Youth Ministry Best Practices

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**What were things like before using your best practice?**

We had a hard time creating make up lessons for students who missed a class. Most of our classes are interactive and depend on classroom activity and discussion for depth and meaning.

**Describe the best practice:**

We began to stagger the start date of our classes. Example, this year we had Phase I and II. Classes begin the weeks of 9/13, 9/20, 9/29 and 10/4. Our classes meet from 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9 on Sunday and 7-9 on Monday and Tuesday. With the staggered schedule and at least five sessions per week of classes, we can generally find a class for you to join to make up the lesson you missed.

**The results:**

The students liked it better than online make up work and administratively, it beats correcting and returning assignments.