



ml easter 2024

as you plan and prepare for easter weekend here is what you can expect and ways to prepare for easter morning!

what to expect:

- we will have goodie bags for each of the kids with activity booklets, crayons, fidget, etc
- there will be a corral in the back/side. if you need to get up and let your child move around, you can take them back there!

ways to prepare:

1. preparing your heart

- a. having our kids in our corporate worship is a gift! we desire for them to be there and be with the body!
- b. lies that might be going through your mind and the truths that follow
 - they are a distraction – they are learning
 - i can't worship with them – they get to hear the truth that they need to know that you already know and they get to see you worship and your need for a Savior.
 - others are judging me and my kids – our body loves our children – **they belong!**
- c. this is a great way for them to hear the gospel in a different way! though they hear it each week in mlkidz, they will hear words or phrases from the sermon that will be planted in their hearts. take note of some of those key words and have family conversations following!

2. preparing your kids

- a. start talking to your kids now about what will happen that sunday – walk your kids through how the morning will go. what you will do when you arrive, how they will be sitting quietly with you, what they are allowed to do while sitting, what they will get to do afterwards!
- b. give them expectations – but as parents be ready and know that it is okay that they don't meet them perfectly! this is a learning experience for them!
- c. let them sit on the floor in front of the chair, let them have things to do that they enjoy doing – help them see all that they get to do rather than what they have to do!

3. plan ahead - creating busy bags

- a. though we will have bags for the kids – you know your kids best! i have attached a list of ideas of simple things you can prepare to bring with for your kids!
- b. you can even let them prepare the things with you so as you talk about what they are going to be for!
- c. these bags can be easy and cheap! and multiple purpose – opportunities they can use it for traveling, for restaurants, for sporting events – anywhere you are asking your child to sit
- d. the key to the best bags – think about ways it engages their mind – be intentionally in thinking ahead

we are so excited to worship together as one body and have our children in the worship gathering with us! we are here to support you and walk with you as our children learn and grow!

parents!

here are 10 ideas to help keep your kids engaged!

get creative when planning and have your kids help you!

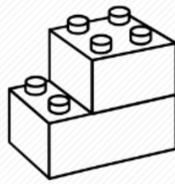
you can use things around the house

or check out the dollar store for great easy options!!



1. books

a great way to keep your kids busy!
make sure that they are ones with a lot of pictures or ones that they can read!



2. legos

grab a container of some sort (old pencil box, tupperware, small storage boxes, etc) and pack with a handful or two of legos. include smaller base plates for kids to build on or minifigs

3. play-doh

pack a container with a can of play doh, cookie cutters, googly eyes, popsicle sticks.



4. kinetic sand



pack a container with a bag of kinetic sand, small cars, cookie cutters, popsicle sticks.

5. coloring/activity pages

pack a folder or binder with activity pages that will keep the attention of your child - think cross words, word searches, color by number, mazes. scan the qr code for some ideas or to print off. be sure to bring markers/crayons and maybe even stickers!!



6. action figures/barbies



pack a bag with action figures or barbies that kids can pretend play with

7. beads + pipe cleaners

pack a container with beads and pipe cleaners. this is a great hand eye activity for littles and bigger kids can make bracelets or necklaces.

8. laminated pages/sheet protectors/mini dry erase boards

great use for the mazes so all kids can share. for younger kids, print out letters or their name to trace, put it in a sheet protector and they can use it as a dry erase board. don't forget to grab so dry erase markers and tissues to erase!



9. puzzles

go to the dollar store and pick up some puzzles! then get a 12x12 scrapbook container and put different puzzles in the box that can be made inside.



10. snacks!

get a compartment box and fill each compartment with a different snack!