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Adoption and Foster Care

Provide informational handouts about adoption, foster care, and snowflake adoption to the members of your congregation.

Welcome a foster child or new student to school. Consider throwing a get-to-know you party to introduce him/her to other classmates.

Volunteer to be an extra grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend to adopted children.

Volunteer as a Big Brother or Big Sister for a child in need.

Celebrate and pray for large families.

Invite families who have adopted or cared for foster children to answer questions at a forum for other families who might be interested in pursuing adoption or foster care.

Create fundraisers to help families pursuing adoption or foster care. Consider throwing a shower for families who have recently adopted.

Offer free babysitting to those who are caring for adopted and foster care children.

Consider being an advocate for a child in the foster care system.

Help children who have been adopted internationally to find opportunities to explore their cultural heritage.

Pray for children in need of families and for families who desire children.



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Contraceptives

Provide informational handouts that share the truth about contraceptives and family planning.

Build and share a Bible study on the gift of children.

Financially sponsor activities for large families.

Celebrate couples who choose to have a sexually pure relationship before marriage.

Celebrate and support large families.

Encourage children to be present in church service; offer to sit with children or provide activity bags for them to use during church service.

Before getting married, participate in research on contraceptives. Understand which can be used in God-pleasing ways.

Invite parents of a large family to speak on their experience.

Listen to the Youth4Life podcast on contraception.

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Infertility and Barrenness

Lead a group Bible study for those who are struggling with infertility.

PRAY

Pray for families who have experienced a miscarriage or a stillborn child and for those struggling to become pregnant.

Rejoice with those who are newly pregnant after a long bout of infertility.

REJOICE

Rejoice with those who are starting the adoption process and consider supporting them financially.

SPEAK

Read book on barrenness and have a group discussion.

Discuss infertility before it happens. Have honest conversations about the life issues connected to IVF and surrogacy. Help those struggling to find hope in God's promises and options that uphold life.

INVITE

Invite a guest speaker to talk about infertility and barrenness.

Include women without children in gift giving on Mother's Day.

INCLUDE

Include those who are barren in family activities and youth events.



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Marriage, Family, and Divorce

Provide social opportunities for married couples to form friendships with other married couples.

Sponsor a gathering or Bible study for single-parents; provide free babysitting.

Create a rummage sale and donate proceeds to helping a family in need.

Honor parents and family at homecoming, senior nights, and special assemblies.

Celebrate families; post family pictures on bulletin boards, and encourage family gatherings.

Host a family weekend on campus. Include opportunities for families to make memories together.

Create computer-generated cards for Valentine's Day and give one to each family using church mailboxes.

Compile family stories in a collection and hold a gathering to share them.

Host father/son and mother/daughter events. Consider camping trips, teas, craft activities, and common hobbies.

Provide quarterly opportunities for family activities at church and school.

Take time to celebrate life, family, and friendship, recognizing that family time is a gift from God and valuing the gift is God-pleasing.

Provide resources for married couples who are struggling; include counseling, financial assistance, and resources to help in high-stress homes.

Throw an annual birthday celebration for all babies born in church in the previous year.

Provide altar flowers in honor of a family and give them to the family after service.

Encourage a Bible study of Genesis and God's plan for families.



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