

How To Have an Exciting Bus Ride

The Sunday morning bus ride to church and drop off after church can and should be an exciting weekly experience for your riders. Here are some ways to enhance that experience so your riders want to come back before they even get off the bus.

I. Bus Ride – Pick up

A. Things needed on the bus

1. Plastic storage drawers
 - a. Bibles - new and used
 - b. Clip board with **Permission forms**
 - c. White board with markers
 - d. Wet wipes and paper towels
 - e. Lunch size paper bags
 - f. Trash can liners
 - g. Scissors
2. Bus box
 - a. Bible questions
 - b. List of songs
 - c. Drawing tickets
 - d. Stickers
 - e. Glass markers
 - f. Candy prizes
 - g. Before & After books of the Bible cards
 - h. Mints
3. Cloth sleeve (to go over seat back) to hold poster songs/visuals etc.
4. **Bus Check list.** Whose doing what
5. **Bluetooth player**

B. Pray on the bus before leaving the church

C. Have music playing on Bluetooth player

D. As kids get on the bus collect **flyers** and complete **bus bucks log sheets**

E. Complete **attendance records.** We use iPads and print name tags

F. Give the kids stickers

G. Have your bus workers sit with the kids individually after they are seated. Make them feel special, appreciated and loved

H. Start singing songs like

1. I'm Alive, Awake, Alert, Enthusiastic
2. I Love Him Better Every Day
3. OBEDIENCE
4. I Wanna be a Sheep (with puppets)
5. We're on the bus

- I. WE HAVE 3 RULES ON OUR BUS
 - J. Review / sing Books of the Bible
 - K. Before & After game cards. What book comes before or after or both
 - L. Present a short Bible lesson, Bible challenge, learn a Bible verse using a white board
 - M. Have a contest or game if time permits between boys and girls
 - 1. Baby bottle or sippy cup drinking with bibs
 - 2. Donut on a string eating
 - 3. Magnetic letter spelling
 - N. Use Tick-Tac-Know using white board asking questions with prizes for winners (boys or girls)
 - O. Announcements pertaining to the day
 - P. Review **Bus Bucks** program.
 - Q. Play the Sunday School song (Patch the Pirate) just before arrival
 - R. As the kids get off the bus I give them mints – peppermint, cotton candy, spearmint
 - S. Thank them for coming. Give high fives and fist bumps
- II. Bus Ride – Drop off
- A. Count your riders to make sure you have everyone
 - B. Make announcements of upcoming promotions and special days
 - C. Hand out giveaways for that Sunday
 - D. Have a contest or play a game.
 - 1. Ping pong ball relay
 - 2. Cup on a string
 - 3. Pumpkin roll
 - 4. Toilet paper relay
 - 5. Water noodle
 - E. Ask Bible questions.
 - F. What is something that you learned today at church?
 - G. Tell jokes
 - H. Silly Cheers / Things to say
 - 1. CUTE
 - 2. UGLY
 - 3. The Breezes
 - I. Sing Songs / Play silly songs
 - 1. TV tunes by Mark Lowry
 - 2. Going on a Bear Hunt
 - 3. VeggieTales
 - 4. Bubblegum