



# 2026 | **WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD**

## Activities Page — For All Ages

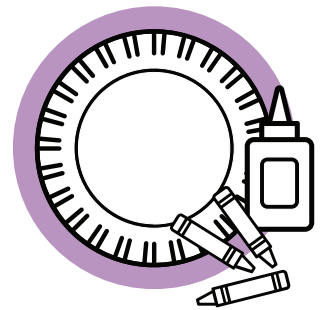
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*In this document, you will find a variety of activities to engage the “Walk Humbly with God” theme further. Pick the activity or activities that will work best for your group and modify them as needed. You may decide to do your activity on the same day you do the rest of the lesson, or you may want to meet again on another day, depending on your time and the activity that you choose for your group.*

### Passing the Plate Craft

#### **SUPPLIES:**

- Paper plates
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils
- *Optional — glue, pompoms, sequins, gems, stickers and other craft supplies*



1. Give each person a paper plate.
2. Have them write their first name in the center of the plate. Tell them they can be creative — make it fun and colorful! If you have time, you can even have glue and craft supplies available for them to use as they decorate their names.
3. Once everyone is done adding their name to their plate, get into a circle. (*If you have a large group, you could make a few smaller circles.*)
4. Have each person pass their plate to the person on their right.
5. Once the plates are passed, ask them to write or draw an affirmation, word of encouragement, or gift they see in the person whose plate is in front of them (they'll know who the plate belongs to because the names are on the plates).
6. Then, pass the plates again and repeat the process until everyone in the circle has added to each plate and people have their own plates back in front of them.
7. Have everyone take their plates with them and put them somewhere where they will see them each day as a reminder of their gifts. Each one of us is a cherished and important member of the Body of Christ — we are not walking this road alone but with one another and with God.

## Gift Exchange (White Elephant Style)

1. Have each person bring a wrapped, unmarked gift that represents their gifts and interests. *(For example, if someone is gifted at drawing, they may bring a doodle pad and crayons as a gift or one of their own drawings.)*
2. Count how many people you have in the group. Write down numbers on slips of paper — one number for each person in the group. (If there are 10 people, you would have 10 slips of paper labeled one through 10.)
3. Put the numbered slips of paper in a hat or bowl and have each person draw a number.
4. Start the game by having person No. 1 pick and unwrap a gift.
5. Then, person No. 2 can pick and unwrap a new gift or steal person No. 1's gift. If person No. 1's gift is stolen, they choose and unwrap a new gift *(a gift can only be stolen twice, time permitting)*.
6. Repeat until everyone has a gift.
7. Go around and have each person share why the gift they brought is meaningful to them and how it represents their gifts and interests. *(You could also have people guess which person brought each gift.)* This is a fun way to get people sharing about their gifts and encouraging one another to share their gifts more in the life of the church.



## Assemble and Donate Birthday Cake Kits for Kids

### SUPPLIES (PER KIT):

- Aluminum baking pan *(with lid)*
  - Box of cake mix
  - Container of frosting
  - Sprinkles *(some frosting containers already include sprinkles)*
  - Can of soda *(replaces eggs and butter — Coca-Cola or Dr Pepper is best for chocolate or red velvet cakes and Sprite is best for vanilla or lemon cakes)*
  - Pack of candles
  - Birthday cake kit instructions *(here is an example from [The Birthday Cake Project](https://thebirthdaycakeproject.com) <https://thebirthdaycakeproject.com> )*
  - Birthday card *(pre-made or homemade)*
  - *Optional: balloons, streamers, party hat*
1. Start by contacting local food pantries, drop-in centers, homeless shelters and other organizations that serve children and families to determine where you could donate your birthday cake kits for kids.
  2. Determine the number of kits you will make and gather the needed supplies.
  3. Set the supplies out in an assembly line on a table *(or multiple assembly lines if you have a large group)*. If you need more than one of an item in the kit or a specific can of soda to go with a specific flavor of cake mix, make sure to mark that in front of that item on the table. Start with the aluminum pan and end with the lid.



4. Have each person choose a place in the assembly line and begin to put together the kits. *(Make it fun by playing some music in the background. If you have enough supplies and people for more than one assembly line, you could even have a race.)*
5. Once all kits are assembled, you can have each person sign birthday cards that get added to the kits. If you have more time, you could have people create homemade birthday cards. Make sure to add a loving and inspiring message to the cards.
6. If you have time, you could bake or buy a cake ahead of time and then eat it together and celebrate Jesus' birthday *(and the life that changed the world)* when you are done assembling the kits.

## Neighborhood Exegesis or Prayer Walk

A neighborhood exegesis or prayer walk is a wonderful way for congregation members to really pay attention to the neighborhood(s) and neighbors who live around their church and hold them in prayer. It may also spark ideas for further reflection and future service opportunities.



1. Decide your walking route or routes and determine whether you will go as one large group or break into smaller groups and go in different directions. Be mindful of different mobility needs and perhaps have a group that drives instead of walking. If you are in a rural setting, you may have to drive instead of walk, so you may need to organize drivers.
2. Share with your group that you are going to be walking around the neighborhood(s) near your church building. Encourage them to pay close attention to what they see, hear, and feel throughout the walk and to pray for their neighbors. If you are going as one large group, skip to No. 4.
3. Divide into groups and share a walking or driving route with each group.
4. Set a time to meet back at the church. Then, go walk, pay attention and pray!
5. Meet back at the church at the designated time and reflect together on what you saw, heard and felt. Discuss what was surprising — both things that brought joy to see or hear and things that were confusing to see or hear. Share ideas and insights about how God might be calling your congregation to connect with, partner with or serve your neighbors. If your congregation were to no longer exist, what would the community/ neighborhood miss? Are there ways that your congregation can better support, encourage, and empower the gifts and ministries of your neighbors?
6. If your group seems energized by the walk and conversation, you may want to schedule a time to follow up to continue the conversation and dreaming.



### QUESTIONS?

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