

Dedication Sunday – Template Service Plan

Introduction

At 'church' we dedicate children to God at the start of their life to make a commitment and declaration of our intention and hope for them. We want our children to come to a decision for themselves about their own belief in God, and when they decide for themselves to then make the decision to be baptised.

Introduce family members and ask them to come forward

Introductions to parents

(You may wish to put a photo on a slide)

1. Celebrate – Name and introduce the child to the Church, thanking God for a safe arrival.
2. Share a dedication verse –
 - a. Examples –
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalm 37:3 NIV
Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
3. Ask & Declare together - "will you commit to bring Child's Name up within a Christian environment and within the community of the Christian faith, the church?"
 - a. Family response - "WE WILL"
4. Prayer – Pray a blessing over the child
5. Congregation Response (for all families and children if you are dedicating more than one family)
 - a. Congregation – "Church....., will you love, support, care and pray for this family and create a Godly environment in which they can flourish, prosper and grow?... "WE WILL"