

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD GUIDE**

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020





# IDEAS FOR MAKING ONLINE CHURCH FUN FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG KIDS

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## GIVE YOURSELF GRACE

Allow yourself to make adjustments. Remember it's digital, so do what works best for your family. Give yourself grace if your online viewing doesn't work out the way you had expected. Was the experience a big flop? Don't beat yourself up - tweak and try again!

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## GRAB A PENCIL AND PAPER

Ask young children to draw a picture of what they are thinking during the sermon. You may want to ask older children to write down a point from the service they understood, or a question about something they did not understand. Talk about these responses any time after you watch the service.

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## GET ACTIVE!...AND REPLENISH!

Turn up the volume during worship! Encourage your children to add motions to the songs. Plan for your family to eat breakfast or a hearty snack during the actual sermon.

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## PRACTICE GIVING

Make or select a family offering container. Leave the weekly offering in the container and watch the offering grow each week. Bring it back when we return!

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## BRING CHURCH TO LIFE!

Create a special "church" space with selected toys where little ones can play during the sermon. Use chairs, pillows, whatever you want for walls. They may only play in this special space once a week!

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## GET CRAFTY!

Before Sunday morning create a Sunday Surprise Sack (make up your own name if you want). The bag should contain basic art supplies, playdoh, crayons, scissors, and glue. You can even throw in a "surprise" each week!

**CHECK OUT OUR CROSSROADS KIDS MINISTRY ADJUSTMENT PAGE @ ECROSSROADS.ORG**  
BE SURE TO CHECK OUR PAGE PRIOR TO THE ONLINE SERVICE. YOU WILL FIND YOUR CHILD'S NORMAL LESSON VIDEOS AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ENGAGE IN AFTER THE ONLINE CHURCH SERVICE. YOU HAVE ALL DAY TO BUILD FAITH AT HOME!

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:** The family who builds the best fort with random objects you find around the house will win a much desired prize...something even better than Toilet Paper!!



Post pictures of your fort by this Friday at 7 p.m to the Crossroads Kids - Elementary or Crossroads Kids- Early Childhood Facebook Page! Winners announced on Facebook Saturday at noon!



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY SUPPLY LIST**

- Paper
- Markers
- Masking tape
- Household baskets/totes
- Little People figures/little dolls/Barbie's, etc.
  - Toy cars
  - Small plastic animals
  - Solid cups
- Beanbags (or plastic bags filled with beans/cereal/etc.)

IF YOU HAVE TIME, GATHER THESE SUPPLIES FOR SOME FUN CHALLENGES WE WILL CREATE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!