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EVENT GUIDE**



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INTRODUCTION

The **Created New Experience** is a family event that will help you connect with families in your church and introduce them to God's big story of redemption, from creation to the resurrection, as they learn how God can make us new creations through Jesus with hands-on activities which unleash their creativity.

How to Use the Event

The Created New Experience can be used at any point leading up to Easter. Here are some ways you can use the event.

- **EASTER WEEKEND EVENT.** Use this experience to help kids prepare for Easter! You can even host your church's egg hunt before or after the event!
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT.** Host the event any time during Easter or Lent season. Invite new families in to get a taste of your church and to meet families in the church. Make sure you follow-up and thank new families for coming! Send a Thanks for Attending Postcard to each family.
- **ALL-CHURCH EVENT.** This event is about flexibility and connection. Host it before or after church, anytime of year, as an evening or weekend event. Intentionally crafted to include and engage people of all ages.
- **AT-HOME FAMILY EXPERIENCES.** If families can't come to you, take the experience to them! You could even make craft kits to send home with families so they could do the crafts on their own. Record all or parts of the event as you are hosting it at your church. Let at-home families know when and how they can watch—and participate in—the event. Provide the instructions and materials needed for doing some of the event activities so families can join in the fun at home. They can have their own family experience any time that works for them!

Event Schedule

Open Doors 15 Minutes Before Start	
Welcome Activity: Create a Mural 5 to 15 minutes	
10 minutes	Creation Station 1—Creation
10 minutes	Creation Station 2—The Fall
10 minutes	Creation Station 3—Crucifixion and Resurrection
10 minutes	Creation Station 4—New Creation
10 minutes	Welcome and Worship
10 minutes	Large Group Game (2 game options)
15 minutes	Teaching, Video, Prayer
15 minutes	Snack
Prize Giveaway (optional) and Closing 5 minutes	

Planning Timeline and Checklist

A planning timeline and checklist for the Created New Experience is included and can be used as a guide, but you can make it your own too. Only you know how to best plan for and communicate upcoming events to the families you serve.

When you have recruited an Event Leader for the Created New Experience (one of your first tasks!), give that person a copy of the Planning Timeline and Checklist. You can share responsibilities, or just let the Event Leader take the lead! Your role will be to encourage and give support as needed.

Decorating

Decorating for the Created New Experience can be as simple or elaborate as you want! You can recruit a Decorating Leader and Team specifically for the all-church event. Give these leaders the recommended ideas. Use the [Pinterest board](#) for more decorating ideas.

- [Posters](#)
- Garden-themed decorations
- Art-themed decorations
- Colorful balloons and streamers
- Flowers (fake or real) and greenery
- Brightly colored plastic tablecloth covers for tables



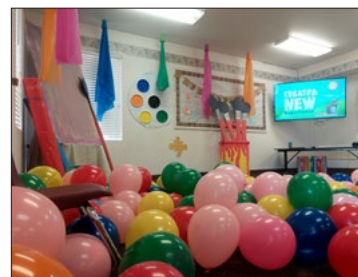
Room Setup

Work with your Decorating and Setup/Teardown Teams. Let team leaders know when your event venue will be available for setup and decorating.

Families can sit in chairs around a table. (Round tables are ideal, if possible.) Or you can have two families sit together at a table if there are only 2-4 members in each family. Remember some kids may come without parents or other family members. Arrange for adult or teen volunteers to sit with these kids, or you might want to seat these kids with smaller families.

Check with your Decorating Team regarding the table decorations they are planning. Ask the Event Leader what supplies will be needed at each table.

Check that your stage area is set up and that all technical equipment is in place. This includes lights, sound, media, and anything needed by your Worship Team.



Make sure you have adequate signage for checking in and that bathrooms and trash cans are easy to find. Ensure your Welcome Table or check-in area is ready to welcome the first guest families.

If you are doing the Creation Stations in separate rooms, you will need four rooms: one for each station. If you are doing them in separate areas of one large room, you will need four areas. Each station will need at least two tables, depending on how many participants you'll have. You'll need one table for supplies and at least one table (with chairs) for participants to work.

You can display the [Creation Station Signs and Instructions](#) near the entrance or beginning of each station. Set out supplies and samples (if you're providing samples) at each station. Supplies needed for each station can be found in the supply list provided.

Ready. Set up. Go!



Our identity is rooted in the same way our faith is: in being confident of what we hope for in Jesus. We become who we were created to be through claiming our inheritance as an image-bearing child of God. The more we look like Jesus, the more we grow in godly character, shaped by the Holy Spirit.

Wonder Ink is a curriculum, but it's more than just a curriculum and lessons about the Bible. It's a journey of faith formation and identity formation for kids. It includes three years of stories from the Bible to help kids connect the big picture of God's story. It creates space for kids to ask questions and get curious while they discover truths about God and His plan for their lives.

Wonder Ink also provides resources for families to grow in their faith together. Each week, you will have access to Wonder@Home, which includes a God's Big Story Video covering the Bible story for that week and discussion questions, the Word of Wonder (memory verse) for that series, the Wonder Truth, discussion starter questions, a worship playlist, and two interactive activities you can do together at home to dive deeper into the story and learn and grow together.