



PRAY
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CHURCH
AS FAMILY

Ideas for Doing Crèche.

This paper is designed to help crèche workers know how important their service is at church. Having a routine or schedule can often be tricky but we have included a bit of a schedule which you might like to try next time you're in crèche. Even non-verbal toddlers can be learning gospel truths and we'd love you to take advantage of this time, sharpen and share your skills with others!

Music and singing

All ages respond to music and singing, even if they don't understand the words completely they will see that you are enjoying yourself and consistency means they will start to remember the songs and learn gospel truths. This is also a great way to teach other grown-ups who might be visiting about gospel truths! By learning these songs we also sharpen our skills in explaining big ideas to little kids. So, might we suggest putting that Colin Buchanan CD on (or playing some through your phone if that's easier), sitting down on the rug with some instruments and singing together as a group. Here's the link to our SJM Kids Spotify playlist for suggestions and for your enjoyment:

<https://open.spotify.com/user/g3cf5zf33a13yfp68nohihogv/playlist/7IUQuCvvrDdLJhJQ1zuiQc?si=leJ8tqxcRyuj28E4FhRcWA>

Morning Tea Time (or when the kids start snacking)

You might like to sing this or play it! 'The Fruits of the Spirit Song'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymNuBZXCK20> . It's catchy! Can you get them to pray and thank God for their morning tea? Hands together? Amen?

Reading

There's a huge selection of books in the crèche room and toddlers love books and being read to, as you know. Their attention span is limited of course, but one of the grownups might like to read a bible story with pictures to the group. If the text is too complex for your age bracket-improvise and discuss the pictures. Use sound effects and practise your roaring. Ask the kids to make the sound effects back at you! Cuteness.

Craft/ Playdough/ Drawing

Chat to the kids about what they're making and try to link it to something you want them to know about our Creator. "That is THE scariest dinosaur I've seen today. God is very clever the way he made dinosaurs. Isn't he?" That sort of thing.

Free play

Free play will be the majority of your crèche time, most likely. We know this is a busy and sometimes teary time. Some kids might not hear grownups talk about God much during the week. Can you be the interesting one who does? Pray for that sore knee, talk about how Jesus wants us to share our truck. Who knows what they'll remember!

Thanks for your service.