

SERVICE 4 THOSE WHO NEED HELP HEARING GOD'S WORD

Sensory Friendly Buddy Bags for Worship

Materials: Collected sensory items, sharpies, cardstock (cut into small note-size pieces), ribbon, scissors, one-hole punches, reuseable tote bags

Time: 30-60 minutes

Cost: \$40

Prep: A month prior to the event, contact students, friends, or faculty who have experience with or who experience sensory processing issues. Ask them to help you make a list of items that can help those with processing issues.

Next, use their advice to create a list of donation items. Distribute the list to students and families. Three weeks before the event, advertise the list of items you are collecting at your school. Prepare a place to collect donations from members.

During the event

1. Write Gospel-motivated notes and prayers for the people using the bags to help them prepare for worship. These can include Bible verses and prayers for comfort and for focusing on God's Word.
2. Decorate the tote bags with different hymns and Bible Verses.
3. Sort the collected items for the sensory bags.
4. Place all collected and sorted items in bags. Make sure to include the notes you created for each recipient.
5. Deliver bags to local LCMS churches and pray with the pastor and staff that these bags might bless the people receiving them. Pray that those with sensory issues will be able to focus on the worship service and use the bags to God's glory.

