



Coffee Talk

Conversation Starter Sheet for Preschool Bible Study Leaders

Preschoolers, Parents, and Family Relationships

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and discuss the importance of teaching scripture and biblical truths to our preschoolers. Why is it so important for teachers and parents to unite together to achieve these goals? Talk about how we, as teachers of preschoolers, can do our part by considering the following:

- Get to know the parents.
- Use social media and text messaging to communicate.
- Encourage preschoolers and their families to worship.
- Make a home visit at least once during the year to develop personal relationships.
- Reach out to preschoolers and their families by inviting them to church events:
 - Family mission trip or project
 - Fall Festival
 - Parenting classes
 - Family picnics at church or at a park
 - Winter Wonderland party
 - Pajama party and family movie night with popcorn and drinks.
 - Kite flying day
 - Easter family picnic and egg hunt
 - Water play day
 - Art day
 - Pet show and parade
 - Ice cream fellowship – homemade is best!
 - Parent and child tea
 - Muffins with Mom on Mother’s Day
 - Donuts with Dad on Father’s Day
 - Christmas breakfast
 - Baby Dedication Sunday
 - Summer “playcation” days for preschoolers
 - Family game night: board games, volleyball, kickball, t-ball, parachute play, bicycle/tricycle races
 - Parents Night Out

- Family day at zoo or amusement park
- If your church has a Mom's Day Out, Weekday Preschool or Day Care ministry, encourage parents to bring their preschooler here to a faith-based facility.
- Mail birthday cards to your preschoolers.
- Mail cards to those who attend and those who are absent.
- Preschoolers love to talk on the phone, but get parental permission to talk to them.
- Babies' teachers can watch the newspaper for birth announcements and send a congratulatory note with an invitation to your church. Parents need to know we provide care and teaching for babies.
- Let class make a gift basket for a new baby brother or sister of a member. Include an item for the new big brother or big sister and cards preschoolers make.
- Provide a special place for nursing mothers with soothing, inspirational music playing.
- Care for preschoolers and their families. Be there when they have a ministry need.
- Witness to families of preschoolers.
- Be supportive and give appropriate advice when asked.
- Fellowship with preschoolers and their families. Sit with them at local sports events. Join them at church dinners and fellowships.
- Teach preschoolers the Bible and inform parents about what they learned.

Tea Time Tip - At the center of teaching preschoolers is the BIBLE. The Bible is the connection of the partnership between home/parents and church/preschool teachers.

Pray together for each preschooler in our class by name, their parents, families, and any prayer requests we may know about. Ask God to help us know the best ways to unite church and family together. Pray about any specific ideas we may have discussed today.

Question for the Pastor: Which of the listed ideas does your church already have in place? Are there any of these ideas you want to implement to reach preschool families? What would work in your community? What is your vision of how preschool leaders can help?