

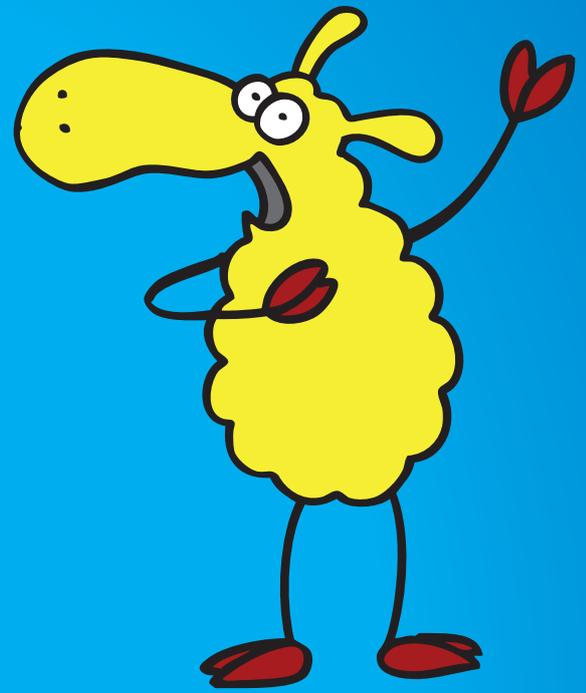
“Don’t Forget the Kids”

TIPS FOR INVOLVING THE KIDS

Hi Friends,

Cecil the Sheep here. I’m a big fan of Back to Church Sunday. If you’ve read Luke 15:1-7 you’ll know my story. As someone who’s wandered away from the flock I know how good it feels to get a warm welcome back. When preparing for Back to Church Sunday, don’t forget the kids! Many children have never been to church and many parents can only remember being told to sit still and keep quiet. So, let’s see if we can give these kids, mums & dads a big ‘Back to Church Sunday’ welcome.

When I say “Don’t forget the Kids”, I also mean the kids who are already part of your congregation. The children who are in your church are your greatest asset for making people of all ages feel welcome. So, here are tips for the kids. The adults may like to listen in as the kids might have some things the adults can help with.



Hi Kids,

Did you know that September the 29th is Back to Church Sunday. It’s a day when we can invite our friends and family along to church. All the adults are fussing about so I think we’d better get them organised. If you want something done properly ask the kids!

Invitations

Grab some craft stuff and make invitations. If your church has bought a big pack of invitation cards, give them out to people at church and ask them, “Who are you going to invite to Back to Church Sunday?”



Food

When people come back to church it’s time to celebrate! We can’t have a real celebration without yummy food! Make a list of the food your friends like and give the list to the adults. Pizza, chocolate biscuits and fresh fruit will be on my list!



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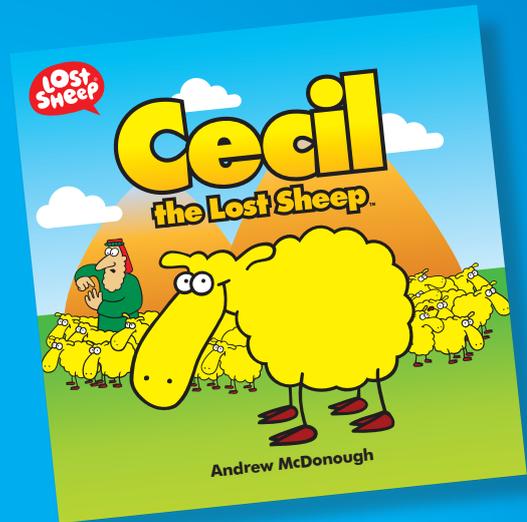
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Car Park Welcome Sign.

Let's paint a big "Welcome to our Church: visitors park here" sign and stick balloons and streamers around the carpark! Remind the adults it's a celebration!

Kid's Activity Pack.

Adults forget that church can get a bit boring. Let's put together a fun kid's pack to hand out at the door. While it would be good if each kid's pack had a remote control car and an iPod in it, that may blow the church budget. But how about some twisty crayons, funky stamps, stickers and a book? I've included some activities and colouring sheets you might like to pop in the pack. It could all be in a cool bag that the kids can bring back next time.



A Story for the Kids.

Make sure the adults include a children's story in the service. I've given them a copy of "Cecil the Lost Sheep" that they can show on the screen. This isn't just for the kids, even the adult visitors will love this story!



Wiggle Space.

No one can sit still for an hour, so it is good to have a wiggle space. It might be a craft table or spot on the floor in church where the kids can play with their activity pack when they don't feel like sitting with mum and dad. I love having one huge piece of cardboard in the middle of the wiggle space with lots of crayons and pencils. Then everyone can draw on it together. It's lots of fun and you can show it to the congregation at the end of church.

Kids Help Out.

Offer to help out on the day. You could be a welcomer at the door, take up the offering or read a Bible verse. This will leave the adults free to do jobs like wash up the dishes after morning tea.

Have Fun on Back to Church Sunday!

Cecil the Lost Sheep!



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