.

Stage : The ideal stage size is 40’ wide, 30’ deep and 20’ high. At minimum, it needs to be 30’ wide x 20’ deep (due to the projectors needing 10’ of projection room behind the screens) x 15’ high. Our trusses are designed to be scalable to fit most facilities. It is rare that we cannot find a workable solution. Floors (i.e. on the floor of a gym) are fine but it is great if the stage can be raised off the floor, even slightly. The stage must be totally clear.

Electrical: Despite all the gear, we have planned it so you will not need specialized power. Please identify and map out 10 separate 20-amp or greater circuits. They do not need to be in the same room. We have plenty of high-capacity, long extension cords. It is important to have the circuits identified (on wall outlets and circuit breaker panels) prior to load-in.

Fog: This rarely causes problems with alarm systems, but please check to be sure. Determine if you have optical sensors in the ductwork.

Volunteers : We will need assistance in the following areas:

- Load-in and Load-out
- Kids to participate in shows
- Resource tables
- Backstage helpers each night
- Food (to help provide meals)
- Maintenance person with knowledge of the facility
- Counselors/Follow-up (See below)



Invitation: It is vital that we discuss and properly plan for the invitation. We will discuss this extensively with you in our pre-show communication, upon our arrival for the event and before each show. There are many ways to handle this and we will work with you to find the best method for each situation. There is nothing more important than planning for the invitation, counseling and follow-up.

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Counseling

Pastors and/or trained adults or teens must be available to talk to and minister with the kids and adults who respond to the Invitation. It is not unusual to have a multitude of kids respond.

Follow-Up

Follow-up is critical. We will help as much as we can, but it must be done locally to get kids and families plugged into a church. There will be opportunities for every pastor at every level. We are flexible on every other area of an event, but this is the one thing that we insist must be in place. Thank you for understanding.

COST

A WJG show is one of the largest and technical events in children’s ministry. Our costs include a technical crew and the extensive production that includes a 30’ video backdrop, trussing, professional lighting and sound.

We strive to keep the show as affordable as possible. The cost is on a suggested honorarium basis plus travel & lodging expenses.

DEMO VIDEO

To download a demo video, Technical Rider and other information, or to see pictures of the show and see what WJG is all about, visit www.wendyandthejamesgang.com.

BOOKING

Thank you for your time! For more information or to reserve your date, please contact Barb Foltz, Booking Coordinator, at 740-403-2156, or via email at barb.foltz@livingrock.com.

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Living Rock Family Outreach (LRFO) was formed by David James in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) faith-based, non-profit parent oversight ministry for WJG. LRFO’s mission is *“To advance the Christian faith by providing education and solutions about the critical need to reach children for Christ, and sharing the Gospel to children and families by all appropriate means, especially including Christian music”*.

“Dear Wendy and Gang,

As I sat and watched your presentation and the involvement of our campers, I had tears of joy. Not many Artists would allow disabled children to take part in their program, but you did! All the kids were beaming afterwards and are still talking about the show. I share this because I have a child with a disability and someday I hope she will be part of something like you did here. When you invited many to come down and receive Jesus that was very special. Many are going home with a new friend for life, Jesus, because of your ministry”. Shaker Samuel, Camp Administrator, Camp Echoing Hills, Warsaw, OH