



Childhood Ministry Resource Sheet

Family Fun Nights

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Churches need to discover ways to reconnect families by helping them grow closer together and closer to God. One way to do that is by offering *family-friendly* events in which family members learn, worship, serve, and laugh together. Let's look at some guidelines for fantastic family fun nights.

Be intentional. Decide on a purpose and stick to it.

Place dates on the church calendar. Choose the same night of the month, i.e. First Friday, Fifth Sunday. Having a consistent time helps families avoid allowing other activities to creep in.

Choose a theme. Choose a theme that allows families to participate together.

Budget wisely. Plan activities that can be done for less than five dollars per family, or better yet, FREE.

Spread the fun. Allow *families* to lead *families* by recruiting *families* to take the lead in planning a *Family Fun Night*.

Include all families. Make room for all types of families including singles, empty nesters and senior adults.


Be creative. Be creative with your theme and your budget.

Excellent resources from LifeWay include:
100 Action Games That Really Work, Vols. 1 & 2
Giant Game Floor Mat
Splash! (Video)

Communicate, communicate, communicate.
Communicate your purpose, theme, date and time.

Plan a family devotional. Provide learning activities to help family members read and talk about God's Word together.

Evaluate. Use evaluation tools with families and with those responsible for planning the event.



Theme Ideas for Family Fun Nights

Bonfire/Hayride
Cookie Decorating
Game Night
Indoor Picnic
Tailgate Party
Indoor Scavenger Hunt
Indoor Hide-and-Seek
Fast Food Progressive Dinner
Craft Night
Crazy Olympics
Drama Night
Winter Beach Party