Optional Extra Activities

- **Child Focused Potluck.** Invite the church family to the Let’s Eat Potluck with child-friendly activities at each table. (See “Let’s Eat” for ideas)

- **Outreach at the park or another public place.** Provide music for children, story time and games. Children can color and deliver the flyer invitations the week before.

- **Visit a retirement center and maybe even begin an Adopt a Grandparent program with regular visits.**

- **Invite the whole church to work together on a Pathfinder Nature or Outreach Honor or Adventurer Nature Award.** Go to this website for a list of Pathfinder Honors complete with requirements and answers.
  
  [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Youth_Honors_Answer_Book](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Youth_Honors_Answer_Book)

- **For Adventurer Awards go to**
  
  [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Adventurer_Awards](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Adventurer_Awards)

- **Faith Trust Walk Game (See description on page 6)**

- **Children’s Sabbath can also include plans for additional service projects on Sunday, giving children something more to look forward to doing together for others, such as helping someone with yard work or baking cookies and delivering them with a handmade note. Children involved in these activities not only is it fun for them and instills in them a passion to serve, but also brings joy to the hearts of those they are serving.**
let’s eat!

The following activities are ideas that can be used to promote children’s ministries within your church, and also be used to involve the children, families and congregation to participate together.

*I have been CALLED by God! Cards*

1. Place a table at each corner of the Fellowship Hall or room.
2. Invite children, their parents, and church members to participate in this activity.
3. Make a display of large cards. Use one large sheet of red card stock for each child, folded in half to make a greeting card.
4. Use your computer or pattern included to print a frame that says “I have been CALLED by God!” to stick on the front of each card.
5. Provide all kinds of fun stickers, pom-poms, lace doilies, ribbons, and shiny things for the children to use to decorate their card.
6. Take a digital photo of each child, print them and give them to the child to put on their card. Polaroid pictures can also work.
7. Help each child write their name inside their card and stick a happy photo of them inside the card. Put the cards on the wall at a height where the children can open their own card and see their photo.

*Kids Decoration*

1. Decorate the potluck room with balloons. Play music with children’s songs during potluck.
2. Line tables with rolls of Kraft paper. Provide cups with crayons on tables for guests to draw and doodle on the Kraft table cover.
Faith Trust Walk Game

The game in brief: Complete an obstacle course while blindfolded following nothing but the voice directions of a teammate.

Lesson Goal: To teach the children the concept of listening to follow God’s voice, even when other voices are calling.

Preparation: Blindfolds (At least two, and more as you consider the size of the group you will have), Chairs (Other obstacles can be used but be sure that whatever is used is safe)
Plan ahead of time a safe location for the game.

How to Play:

1. The game can be played either inside or outside. Divide participants into two or more equal teams. Choose a starting line and a finish line. Put chairs as an obstacle course between the starting and finish line.

2. Explain that the object of the game is for blindfolded teammates to get from the starting line to the finish line without running into any obstacle and relying on verbal directions. A member from each team will be blindfolded and try to reach the finish line before the opposing team player. If any player touches a chair that is part of the obstacle course they go back to the starting line and wait. One teammate will be the guide and can walk alongside their teammate and give directions, however, the opposing teams guide can also give directions that may or may not be correct. Guides may not touch a blindfolded person at any time. If they do they are disqualified for the rest of that round. The blindfolded person that reaches the finish line first wins two points for their team. Any other blindfolded contestant that reaches the finish line without touching an obstacle chair wins one point for their team.

3. Blindfold a member of each team. Spin the blindfolded participants two or three times while one or more of the game officials rearranges the obstacle chairs before each race begins. Participants begin when the command from the starting official says go.

4. Continue the game until everyone who wants to participate has had their chance.

When all the children have had opportunity to be blindfolded gather them together for debriefing. Ask them to share what it was like to be the blindfolded person. Did they have to trust their guide to keep them from bumping into obstacles? How is this game like walking with God as our guide? Point out that the reality of this game is that the final score has nothing to do with winning the game. To understand the importance of listening to God and following His instructions is winning.