

# optional extra activities

The following activities are ideas that can be used to promote children's ministries within your church, and also be used to involve the children, families and congregation to participate together.

Child Focused Potluck. Invite the church family to the Let's Eat Potluck with child-friendly activities at each table. (See "Let's Eat" on page 9 for ideas)

Outreach at the park or another public place. Provide music for children, story time and games. Children can color and deliver the flyer invitations the week before.

Visit a retirement center and maybe even begin an Adopt a Grandparent program with regular visits.

Children's Sabbath can also include plans for additional service projects on Sunday, giving children something more to look forward to doing together for others, such as helping someone with yard work or baking cookies and delivering them with a handmade note. Children involved in these activities not only is fun for them and instills in them a passion to serve, but also brings joy to the hearts of those they are serving.

Invite the whole church to work together on a Pathfinder Nature or Outreach Honor or Adventurer Nature Award.

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# let's eat

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Activities to involve the children and families during or after the Children's Sabbath potluck meal.

## Kids Decoration

Decorate the potluck room with balloons. Play music with children's songs during potluck.

Line tables with rolls of Kraft paper. Provide cups with crayons on tables for guests to draw and doodle.

**The Tambourine craft is easy and enjoyed by all ages! You can include the whole church family in making a Tambourine.**

**All craft supplies can be purchased from local craft or discount store.**

### Supplies

2 white paper plates  
Ribbon (your choice of colors)  
Jingle bells (gold or silver)  
Hole Punch  
Stickers

### Instructions

- 1 Put two paper plate together, top of first plate facing bottom top plate to form tambourine.
- 2 Thread ribbon through the jingle bell and thread through the punched hole and tie tightly forming a knot. Repeat in the rest of the holes.
- 3 Decorate with the stickers of your choice.
- 4 Enjoy the music!

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