

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

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.

Craft

God Treasures Eagles

Supplies

1. 8.5x11 Bright colored paper (2 per child plus extra for accessories)
2. Stapler (1 per 2 kids)
3. Staples
4. Kite string
5. Scissors
6. Glue sticks
7. Markers
8. Wet Wipes

Ahead of Time: Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, paper plates as individual art stations per child. Fill shallow containers with large tail feather shapes, medium tail feather shapes, orange beak shape (triangle), small round white circles (templates are on page 32). Cut kite string 48 - 60" length.

Instructions

1. Lay paper landscape and fold in half.
2. Place the folded edge toward you. Measure the center and mark a dot.
3. Then measure the center from the center mark to the left edge. Mark a dot.
4. With the paper still laying with the folded edge toward you take the top left corner down to the first center dot. Pick up and hold.
5. While holding take the other edge and fold the tip down to the first dot and staple both points.
6. Staple at the center dot.
7. Thread kite string through the single center staple and make a knot.
8. Staple tail feathers to the end and glue the white circles for the eyes.
9. Edge the eye with black marker and mark a center dot for the eye.

Sharing tip: If you have time kids can make two and share one with their friends.

Fly your Eagle kit high in the sky! God made amazing birds for you to enjoy just because He loves you and treasures you!