

1. Welcome

This is a wonderful opportunity for the pastor to introduce the children's ministry leaders in your church; public recognition and support are a positive acknowledgement of the dedication of your team. This is also a time to encourage the involvement children have within the service, and celebrate their leadership as valued members of the church.

2. Praise Music

Your choice of music.

3. Special Music

If you have a children's choir and children who love to sing or play instruments, you can include a special music just before the opening skit as an added option.

4. Opening skit

The skit provided is appropriate for the sanctuary and introduces the theme of the program. There are 8 small parts in the skit. You can have the scriptures that the children will be reading on small pieces of paper, or have them memorize their parts. Keep in mind that whatever you do, the important thing is to have children at the forefront the entire sabbath.

5. Praise Music

We Are Different

6. Scripture Reading

Assign several children to hold the signs for the key verse and read their portions aloud. Have them practice encouraging the congregation to read along!

7. Offering

This is a great time to include the Deacons in mentoring children to take up the offering.

8. Prayer Activity

This can be a single prayer by one child or a conversational prayer by two-three children.

7. Sermon Introduction

8. Sermon

This year's sermon is broken up into three sections, each with a song, story, and activity. Each section is designed to engage the whole family and connect with many different ages. Children present each portion of the sermon. Choose each of the presenters ahead of time and have the pastor, elders and parents work with them as they practice. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect leaders with kids!

Part 1: Jesus Heals Our Wounds

Song – We are Called

Story - Jesus Heals a Sick Woman

Activity – Bandaid Prayer (print pg.33)

Part 2: Jesus Forgives Us

Song - Forgive

Story – Carried to Jesus

Activity – Pipe Cleaner People

Part 3: Jesus Calls Us

Song – I Have Decided

Story – Calling the Disciples

Activity – Do the Math

8. Summary and Closing

Sums up the sermon portion with an invitation to “say yes to Jesus” and concluding prayer.

9. Call to Commitment

Pastors are encouraged to give the church opportunity to respond with either a general call to a commitment to be faithful to God's call or a more specific call to baptism as a greater sign of commitment. No script is provided for this section as each pastor will be led by the Holy Spirit on what to say.

10. Invitation to Lunch

Assign several children to extend the invitation.

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