7 Gifts Churches can give our children...

Gift 1

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Involve them in intergenerational communities:

Children are more likely to remain in the Church if they are a part of it.

- Make sure your worship service is family-friendly
- Apprentice children into Church positions
- Make sure your worship services are multi-sensory
- Add some children to your worship committee
- Connect worship and home



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Gift 2

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Celebrate memory events:

Be intentional about creating memory events for families in your congregation.

- Create special memory events that families can attend
- Celebrate the milestones in the lives of the children in your Church
- Provide mentors for families and children
- Provide Adventurers and Pathfinder clubs. Attend the special events that these activities provide
- Attend Big Camp and other special events as provided by the Conference



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Gift 3

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Create time for the families in your Church:

Program less so families can have more "together time". Intentionally prioritise intergenerational family events.

- Don't fill up the family's spare time with extra Church activities
- Plan special family events that bring families together
- Make your ministries and programs intergenerational
- Teach parents the importance of family togetherness
- Celebrate families in your Church



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Gift 4

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Equip parents:

Parents are the primary spiritual mentors. The best thing the Church can do for their children spiritually is to equip/resource parents to lead their children.

- Run parenting/discipleship classes or weekends
- Make sure all your programs are family-friendly
- Help parents apply the Gospel in their everyday lives
- Include and welcome parents into your childrens' programs



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Gift 5

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Prioritise quality, grace-linked Sabbath Schools:

Children need a head knowledge and a heart knowledge.
Gracelink is the best curriculum designed to build faith.

- Train your teachers in how to use Gracelink (have a yearly orientation)
- Resource families with supporting materials
- Recruit both women and men to be involved in Sabbath Schools
- Prioritise Gracelink at home
- Show children how the weekly lesson fits into God's story



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Gift 6

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Invest in marriages:

Healthy marriages create safe and secure children.

- Celebrate the marriages in your Church regularly
- Run regular marriage enrichment programs
- Run pre-marriage courses
- Run "great date with your mate" evenings
- Provide marriage mentors for young couples in your Church



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Gift 7

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Children's and Family Ministries

Involve them in service and mission:

Create opportunities for families to serve together.

- Prioritise evangelistic opportunities by and for children in the community
- Organise a SHINE (Serve Him IN Everything) club
- Provide a list of service opportunities for families to sign up for
- Encourage families to serve together
- Celebrate and debrief service trips and opportunities with the Church upon return



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