

2015 Ways to involve Children and Youth



- Invite youth to be a part of the Pentecost Offering planning team, and ask them to keep a written and visual diary of the Offering process. Share their work with the congregation, and your stories with the Presbyterian Mission Agency by emailing specialofferings@pcusa.org.
- Prior to Pentecost, make red hands as a way to symbolize saying no to the use of children as soldiers in armed conflicts. Visit Presbyterianmission.org/ministries/child for more information.
- Make a “children at risk” bulletin board by having the young people in your congregation clip articles from magazines and newspapers that describe the problems confronting children locally, nationally and internationally.
- Tell the story of the first Pentecost, and explain that the people heard the disciples speak in their own languages. Have the children and youth learn the Lord’s Prayer in a language other than their own. Invite them to say the prayers at the Pentecost service.
- Enlist the help of children and youth to prepare the church for the Pentecost worship service. Use electric fans with red crepe paper streamers tied to the fan covers as a reminder of the great rush of wind that was heard at the first Pentecost.
- Before the Offering is received on the Day of Pentecost, ask the children of the church to bring their coin boxes to the front.
- Ask one of the older youth to present the children’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost.
- Invite young members of the congregation to present the Scripture readings and Minutes for Mission at the Pentecost service.
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