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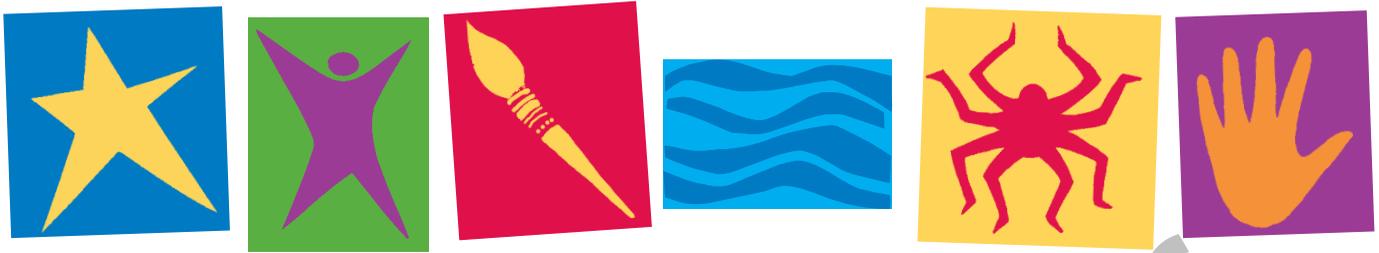
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Family Art Nights *Introduction*

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Want to reach out to families in your community and create lasting relationships within your church as well? Throw a bunch of paint, markers, glitter and paper on tables and invite everyone to come get creative. It's really that easy. The idea for "Family Art Nights" came out of a desire to create a sense of church "family". Through five evenings of themed projects suited for any age, your church offers flexible and family-friendly programs. By gathering people from all stages of life—parents, children, singles, grandparents—to praise, create and laugh with one another, you celebrate the fact that we are all part of *God's* wonderful family.

Plans for five sessions celebrating *God's* creation are included and allow for much flexibility. They are perfect for five summer evenings, spread throughout the summer months or held on five week-days, all in one week. But they would work just as well for five wintertime Saturday mornings! Breakfast, supper or lunch could be added easily to the activities. The sessions begin with a devotion, song and prayer and then move into a casual "open house" creative time.



Getting Started



Volunteers

Not only will your Art Nights create community, but your group of volunteers will form relationships that strengthen the body of Christ. You'll have fun planning and creating! A list of volunteer roles follows, but note that some of these tasks could be combined into the job of one person.

Family Art Night Coordinator

This person's role is to recruit volunteers, round up supplies, secure a space for the events, and follow up with each volunteer to make sure that essential tasks are being completed. The coordinator may act as the host for each session as well, introducing the theme and leading the prayers and singing. The coordinator will want to learn the chant for each session and practice the movements ahead of time. You will find the lyrics and actions with each session's material, and a CD is included with this kit for musical accompaniment.

Publicity Person

You will need someone to create a Facebook event, submit blurbs for the church bulletin, hang posters around the church and advertise in the neighborhood. (The customizable outdoor banner included with this product is perfect for inviting the community.) The publicity person may also display sample art projects ahead of time in the church lobby in order to generate interest.

- Facebook is an extremely helpful tool for these types of events. You can quickly and easily get the word out to members in your church who can then share the event with all of their Facebook friends. People can RSVP to the event on Facebook which helps you plan.
- As you publicize events, remember to include the date, time, location, and theme for each evening. Remind people to bring a box/box lid to transport their work home and to wear clothes that may get messy.
- The publicity person can bring a camera to each art night in order to document the fun. Taking pictures and displaying them in your church could help generate interest in future Art Nights. Also, with participants' permission, you can upload these photos to Facebook and use them to publicize your event.

Supply Person

This person sends out a request for supplies to church members, and organizes and gathers materials in co-ordination with the Art Leaders, making sure that the necessary materials have been gathered for each art night. This person should be resourceful in locating the materials needed for projects. The Art Leaders will

People Night PROJECT 1

Name Necklace

The Bible tells us that God has called us by name ... We are His children! Make a name necklace to remind you that you belong to God.

Materials Air-dry clay in various colors (Crayola Model Magic is a brand of air-dry clay that works well for this), bead necklaces, foam stick-on letters (sold at almost any craft store or craft website)

- 1) Figure out how many letters are in your name. Use air dry clay to make a shape big enough for each letter. Make sure that each shape is big enough for the stick-on foam letters.
- 2) Lay your bead necklace on the table in front of you. Fold a bit of each shape over the necklace so that it is stuck on the necklace.
- 3) Use the foam letters to spell out your name, putting one letter on each shape.
- 4) Add bits of air-dry clay to make polka dots or other designs on your shapes. You can also paint on the air dry clay; watercolor works well.
- 5) Let the clay dry, making sure that all pieces are laying flat.



People Night PROJECT 2

Picture Frame

Materials: Blank cardboard or craft foam picture frames (These can be found in packs of 12 at almost any craft or hobby store or website.) If you'd rather, you can also cut frames out of posterboard or cardboard.

Miscellaneous objects for decorating- paint, buttons, sequins, glitter, stick on foam pieces, scrap booking paper, etc.

This is an easy one! Simply decorate your frame in a fun way that celebrates the people whose picture will be inside of it! Use paint, pieces of scrapbooking paper, buttons, glitter, or anything else you can find to make a frame as unique as the people God has made in this world! Later on, glue or tape a photo to the back of your frame once it is completely dry.



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