

Disability Ministries

Inclusive Church Communication with Families with Special Needs

The statements below are examples of inclusive communications from church to parents of kids with disabilities.

Following a difficult first day in Sunday school: “We hope that your child will be back next week. How can we best support her in the classroom?”

“Is there a way that we can support your child during service? Let’s meet to discuss this.”

“There’s a church in the area that has a great special needs program. Let’s look into some of the methods that they are using and try to implement some more effective strategies.”

“Please tell us more about your child. What are his likes/ dislikes? What type of learning is he most responsive to? It would be helpful to have you complete a parent questionnaire and provide us with any information that you think would benefit your child and those working with him at church.”

“What accommodations and modifications would be most helpful in teaching to your child’s disabilities or learning differences?”

“Every church is called to begin a special needs ministry.” (Matthew 19:14)

“We are working to creatively accommodate your child’s needs.”

“We are determined to provide a one on one volunteer for your child so that she can reach her highest potential.”

“How are you feeling about having your child in the preschool class? Do you think it would be helpful for him to have a one on one volunteer? Are you open to having him in a special needs reverse inclusion class?”

“We really love your child.”

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