



ATTENDANCE BOOSTERS

Primary/Junior

HAND-HELD CANDY DISPENSERS



Use hand-held candy dispensers to encourage attendance, motivate Scripture memorization and develop listening skills. Browse variety stores; e.g., Wal-Mart, and select small, hand-held candy dispensers that appeal to your children. Dispensers are available in various shapes, colors and sizes filled with different types of candy. These might include Bugs Bunny, Extreme Sports figure, dinosaur, M&M figure on a skateboard, a chicken that lays an egg (suitable for Easter), a circle that clips onto a belt and dispenses M&Ms.

To encourage attendance: Let the child operate the dispenser to receive a candy for bringing his Bible, saying his verse, bringing a visitor, or listening carefully. Some dispensers release two or more candies at once so a visitor would also receive a piece. To maintain interest over several months you might use dispensers with different types of candy.

For lesson reviews: Cut paper circles in the same colors as the candy. Write points on each circle and place them on the wall or flannelboard. When a child answers a question correctly he immediately operates the dispenser. He receives the same number of points shown on the circle of the same color. Play individually or in teams.

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