

Champions for Children

Orphan Care and Adoption Ministry Calendar



The goal of the Orphan Care and Adoption ministry is to educate the entire congregation and offer opportunities for engagement.

There are three different levels of education and engagement. This calendar is an example of how you can provide opportunities for education and engagement at each level throughout the year. The three levels are:

- 1. All of the congregation**
- 2. Many in the congregation**
- 3. Few of the congregation**

This example is easy on the budget (the Fun Day for foster families and Mission Trip are the only activities that would require more than \$150) and easy on pulpit time.

All – How do we educate and engage the entire congregation?

Educate:

January: Sanctity of Life Sermon
May: Foster Care Prayer Vigil
November: Orphan Care Sunday

Engage:

May: Foster Care Prayer Vigil
November: Orphan Care Sunday. A strategic effort is made to encourage International Child Sponsorship.

Many – How do we take many to a deeper level?

Educate:

January, March, May, August, November: Informational Video Meetings

Engage:

May: Fun Day for Foster Families
June: Work with Local Children's Home
July: Mission Trip

Few – How do we take a few to the deepest level?

Educate:

Monthly Support Group Meetings

Engage:

Monthly Support Group Meetings
January, March, May, August, November: Ministry Team Meetings

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January

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Ministry Team Meeting (**Engage** – *Few*)
Informational Video Meeting (**Educate** – *Many*)
Sanctity of Life Sunday with Positive Adoption Message (**Educate** – *All*)

February

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)

March

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Ministry Team Meeting (**Engage** – *Few*)
Information Video Meeting (**Educate** – *Many*)

April

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)

May

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Ministry Team Meeting (**Engage** – *Few*)
Information Video Meeting (**Educate** – *Many*)
Fun Day for Foster Families (**Engage** – *Many*)
Foster Care Prayer Vigil (**Educate, Engage** – *All*)

- Educate through weekly worship guide with quick facts
- Educate through information at Prayer Vigil
- Engage through praying at Vigil and having opportunities available at Vigil (i.e., displays from local agencies with available children and needs)
- 3-Minute presentation on Sunday before Vigil > Special prayer for foster children and families during closing prayer of worship service

June

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Youth and Orphan Team Work with Local Children's Home for a "Spring Cleaning" and to Play with the Children (**Educate, Engage** – *Many*)

July

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Mission Trip (**Engage** – *Many*)

August

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Ministry Team Meeting (**Engage** – *Few*)
Information Video Meeting (**Educate** – *Many*)

September

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Host a Conference for Area Churches (**Educate** – *Many*)

October

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)

November

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)
Ministry Team Meeting (**Engage** – *Few*)
Information Video Meeting (**Educate** – *Many*)
Orphan Care Sunday (**Educate, Engage** – *All*)

- Educate through sermon, testimonies, videos, and brochures
- Engage by having ministry opportunities available for everyone to see as they leave the worship service (similar to a ministry fair)
- Engage by having the opportunity to sign up for International Child Sponsorships

December

Monthly Support Group (**Educate, Engage** – *Few*)