

LEADER APPRECIATION

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you, and to regard them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13

SHOW LOVE & APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO SERVE AROUND YOU

It is an important part of the work. Those who serve in KidMin are more than just volunteers, they are serving Christ by giving of their time and talents. It is important to recognize this as an important part of serving.



LET'S THINK ABOUT THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES



There are many ways to say thank you just as there are several love languages. Not everyone likes the same type of recognition. Think of different things you can do that show appreciation and encouragement without it being expensive or time-consuming.

LOVE LANGUAGE: GIFTS

- ✓ Many people appreciate getting a small token of thanks.
- ✓ Ideas include keychains, tote bags, candy, gift cards, candles, hand lotions, etc. It doesn't have to be expensive to be appreciated.
- ✓ Look for items that go with a theme or a "saying" of thanks. There are many ideas on Pinterest with printable cards.



LOVE LANGUAGE: AFFIRMATION

- ✓ There are some in your ministry who just want to hear your appreciation in words.
- ✓ Social media shout outs, notes that are mailed, announcements during the church service that highlighting the different workers or areas.
- ✓ You can speak words of appreciation often. Take time to visit the classrooms and say a personal thank you.



LOVE LANGUAGE: ACTS OF SERVICE

- ✓ What can you do for them that makes their job easier.
- ✓ Visit the classrooms and ask what they may need or how you can help, make sure they have what they need, help them set up, make sure they have the help they need.
- ✓ Pay attention to anyone struggling and look for ways to help.



LOVE LANGUAGE: QUALITY TIME

- ✓ Take the time to hear what they need, how they feel, and give the gift of your time and attention.
- ✓ Giving someone your undivided attention can go a long way for those that have this love language.
- ✓ Quality Time can include a recognition dinner, calling leaders personally or taking them to coffee but mostly just be available.



LOVE LANGUAGE: PHYSICAL TOUCH

- ✓ This may be a little harder but there are ways to show your thanks with a touch in an appropriate way.
- ✓ High fives, handshakes, a pat on shoulder, fist bumps and even hugs when appropriate.



PRAYER

- ✓ We must pray for those that serve. Pray for each one by name, pray in their classroom and leave a note to say "You have been prayed for".
- ✓ Ask how you can pray for them. Have the pastor pray for them in Church.

