

FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

- **Yard Sale:** ask for donations from church members and youth families and set it up in a high-traffic spot!
- **Luncheon and Dessert Auction:** Have parents and students cook for the church and invite the congregation to lunch one Sunday after worship. Have attendees pay per plate or just take donations at the door. Pair your luncheon with a dessert auction for a lot of fun. Have youth and other church members donate pans of brownies, plates of cookies, cakes and other sweets and then auction them off to the highest bidder (you can encourage tables to pull their money and buy a dessert for their table).
- **Parents' Night Out:** Give parents a night out to themselves while the youth babysit at the children's department at the church. For extra fun, hold themed nights out; pick a night in December designated for parents to get their Christmas shopping done or give them an opportunity for a Valentine's Day date in February.
- **Sonic:** Some Sonic Drive-Ins allow students to carhop and put some of the money earned toward their charity.
- **Dodgeball/Kickball Tourney:** Set the entry at \$10 or so per person or create a rate per team. Host the tournament at your church or a local youth league field. You can even set up a concession stand. Have a trophy for the winning team and a wall of past winners in the youth room to keep students looking forward to it all year!
- **Rubber Duck Race:** Hold a rubber duck derby at a local river or creek and involve the whole community! Choose a body of water that has a little movement or this could take awhile! Sell a single duck for \$5, a quack pack for \$25 (5 ducks and 1 free), or a grand pack for \$100 (20 ducks and 5 free). Be sure you have a spreadsheet to track your duck purchases. To keep your ducks in a row, number each one so participants know which duck(s) belongs to them on the big day. Invite everyone to come watch the duck race, and give a prize to the 1st place winner.
- **Screen on the Green/Movie Night:** If you have access to a projector, show a movie on the church lawn and call it Screen on the Green. Let people bring blankets and lawn chairs. Serve popcorn, water, coffee and sodas, and charge one price for everything. If you host movie night inside, consider a pajama party theme and tell people to wear their flannel pajamas for a cozy night in. Around Christmas, consider a kids movie night screening of The Polar Express. Be creative about when and what you show, but be sure to know and respect all movie licensing requirements and limitations!
- **Youth Auction:** Auction off the students' time. The church members purchase a Saturday for chores, or an afternoon of meal prep, an evening of babysitting or a weekend of movers. Students provide the labor on the dates purchased by the members, and members get a hand with all those chores they don't want to do!
- **Church Auction:** Everyone in the church donates an item to be auctioned, invite the whole community if you want and the youth organizes the whole thing. Have an auctioneer, make pallets for the bidders to hold up make sure there is at least one big-ticket item. Of course, all the proceeds get the kids to camp. Sometimes it is fun to combine the Church Auction with the Youth Auction.
- **Pastor Break:** The youth take over the pastors' duties for a Sunday. At the beginning of the service, tell the church that the students are raising support for summer camp and will host another service after camp to highlight their experience and demonstrate their growth.
- **Ride / Skate / Run / Jump for Change:** Students raise pledge support per miles they travel in whatever format you decide. As you promote the fundraiser, play off the different definitions of the word "change" in this context.

- **Cookie Machine:** Students announce that they will make and deliver cookies around town on that certain day. Let customers pick from a variety of cookies, add fun notes and even sponsor time with the receiver; students could sing Christmas songs or play checkers with grandma in the nursing home. Create packages or a price list for custom orders.
- **Youthful Holidays:** For every holiday, the youth hosts a party. For instance, on Valentine's Day, provide a party including flowers, chocolates, free babysitting, a catered meal, creative date ideas, matching gift baskets and more. Include members from the church and community in all or parts of what the group puts together.
- **Car Wash:** Advertise among church members and set up in a high-traffic area!