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# STANDARD OUTREACH IDEAS

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## **ANYTIME. ANYWHERE.**

Each of the following Outreaches can be done door-to-door, at intersections, at businesses, or virtually anywhere there are people. Additional ideas can be found by going online to [www.outreach.com](http://www.outreach.com).

For each of these, include a small tag with the quote (provided below) as well as a small touch-card or invitation to your church, complete with location, phone number, and service times. Place them in your church foyer in groups of 25 and ask your people to pick them up on the way out of church and hang them on the doors of their neighbors. Some of these items may be better distributed by placing the item and information card in a small plastic bag. These bags are available for purchase by going online to [www.uline.com](http://www.uline.com) and searching "clear plastic bags". The cost is \$26.00 for 1000 bags.

**Bottled Water Distribution:** Gather people to pass out water bottles for free at busy intersections along with a flier with church name, address, phone number, and service times.

**Business Bags:** Visit businesses in the community with candy or cookies in clear plastic bags (ordered from [uline.com](http://uline.com)) with a flier with church name, address, phone number, and service times that says, "*We want to sweeten your day! Please visit us at (add church name and information)*". Separate these bags into groups of 25 and rally your congregation together on a Saturday morning or a Wednesday night. Then go into your community to local businesses to distribute.

**Popcorn:** Place a bag of microwave popcorn (available at Walmart - 20 bags for \$6) in a clear bag (ordered from [uline.com](http://uline.com)) along with a flier with church name, address, phone number, and service times that says, "*We wanted to pop in on you, hope you pop in on us and enjoy some popcorn from (add church name and address)!*" Place them in your church foyer in groups of 25 and ask your people to pick them up on the way out of church and hang them on the doors of their neighbors.

**Light Bulbs:** Place a light bulb in a clear bag (ordered from [uline.com](http://uline.com)) with a flier with church name, address, phone number, and service times that says, "*In dark times, there is a light and His name is Jesus. Please join us at (church name and address).*" Place them in your church foyer in groups of 25 and ask your people to pick them up on the way out of church and hang them on the doors of their neighbors.

**Band-Aids:** Place a box of band-aids in a clear plastic bag (ordered from [uline.com](http://uline.com)) with a flier with church name, address, phone number, and service times that says, "*When life hurts, call on Jesus! And call on us at (church name and address)*". Place them in your church foyer in groups of 25 and ask your people to pick them up on the way out of church and hang them on the doors of their neighbors.

**Suckers/Lolli-Pops:** Place a note on each sucker with church name, address, phone number, and service times that says, “*Life doesn’t have to suck! Come to (the name of your church)!*” Place them in your church foyer in groups of 25 and ask your people to pick them up on the way out of church and hang them on the doors of their neighbors.

**Single Mom Daycare Outreach:** Rally your congregation to donate grocery gift cards, diapers, wipes, formula and any other baby needs. Consider getting gift cards to a local grocery store. Include all items in a bag. Contact a local daycare and let them know you have gifts for these mothers who may be in need. Rally members of your congregation together to meet at the daycare on the date and time that you work out with the daycare. Have the people meet at the church on that day and ride together over to the daycare to distribute the items. Be sure to include a flier that includes your church name, address, phone number, and service times.

**Orphanage Outreach:** Contact your local orphanage or Boys & Girls Home to offer assistance with any painting/maintenance work needs they may have. Rally members of your congregation together to meet at the church on the date and time that you work out and carpool to the orphanage. Have the people meet at the church on that day and ride together over to the orphanage to do the work. Be sure to have a flier ready that includes your church name, address, phone number, and service times.

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## HOLIDAY OUTREACH IDEAS

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As with all outreaches, make sure that you have cards with church information (ie: service times, address, phone number, etc.) printed and ready to pass out. Above all else, Have fun!

**EASTER:**

A church Easter breakfast offering the following:

Photos with Easter Bunny

Breakfast

Crafts

Giveaways

**Indoor Easter Egg Hunt:**

Take the fun indoors if you anticipate a smaller crowd! Provide games, an Easter lesson, egg hunt, crafts, etc.

**Bunny Bash / Egg-Stravaganza:**

Outreach at a park or local business including:

Petting zoo with live bunnies for photo opportunities

Food (Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks)

Inflatables

Giveaways

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH:**

Host a school supply drive in your community or church for families in need. Collect school supplies and have them ready for distribution. This can be done on a small scale for families in your own congregation or on a large scale by partnering with your local school to help students and teachers in the classroom. Itemized lists of classroom needs by grade can be found at your local Walmart.

### **THANKSGIVING:**

Collect non-perishable items through a canned good drive. This can be done by setting up a box in your church foyer or by sending home (with each church-goer ) a grocery bag and flier stating “We are collecting canned goods for Thanksgiving for families in need. Please donate at your convenience and we will return to pick this bag up by (add your date).” Then return to pick up the bag. Purchase turkeys or hams. Gather boxes or grocery bags and assemble food for a Thanksgiving meal per family and distribute accordingly. You can choose families in need in the community or go to areas that are less-fortunate.

### **CHRISTMAS:**

Breakfast With Santa:

Photos with Santa

Breakfast

Crafts

Giveaways

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## SERMON IDEAS

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Go to Sermon Central ([www.sermoncentral.com](http://www.sermoncentral.com)) and type “Easter Messages” in the search bar. This is a free resource and can be of great help to you! About 500 different sermons will appear for you to choose from.

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# DRAMA OUTREACH

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We are making dialogue and video resources available to you for the Unfinished Drama from Johnny Jernigan Ministries. This is a powerful sermon with great success. **For additional help and information on how use this sermon, please contact Johnny Jernigan at: (251) 622-0251 or pastor\_johnny2006@yahoo.com.**

## **Unfinished Drama Details:**

This requires 3 people to perform each monologue and 1-2 people to run media (videos and sound).

You will need video support and access to a television or projector to be used as a teleprompter. This will be used by those you have chosen to deliver the monologues. The script is lengthy and we have found that it is best performed if they have the ability to read it by looking at a screen that is set up behind the congregation so that the people are not aware it is being read.

All videos and scripts can be emailed to you upon request.

A ticket template has already been made and can be emailed to you including the service time and your church name and information. All you will need to do is print them out and cut them so they are ready for distribution to your congregation. Print off the tickets for your congregation to take to hand out, then perform the drama at your church.

## **Unfinished Order of Service:**

Icebreaker Games and Giveaways

Upbeat Music (Song Suggestion: We Are Family instrumental) - this music will play in the background while the person performs the cue card routine.

Lights Out

Video: 1. It Is Finished

Monologue

Video 2: The Magic Kingdom

Monologue

Video 3: The Tragic Kingdom

Monologue

Video 4: Christianity Decline

Monologue

Video 5: The Real Kingdom

### **IceBreaker Game and Giveaways:**

\*For the Icebreaker, we use a fun Cue Card routine. This is done by purchasing white poster board (2 for \$1 at Dollar Tree), cutting them in half and then printing out the following script and gluing it on. Each "cue" should be typed up in size 200 font and printed out on 11x17 paper. Then hold up the cue cards one by one for the audience to read. No verbal communication is needed. Just let them read the cards and react. Choose someone with a bubbly personality to do this part of the program.

## **Cue Card Script: (One cue card per line below:)**

Hello!  
Hello??  
Hi! My name is (add the person's name)!  
Now you say, "Hi (name)."  
I've been asked...  
To "warm up" the crowd  
So, I thought  
I'd have some fun!  
Is that ok?  
GREAT!  
I'm not a comedian. If I'm not funny...  
Laugh anyway!  
THANK YOU!  
Here's a joke for you.  
How does Moses...  
make his tea?  
Hebrews it!  
HAHA!!  
How about this one...  
What kind of man was Boaz  
Before he married?  
Ruthless!  
Man, I'm a riot.  
I'll be here all night!  
Feel warmed up yet?  
Good!  
We are about to  
Take you on  
An emotional rollercoaster ride.  
Buckle up!  
Grab a tissue!  
(Or your neighbor's shirt sleeve)  
And enjoy the show!  
Thank you!

### **Giveaway Suggestions:**

Purchase candy bars, boxes of candy, or gift cards. Then make a list of items that people could possibly have with them that night (ex: a hole in their sock, a used lipstick tube, a gas receipt, etc.) Tell the people you are going to name the items and the first person to run up to the stage with the item and shows it, gets the prize. We normally have about 20 giveaways ready. This is a fun and simple way to interact with the audience.

