

## ***What can I do to minister to parents and family members?***

<p>If you are a <b>Parent</b></p>	<p>Communicate with the pastor, children's director, and workers at the church where your child attends. Attend church activities with your child. Make an effort to meet other parents and get to know them. Invite other parents to your home for a meal or other fellowship activity. Offer to watch other kids so parents have some respite time. Attend parenting classes at the church where your child attends.</p>
<p>If you are a <b>Pastor</b></p>	<p>Pray for the families at your church. Use a pictorial directory. Conduct parenting classes at your church. Offer to speak at family activities. Send personal letters to the families of your children. Produce a tract or information folder for visitors. Produce a tract or information folder for new Christians. Use your bulletin, newsletter, social media, and website to thank parents who have been involved as children's workers. Call parents on the phone to thank them for bringing their children to church. Send cards to the families in your church: visitors, birthday cards, anniversary cards, thank you cards.</p>
<p>If you are a <b>Children's Ministry Director</b></p>	<p>Plan at least one activity each year to reach families. Invite parents to attend church and observe your children's programs. Provide supplies for workers to contact kids and families; postcards, stamps, flyers, envelopes, etc. Send home notes and curriculum samples for parents to review. Schedule a special visitation night for all workers to visit the homes of their children. Schedule an open house for parents at the beginning of the year. Celebrate Christmas with the families of your children by hosting a special night. Schedule a fun fair in the spring with families invited. Recruit greeters to meet with parents when they drop-off or pick-up their kids. Contact all visitors within the next week after the visit. Contact all new Christians within the next week. Provide ministry workers with the contact information (phone numbers, email, addresses) for each young person. Start a respite care service where parents can leave their kids for an evening.</p>

<p>If you are a <b>Children's Worker</b></p>	<p>Send cards or letters to your kids. When a child comes to Christ, find the person who brought him or her to church and have the child testify as to the decision made. Visit the parents of your children and explain what is being taught in church. Call or email the parents to review their child's progress.</p>
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