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## As You Start the Year....

### “Will that be ‘MOMS and TOTS’ or ‘LADIES NIGHT OUT?’”

Perhaps you are needing a little revitalization in your Children’s Efforts. Often what we need is some way to locate contacts that we can eventually find useful for gospel work. We must get in touch with the people if we are going to reach them and have them attend our gatherings. What I am here going to suggest are a couple of ideas that could be tried and perhaps there are variations of these that you might find useful where you live and seek to serve the Lord.



**Just duckie!**



There are a number of ‘MOMS and TOTS’ groups functioning—usually the most popular time is a couple of hours on a weekday morning.

These are rather informal for the most part— a group meeting for coffee, snacks and play-time and is especially helpful if the building you use is quite integral with neighborhood housing. The idea is to have mothers and their unschooled kids attend and get to know you and other believers who help out. This gives you a sense of the community and gives them a chance to have a real life look at these ‘religious’ folks they see in hats and carrying bibles under their arms. It may yield future families to attend SS and Children’s Meetings or Summer DVBS. Primarily it may well create contacts we can pray about and encourage at the appropriate time to attend other meetings. Moms appreciate it because it is a break from normal routine and is quite non-threatening religious-wise. A story time could easily be included for a short portion in which the stories of the bible could be told, read or acted out.



Now as to the ‘LADIES NIGHT OUT’—this may be a rather novel idea to some, but may prove to have some value. This could be formal or informal. A dinner or a light snack.

Oftentimes those who are on a tight budget would be delighted to attend a ladies night out. An opportunity to chat, try a craft, attempt a tasty recipe, play a game—again in a non-obligating and non-threatening environment. The world is busy and their busy-ness often leaves them with tremendous social deprivation. We know that their real need is spiritual but sometimes they do not know it—and wouldn’t appreciate being told that directly—as we have often times proved. However if after a tasty morsel and a nice change of conversation— and including a little thoughtful gift of some kind\* —we then pass on to them a little card that shows our willingness to provide a free Bible or attractive booklet—we might very well find them more receptive. YES—it will cost us. YES—it takes up time. But as people live more and more detached lives— it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract people under the sound of the Word. Something needs to be done. Perhaps this will give you the germ of an idea and the courage to give it a try. Perhaps too—the Lord will bless those efforts and souls will find the Saviour. And great will be our rejoicing in that day!

**\*Gift Idea: How about a RECIPE CARD of the Taste Treat they enjoyed? Or a homemade Hot Pad? A Tea Towel? Instructions for a Craft? An idea on how to manage storage etc!**

## If you please ....



A little boy was taken to the Dentist. It was discovered that he had a cavity that would have to be filled.

“Now, young man”, asked the Dentist with a pleasant smile, “what kind of filling would you like for that tooth?”

“Chocolate, please” - replied the youngster.