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RISE ABOVE
MINISTRIES

EVENTS FOR EVERY PERSON

How to make your event inclusive



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CONSIDER YOUR CROWD

Who is coming to your event?

Church Family:

What accommodations do you need to make for the families that you are serving?

Outreach/Community:

Consider accommodations for all ability levels.

BUDGET

How much does it cost to make needed accommodations?

Large Budget

Small Budget

No Budget



THINGS TO CONSIDER

SIGN-UPS

Pros: Better idea of how many and ability levels to plan for.

Cons: Not always accurate

LOCATION

Single level, Family restroom on-site, Back-up location

FAMILY EVENT VS. INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Will parents be staying with their child or will they be dropping them off?

These questions will determine the number of volunteers you will need.





WHAT IF...

Things that might come up

...no special needs families show up?

...I don't have enough volunteers?

...our church is too small?

...my pastor is not on board?

...you have inclement weather?



What are you doing
well?

How can you make it
more inclusive?

CURRENT EVENTS YOUR CHURCH MAY HAVE

EASTER EGG HUNT

- Baskets on hooks
- Chirping eggs
- Flat, smooth surfaces
- Sensory Activities
- Sibling Hunts

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- Offer non-speaking roles
- Instruments vs. singing
- Alternate activities
- Other responsibilities off-stage

VBS

- Have peer buddies
- Sensory-friendly activities
- Diet-friendly snack options
- Self-contained classroom
- Visual Schedules

CHURCH PICNIC

- Sensory Activities
- Bounce Houses
- Diet-friendly foods
- Enclosed playground
- Consider mobility issues

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Have peer buddies
- Sensory-friendly activities
- Diet-friendly snack options
- Self-contained classroom
- Visual Schedules

LIFE GROUPS

- Extra childcare
- Planned activities
- Enclosed space
- Childproof home, if possible
- Hosted at church



EASTER EGG HUNT
for all abilities

POSSIBLE NEW EVENTS



DINNER & DANCE

Family Event



FALL FESTIVAL

Family Event



STORY HOUR

Individual Event



DINNER & DANCE

KID-FRIENDLY MEAL

Consider your families when choosing your meal for the event.

RED-CARPET WALK

Anything that highlights the individual with special needs and makes them feel special is a win!

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ROOM

- Lights dimmed
- Music softer
- Sensory corner



DANCE FLOOR SENSORY ROOM



FALL FESTIVAL



RAMPS FOR HAYRIDE



PETTING ZOO



CRAFT AND GAMES



Story Hour

- Sensory box
- Hands on activities
- Overplan
- Interpreter if necessary
- Craft
- Music
- Games



**DO YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS?**

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