



## SHOW NOTES

### Making Your Church New Family Friendly

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#### **IDEA #1: Make it clear from the 1<sup>st</sup> moment where a new family should begin.**

Put yourself in the shoes of a new family.

- You pull into an unfamiliar parking lot
- You walk into an unfamiliar building
- You're surrounded by a sea of unfamiliar faces
- You walk into an unfamiliar sanctuary

Imagine you walk through the front doors of your church. Imagine what you see. *How can we fix that?*

Ideas:

- Ideally, the registration desk is easily visible from the front doors with large sign that says something like, "New families Start Here."
- If not possible, clear signage directing families to the right place.
- Signs should be obvious to a new family.

#### **IDEA #2: Make the registration process as simple and quick as can be.**

Cut the fat in the form

Explain only what needs explaining

#### **IDEA #3: Give new families a small info flyer that has a snapshot of what your KidMin is all about.**

The info flyer tells parents about the basics of your KidMin.

- No bigger than ¼ or ½ sheet of paper.

- Not too long.
- Parents should be able to read it in the minute or 2 while waiting for service to begin or while the offering plate is being passed.
- Don't try to tell them everything, just the *most* important stuff.

#### **IDEA #4: Win over the kids by making it fun.**

- Look at your curriculum
- Look at your pre-service
- Look at your extra activities

*Now think through the eyes of a kid again. What could you change about your KidMin to make it more fun?*

#### **IDEA #5: Identify new kids and make them feel welcome.**

Do you have any way of identifying new kids to the leaders or other kids in the room?

- Put a special sticker on their tag so leaders in the room know that they're new.
- Train the volunteers to welcome new kids.
- Create a Kid Connection team.

*How else might you make a new kid feel welcome?*

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