



SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

THEME: "GET ON BOARD WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY"

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Central Theme for the Day

Challenge adults to become involved in training children to know and love Jesus Christ. Train kids to share Christ with their friends.

- Have a kids choir or ensemble sing "All Aboard" during the service. Order music from www.cathysmusic.com, #156. Or sing another train related song.
- Order engineer hats for kids to wear while they sing or for adult leaders to wear for the day (\$3.00 each at kippbro.com or call 800-428-1153). Add a red bandana for color.
- Have the pastor wear an engineer hat and give a children's sermon illustration using a train theme, e.g. our power source is God just as the train's is the engine; we need to stay connected to God and each other just as the train cars are connected; we need to be on the right track, etc.
- Show clip from the Polar Express in adult or kid's worship (see directions on "TRAIN Instructions" sheet) and remind people they need to make the decision to "get on board" with Christ and with Children's Ministry.
- Make a train and take kids pictures in it. Prepare a power point presentation using these pictures and other pictures of children. Show the presentation in the Worship Service.
- Have a model train on the stage or in the hallway with a sign that says "Get On Board With Children's Ministry."
- Make a train by tying wagons together. Place preschoolers in the wagons and pull them across the stage during the Worship Service.
- Make a transparency from the train and car above (put your own words on the car). Draw trains to hang in the hallways. Attach cards with children's names to the cars. Have people take the cards and pray for the kids.
- Make signs to look like Railroad Crossing signs that say "Children Crossing" for hallways.
- Have open houses in your children's classrooms on Children's Sunday and make railroad tracks leading to the classrooms.
- TRAIN kids to share Christ by using the information on the "TRAIN Instructions" sheet.
- Download the bulletin cover and poster for Children's Sunday from C.E. National's website (www.cenational.org).