

Getting Started

25 IDEAS FOR ORPHAN SUNDAY

1. Collection Drive for items needed for foster or adoptive families, local crisis pregnancy centers or overseas ministries.
2. Create and/or distribute prayer cards with prayer points: e.g. children awaiting adoptive families, needing sponsorships, awaiting adoptive families, social workers etc.
3. Set aside time of intercessory prayer for orphans.
4. Fast as an individual or a group.
5. Write letters or cards of encouragement to orphaned and vulnerable children.
6. Gather together a small group and read an orphan-care related book together and discuss.
7. Prepare/Present curriculum related to orphan care to a small group or class, geared to adults, youth or children.
8. Plan an orphan care related sermon on Orphan Sunday.
9. Plan a set of worship songs that reflect God's heart for the orphan, include the church youth or children's choir.
10. Commission the families in your church or workplace who have decided to step into orphan care in the next year.
11. Plan a baby or child dedication for the adoptive and foster children in your congregation.
12. Invite a former foster or orphaned youth to speak to your group.
13. Invite an adoptive, foster, or respite family to speak to your group.
14. Invite a nonprofit organization working with vulnerable children to speak to your group.
15. Plan a fundraiser or love offering to benefit orphans and vulnerable children.
16. Start an adoption fund at your church to support adopting families
17. Gather together a small group and watch an orphan care related movie together and discuss.
18. Plan a service project to benefit an adoptive or foster family, local children's home or crisis pregnancy center.
19. Host an appreciation event for local social workers or foster/adoptive/respite families.
20. Host a 'date night' for local adoptive, foster and host families.
21. Stage a visual representation of the 140 Million orphans worldwide, such as 140 pairs of shoes on the church stage.
22. Donate a portion of your business proceeds to raise awareness near the time of Orphan Sunday.
23. Donate to make it possible for foster youth to attend Christian summer camp.
24. Kickoff or relaunch an orphan care ministry in your church.
25. Start a college scholarship fund for aging out foster youth.

*Find many more ideas at
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