

Ways to connect with your small group outside of the weekend:

Many of these activities can be done *with* parents, which is very meaningful for this age group.

1. Meet up for ice cream after church.
2. See if a parent from your group has a fire pit and would be willing to host a s'mores night.
3. Meet at a park- have lunch or just play.
4. Have a ½ sleepover. Kids show up in pj's, participate in an activity (movie, crafts, etc) and then parents pick up so they sleep at home.
5. Meet at Monkey Joe's (or another venue).
6. Go strawberry picking.
7. See a movie (rental or meet up at a theatre).
8. Host a "water day" (summer).
9. Watch the big game together.
10. Host a game night here at church.
11. Take advantage of holidays and have themed parties. (Halloween, Christmas, etc.)
12. Meet at a restaurant like Chick-fil-A; eat ice cream and play in the play area.
13. Meet at a library for story time.
14. Host a picnic. (It's okay to ask them to bring a lunch!)

Ways to show up *RANDOMLY*:

1. MAIL!! Kids love mail. Acknowledge birthdays! Send "get well" and "we missed you" postcards. Or send mail just for fun!
2. Show up at their t-ball games or other sporting events.
3. Bring a birthday gift. (The simplest thing for only \$1 goes a long way.)

Conversation Starters:

1. Tell me about your favorite: candy, movie, friend, video game, etc.
2. Tell me two things you are thankful for today.
3. Do you have a brother/sister? Tell me about him/her.
4. Tell me about your pets.
5. Who is the greatest superhero of all time?
6. Where is your favorite place to play?
7. What's your favorite movie?
8. Ask them to tell you about their parent(s).