

Plug-In Missions Ed

Kentucky Raceway Ministries

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Objectives

Children will learn about areas of ministry at Kentucky Speedway.
Children will learn about volunteers and how they can be involved.

Materials

Toy cars or cookies and resealable plastic bags.

Items printed from web site:

- Kentucky Raceway Ministries poster
- Kentucky Raceway Ministries brochure
- Ministry posters
- Meet the Savior
- Scripture Labels 1 (Note: The scripture labels may be printed on plain paper or on sheets of six 3½" x 4" labels.)

Preparation

1. Print needed items from the kywmu.org/pluginraceway
2. Gather supplies for the Raceway Ministries Stations.
 - Campground Ministry - tent; pictures of biscuits and gravy, hamburgers, and worship services; bottles of water; tracts; Bibles; and copies of *Meet the Savior*.
 - Information Booth - copies of Kentucky Raceway brochure.
 - Bible Distribution - Bibles
 - Trauma Response/Healthcare Centers - health-related items, salvation dolls, coloring books and crayons
 - Kids' Zone - face paint, Hot Wheels/Matchbox-type tracks, games and giveaways such as racing flags
 - Employee Cart - sunscreen, snacks, water, lip balm, tracts, and cookies
 - Evangelism Team - Volunteers will walk among children and engage them in conversations about Jesus.
4. Place Ministry posters around the room. Set up supplies for each station.
5. Enlist teen and/or adult volunteers to work each station.

Procedures

1. Introductory Activity - Allow children to race the toy cars and/or place cookies in a resealable bag and add scripture labels. (Children can enjoy the cookies at the "Employee Cart.")
2. Review the Raceway Ministries poster. Tell the children that there are stations set up where they can experience and learn about each of these Raceway Ministries. Dismiss children a few at a time to visit the Raceway Ministries you have set up. Allow time for children to visit several sites and interact with the volunteers.
3. Invite children to large group. Tell the following story:

Raceway Ministry began when two men, John Roberts and J.T. Marsh set up a folding table and had a pop-up tent in the parking lot at Kentucky Speedway in the summer of 2000. They handed out water and tracts to fans that came to the track for the race. The ministries expanded when chaplains were allowed to go into the stands, watch for people needing help, and assist them. A tent was set up in Ponderosa Campground so volunteers could minister to campers and their families. Worship services were held in the tent, and crafts were provided for the children. Volunteers also served breakfast and lunch for the campers. Volunteers were at the tent to witness about Christ and talk to campers. Horseshoe tournaments were held also. Today, we have lots of ministries and the two volunteers have multiplied to more than 200 who help during race weekends each year.

4. Invite children to share about the stations they visited. Ask: *How do volunteers share the love of Jesus through this station?*
5. Pray for Kentucky Raceway Ministries. You may also want to collect money to purchase Bibles, water, or *Meet the Savior* cards.

OPTIONAL: Play “Ministry Upset”

Have children sit in a circle with one less chair than children. Give each child a name of a ministry (Campground Ministry, Information Booth, Employee Cart, Health Centers, Trauma Response, Kids Zone, Bible Distribution). One child stands in the middle and calls out three ministries. The children who have those ministries will get up and exchange chairs. The child in the middle tries to sit in one of the empty chairs. The child left standing in the middle calls out three ministry areas and the game continues. Play this game until time is up or until children learn the areas of ministries.



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