



tips for youth workers

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CONNECTING THROUGH THE MAIL

Everyone likes to know that they have been noticed, missed, or be made to feel welcome or special. In these days of on-screen meetings, text messages, Facebook posts and email, it's exciting to find something in your mailbox. The next time you want to say: "We can't wait to see or be with you again," "We missed you last week," "Thanks for visiting with us," "We hope you're feeling better," or "Happy Birthday to you" send a note or card in the mail. You can get more mileage out of your mail by enclosing a small mailable gift in an envelope. Connecting with you kids is so important during these days of distancing.

Here are some ideas to choose from:

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| 1. Bookmarks (you can buy these or make your own colourful ones) | 11. Dairy Queen Gift Cards |
| 2. Stickers | 12. Certificates for Goodies or Treats |
| 3. Temporary Tattoos | 13. Witness Bracelets |
| 4. Gum | 14. Fruit to Go bars |
| 5. Baseball, Hockey, Bible character, or create Ready to Serve cards | 15. Invites or Tickets for Future Events |
| 6. Coupons to local activities (mini-golf, bowling, museums, etc.) | 16. Small Magic Tricks |
| 7. McDonald Gift Cards | 17. Printed Cartoons from internet |
| 8. Photos of Group Events (even online events!) | 18. Themed Erasers |
| 9. Letters from the other children in your ministry group | 19. Fancy Shoestrings |
| 10. Hair accessories for girls | 20. Crayons with Bible Colouring Page |
| | 21. Birthday Candles (for those celebrating birthdays) |
| | 22. Packages of Hot Chocolate |

Remember a simple gift is a great way to reach out to the children who have visited, or are involved in your ministry. Make the most of every opportunity to say, "You are IMPORTANT to us!"

Have you received and accepted your invite to



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****This is a good month to complete the Yearly Abuse Prevention Refresher Course.**