

Sabbath Box/Bag

It's helpful to have a box or bag with some items that are only available on the Sabbath, that keeps them special for young children. Following are a few ideas:

1. Scriptures or scripture story books
2. A few art supplies
3. A "Journal" (blank pages to draw a picture for which a caption can be written by someone who can write)
4. A "songbook" of religious children's songs with picture clues
5. An illustrated Ancestor book, if possible with short stories/vignettes of various ancestors
6. An ancestor card game, such as:
 - a. Cards with the ancestors' pictures', to match with the occupations or spouses
 - b. A "Go Fish" type card game to collect ancestors with the same last name
 - c. A "Build a Family Tree" card game where the child (with help) tries to put the cards in order to build a family tree—the child's picture at bottom, then the child's parents above that, next the child's grandparents, and for those able, at last the child's great grandparents
7. A special board game
8. A family scrapbook or picture book to look at and talk about
9. A cloth bag to pull out ideas for little acts of service the child is able to do
10. A special puzzle or two
11. A children's magazine with activities and great pictures
12. Letter writing materials (the child can make a picture or card to send)... perhaps some special stamps, stickers, etc. to add
13. A religious video . . . and perhaps one with children's songs . . . even better if they include sign language the child can imitate
14. A favorite toy or two
15. A chalkboard or dry erase board or book
16. A fabric map of the way to church, like a car town for little cars to drive
17. A fishing game where you fish for short scriptures, songs, or other activities appropriate to the Sabbath (each fish has an item to do/sing)
18. Pictures from a scripture story to put in order
19. Scripture flannel board stories/costumes/puppets/figures
20. Hearts the child can decorate as love notes for family members