

October 1, 2022

Dear Pastor & Partner in Ministry,

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH? Children's Sabbath is a day set aside by churches all over the world for the purpose of highlighting and affirming the gift *and* gifts of children in our midst. It is a day set aside to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church. Children can serve as worship leaders throughout the service, including preaching, singing, reading Scripture and making announcements. This special day provides a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to bring their children. The more you put into planning and promoting this special day, the more impact it will have on your church family and community connections. The NAD Children's Ministry Department is excited and is looking forward to celebrating this very special Sabbath. This year, October 1, 2022 is Children's Sabbath throughout the North American Division. We have been celebrating this special day for over twelve years. This is a Sabbath when the children of our church will have the opportunity to share the gospel in their own words using their own unique talents. Perhaps this may be the day when a future teacher, a church leader, and yes, even a preacher may be introduced to their calling for the very first time. This is also the perfect opportunity for your children's ministry leaders to partner with you and guide the children as they share from the pulpit the depth of their love for Jesus!

As an additional resource we have included a sermon outline (see page 28) that has been prepared especially for this occasion. You can add your content or use as it is. This can be presented by a child, teen, or young person with your mentoring. The NAD Children's Ministries supports and prays for you in your ministry with the children of your church! Children's Sabbath 2022 will reinforce to your children we are all part of God's great big family! This day will be an encouraging reminder that because Jesus loves us, we are able to love one another freely and unconditionally! And that He has CALLED us all to make a difference for Him. Thank you for your partnership with Children's Ministries!

**North American Division
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