



# Adoption Sunday ideas

## **The red carpet treatment**

Invite foster carers from your community to the service and give them cake and flowers to recognise the great, but often challenging, work they do.

## **Use balloons!**

Find out how many children are waiting for homes in your area and invite your congregation to take home balloons representing each child as a reminder to pray.

## **Sharing stories**

You could interview a family that made some major life-changing decision since last year's Adoption Sunday - perhaps a family in your church have adopted or fostered over the past year. Maybe they have had great support from other people in the church - take time to hear how the year has been and what support they've had.

## **Bonfire night**

Host a family bonfire night at your church and invite your neighbours & local community. Get to know families in your area and give out leaflets about Home for Good as people leave to raise awareness of what the church is doing to help children in care. It may also connect you to families who need support!

## **Pray for social workers**

Invite social workers from your area to come to the service to be prayed for. You could show the names of all the local social workers on a the screen and ask the congregation to pray for them daily throughout the next week.

## **Art exhibition**

Invite local schools or children to take part in an art exhibition on the theme of siblings. Display the entries and announce winners in your church over refreshments on Adoption Sunday. You could even have small prizes! Make sure to tweet your pictures to @Home4Gd.

## **Bake off**

Ask young people to take part in the bake-off competition and get the congregation to donate £1 to Home for Good to taste their creations after your service. Make sure to tweet your pictures to @Home4Gd.

## **Family tree prayer**

Arrange some branches in a vase at the front of church to create a family tree and give each person a simple outline of a person with a loop of string or wool attached. Ask them to write their names on one side and on the other side a thank you prayer for something about being part of the family of God. Get everyone to hang their prayer on the tree.

