

A MEANINGFUL EASTER EGG HUNT

Instructions:

This set of nine conversation prompts emphasize empathy and abundance. They are designed for children to discover inside of Easter eggs at home or at church.

Parents can print, cut and roll up each prompt into an egg.

Church formation leaders can prepare the prompts in advance and place in baskets or bags for families to take home and use throughout the Easter season.

There are three overarching *Gifts That Nurture Children* - Listening, Patience and Bond. There are six additional gifts, two for each of the overarching gifts which are Language, Music, Prayer, Nutrition, Playing with Peers and Play with Grownups. The nine gifts are organized in the following manner:

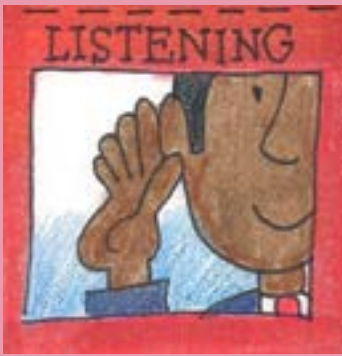
Listening
Language
Music

Patience
Prayer
Nutrition

Bond
Playing with Peers
Play with Grownups



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Who listens to you when you are feeling excited or happy?
Who listens to you when you're feeling sad or scared?
How does it feel to know people who love you are listening to you?
Give thanks to the people who listen to all you have to share!
Are there people who need more of us to listen to them? Who are they?
Who does God want us to listen to? What sounds does God's creation give us?



How do children learn to speak and read?
What are your favorite books? Let's read some of them together!
How many books do you have?
I wonder if there are children who don't have enough books?
Do you have any books you don't read anymore?
What if we gave them to children or schools who need books?



Let's take turns singing/streaming/playing some of our favorite songs...maybe we can even have a dance party!
How does music make you feel? Do you think it's important for all children to listen to music?
I wonder how children from other cultures play and sing music; let's check out "Putumayo World Playground" online.
I wonder how we can share music with other people?



What does it mean to be patient?
When is it hard for you to be patient?
When do you think I/we have to be patient?
We are so lucky to be able to get what we need when we need it, at least usually....
I wonder if some children wait a long time for food when they're hungry?
I wonder how it feels to know that you won't get what you need, even if you're patient.



When do we pray?
What do we ask for when we pray?
How should we pray our thanks to God for the good things in our lives?
Who needs us to pray for them?
What prayers does our world need?
How can we put our prayers in action, by helping make the world a better place?

NUTRITION



What are your favorite fruits and vegetables?

What is your favorite meal?

What is your favorite special treat?

I wonder what it's like if you can't get fresh fruits or vegetables?

I wonder what it's like for kids who don't get special treats?

How can we help all kids get the foods they need to grow and learn?

BOND



Can you remember when you were very little? How could you feel our love then?

How do parents and other adults show babies they are loved?

Now that you're bigger, when do you feel loved?

How do we show each other how much we care?

How do busy parents find time to care for their children?

PLAYING WITH PEERS



Tell me about your friends...what do you like about each of them?

How are you a good friend?

Have you ever fought with a friend? What happened?

Who in your class has trouble fitting in?

Who in your class might be lonely, and need a friend?

I wonder why some kids have trouble making friends?

PLAY WITH GROWNUPS



What is your favorite thing to do with the grownups in our family?

Who is your favorite teacher...what makes that teacher special?

Do you think it's important for children to spend time playing with grownups?

Let me tell you some of my favorite things about you? What do you like about me?

What would it be like if we couldn't play together?

I wonder if you know a child who doesn't have caring grownups in their life?