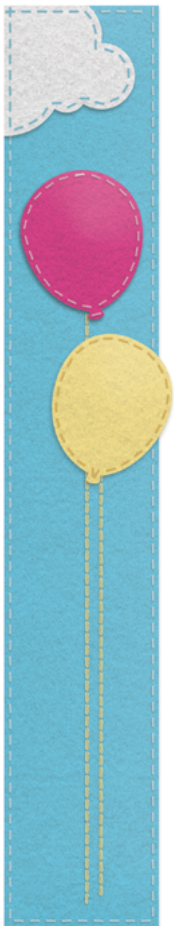


MINISTRY MINUTE

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REACHING LITTLE ONES AND THEIR FAMILIES

One of the most exciting times in a family's life is the arrival of a little one. What better way to connect and build relationship with parents than by helping them welcome a new family member. All of these new Ready to Crawl and Ready to Play resources are available in French and English and are a part of our @theReady Framework. Download or order your supplies at www.CANBDAYouth.com



Dedication / Thanksgiving Resources

To help you plan and prepare with a family for a dedication or thanksgiving service we have the following resources available:

- **Planning for Dedication/Thanksgiving Ceremony Guidebook** - This new resource will help you when you meet with parent/s. It provides key questions to lead your discussion with the parent/s and steps to be taken in preparation for the ceremony.
- **Dedication and Thanksgiving Certificates** - Three certificates can be used during a dedication thanksgiving ceremony held either during a church meeting or in a private celebration with the family. (Check out the templates to help you fill in the certificates!)
- **Dear Little One Frame** - This frame can be used by the parent/s and corps officers to write a prayer or a blessing over the child and then shared/presented during the ceremony.

Ready to Crawl / Ready to Play Ministry Resources

These resources are available to help you build connections with families of children from birth to 5 years.

- **Cradle Roll/Nursery Guidebook** - This guide was designed to assist with your ministry to children ages 0-5 years. It provides ideas to help you support parents as they await the arrival of their little one; as they welcome their child and adjust to parenting; to celebrate family; and to build connections to the larger caring church community.
- **Welcome Certificate** - This adorable certificate can be used to welcome a child and their family when they join any of your Ready to Crawl or Ready to Play ministries, including Moms & Tots, Baby Song, etc. (Use the template to help you fill in the certificate!)
- **Birthday Card** - Designed to match the artwork of the welcome certificate, this card comes in bundles of five. It's a wonderful way to celebrate little ones as they reach their first, second or third birthdays.
- **Colouring Pages, Felt Shape Patterns and PPT Slides** - Simple colouring pages can be sent home with children to remind them you are praying for them. Felt shape patterns can be used to create a mobile or an ornament for baby's first Christmas. PPT slides can be used for a dedication thanksgiving service or for special Ready to Crawl/Ready to Play events.

Baby Song (Bébé chante)

This program builds relationships and impacts families through music, singing and dancing. It uses music to help impact a child's development physically, emotionally, intellectually, and socially. Baby Song is an opportunity for parents, babies, and toddlers to bond with one another and to enjoy the fellowship of other families from their community. Extras can be added to the program by bringing in speakers on topics such as first aid, scrapbooking, baby sign language, etc.