

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 2009-2010

“GO FOR THE GOAL: Helping Kids Win the Ultimate Prize – Eternity with Jesus”

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

Central Theme for the Day

- Challenge adults to be involved with helping children make a decision accept Christ and spend eternity with Him.
- Challenge kids to connect with their friends by sharing about eternal life through Jesus.

Ideas for Programming

- Have a kids choir or ensemble sing during the worship service.
- Have the pastor preach a message on the importance of presenting the gospel to children at an early age.
- Have children read scripture during the service or memorize verses and say them.
- Prepare a power point presentation or video showing pictures taken in your classrooms of children holding a soccer ball or other sports equipment. Play a relevant song while the power point plays.
- Have all the kids come to the front and pray for them during the service.
- Give parents information on devotionals to use in connecting their kids to Christ (download from www.cenational.org).
- Bring in a small soccer goal and take pictures of kids in front of the goal (or other sports equipment). Use the pictures in the power point presentation.
- Buy pads of paper in the shape of a soccer ball or other sports equipment, take pictures of kids and put the pictures on the balls to hang in hallways.
- Order soccer or other sports themed stickers to give to kids.
- Have kids who are on soccer or other sports teams wear their team jersey on Children's Sunday.
- Have kids who are on soccer or other sports teams invite their coach to church on Children's Sunday.
- Have a tailgate party after the service for kids and their families.
- Have kids divide into groups in their departments and talk about how they can share the gospel with their families, friends and at school (use the “Tag You're It” material available from www.cenational.com).
- Have open houses in your children's classrooms on Children's Sunday and have cardboard cutout soccer balls or other sports equipment on the walls leading to the classrooms.
- Download the poster for Children's Sunday from C.E. National's website. (www.cenational.org) and hang on bulletin boards around the church.