Give a Birthday Party for Jesus

Hold a children's birthday party for Jesus, and give presents to a local pregnancy care center (PCC). This is a good opportunity to impress on them the sanctity of human life and the necessity of giving practical support in order to help mothers and babies.

A month in advance:

- Obtain a list of needed supplies from the local PCC.
- Send out invitations to the party. Using pink and blue paper, cut an eight-inch square in half diagonally. Fold each triangle into a diaper. On the inside, print the party information (What: A Birthday Party for Jesus; When, Where, and contact information). Insert a copy of the list of needed supplies from the PCC. Refold the diapers and secure them with a pin or sticker.
- If your local PCC conducts Baby Bottle Boomerang campaigns, obtain baby bottles from the center and distribute them to the children. Explain that they can fill them up with loose change from around their home – with their parents' permission – and that money collected will go to the center to help babies. (Life Matters Worldwide also has baby bottles, if your church would like to raise funds for LMW.)
- Ask your pastor for an opportunity to present the fundraiser to the congregation. Hand out baby bottles to others who wish to participate.

Day of the party:

- Decorate for a child's birthday party – with balloons (enough for each child to take one home), streamers, a “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” banner. As they come in, arrange the gifts and baby bottles in a manger or baby crib.
- Games – Play Feed the Baby. Draw a large baby on a piece of poster board. Cut out and laminate a baby bottle for each child. Print the child’s name on it and portions of Psalm 139:14-16. Play the game as you would Pin the Tale on the Donkey, but instead use the bottles to feed the baby. Children can take home their bottle for use as a bookmark.
- Bible story - Tell the story Moses Had a Right to Live from Exodus 2. As you tell the story, begin with the father seeing his child for the first time. “This baby has a right to live,” his father Amram says. When his mother Jochebed makes the basket and carefully puts it in the river she says, “This baby has a right to live.” When Moses’ sister Miriam watches to see what happens to him she says, “This baby has a right to live.” When the princess picks the child out of the river she says, “This baby has a right to live.” Conclude the story by saying, “Just as Moses had a right to live, every baby has . . .” If you hesitate the children will say with you, “a right to live.”
- Presents – If a PCC director or volunteer is available to attend the party, the children can present their gifts to her. You may want to invite her to say a few words about the center.

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