
Service and Activity Guidelines for Children

These principles and guidelines are intended to help Primary leaders support children and families by planning meaningful service opportunities and wholesome, fun activities.

PRINCIPLES

Activities should be planned and carried out by branch or ward Primary leaders, with support from the bishopric or branch presidency. Activities should:

- Strengthen the rising generation's faith in Jesus Christ and help children and their families progress along the covenant path as they meet life's challenges.
- Include seeking revelation to ensure that each service and activity has a clear purpose.
- Connect the children to the example of Jesus Christ by providing opportunities to serve others and to develop spiritually, socially, physically, and intellectually (See Luke: 2:52).
- Provide fun and engaging experiences that build testimony, strengthen families, and foster unity and personal growth.
- Follow all Church safety policies and guidelines.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines may be adapted to local circumstances, under the direction of local leaders:

- Children may begin attending Primary activities in January of the year they turn 8.
- Primary activities are held two times a month, where possible, but can be held more or less frequently.
- Leaders consider family circumstances, travel distance and costs, and safety.
- Children are organized by age groups, and boys and girls generally meet separately where the number of children and circumstances permit.
- At least two adult leaders attend each activity. Leaders can be two women, two men, or a married couple. Leaders must complete the training at protectingchildren.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.
- Activities do not need to be planned around children's personal development goals.
- Activities, including supplies, are paid for by the unit budget.
- Ideas for service and activities can be found on ChildrenandYouth.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

RESOURCES

- *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*
- Children and Youth Resources
- Primary.ChurchofJesusChrist.org