

## Summer is almost here...

### Have you remembered to appreciate your church school teachers?

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Choose from these ideas:

- Invite teachers to speak briefly in worship about what teaching has meant to them over the year.
- Remember the church school and teachers in prayer during worship.
- Plan a special time to appreciate church school volunteers and teachers.
- Have a special coffee hour (with cake!) after worship to recognize teachers.
- Display with pride the banners, gardens, and murals made by the church school.
- Express appreciation with a simple gift—a gift certificate, a book, pots of herbs, a night of free baby-sitting.
- Ask session or the minister to do a friendly evaluation of the church school. Teachers will appreciate that the leadership of the church takes an interest in what they are doing.
- Take a photo of the church school teacher with his/her class. Present it at a special time.
- Publish a thank you and list of teachers in your church newsletter.
- Send a birthday, anniversary, or Christmas card.
- Write a personal thank you note.
- Send a letter of appreciation to the teacher's family.
- Ask teachers to write statements on "Why I am a church school teacher" and publish them in the church newsletter.
- Host a breakfast and invite an inspirational speaker.
- Place fresh flowers in the teacher's class area on the last Sunday of teaching.
- Surprise teachers with hot chocolate, cookies or coffee in their classroom.
- Have the children/youth design and create a giant thank-you card when their teacher is having a day off.

There are many ways to honour and show appreciation to church school teachers. Be intentional about saying thank you to God for calling teachers and to the teachers themselves for accepting the call to teach.

