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Pram Service Plan.

Planning is really important to make sure that you deliver a really good quality experience for those who attend.

Here are some things that you might need to consider...

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Things to consider:

- Make sure you have a team of people who are good at engaging with other people and who have a current DBS.
- Research locally to make sure that your service does not clash with other local adult and young child groups /events in the area and be aware of school drop off and pick up times.
- Decide on a simple format to follow – perhaps you will want to follow your Sunday Eucharist structure or maybe just run a simple plan.
- How long will the session be –be conscious that you are working with pre schoolers and busy parents so the more concise the better, I would suggest no longer than an hour, you want it to be different to the provision on a Sunday.
- Will you be using children's songs or hymns – will these be played live, through an ipod or even on the screen. (Please remember to make sure you have the right licenses in place for showing of and/or playing of music.)
- How regular will this be? Once a week, once per month, what can your church commit to doing?
- Is this a service that you could work alongside another church on?
- What resources are needed to enable this to work – some musical instruments for the children to play with might be a good idea of engaging them with the worship.

Pram Service Structure:

- Welcome
- Allow the parents and children to sit around in an informal way and hand out the musical instruments for them to have a little play with and make some noise.
- Hymn/Song
- Prayer
- Story from the Bible
- Hymn/Song

You may choose to offer tea and coffee at the end as optional for those who want to stay.

If you have people on the team who are more into their crafts rather than singing then you could start the session with some simple all inclusive craft that links in with the story for that week.