

## SUGGESTED *Get on the Bus!* ACTIVITIES

1. Shoe box bus. Have young children make a bus by using a shoe box, construction paper, paint, crayons, etc. They can display their shoe boxes to help bring awareness to church members about the bus campaign. The shoe boxes can also be made into banks where people can donate. *(See example on the next page)*
2. Coloring pages. Young children can color pictures of the bus or activities that the bus would help older adults do (i.e. attend church, grocery shop, doctor appointments, park visits). Post pictures around the church to bring awareness to members about the bus campaign.
3. Pet contest. Invite people to bring in a picture of their pet. Have jars for each entry and allow people to vote on the best pet by putting money in the jar. Ask for a \$1 donation per entry. Award the pet with the most votes.
4. Coin battle. Each class has an empty jar/bottle/container. People drop spare pennies, nickels and dimes in the bottle. These coins are counted as **POSITIVE**. Quarters and dollars count as **NEGATIVES**. People can “sabotage” another group’s bottle by dropping a quarter or dollar into their bottle. At the end of the competition, all positive and negative monies are counted, and the class with the most positive money raised wins.
5. Dollar-an-inch contest. Have adults participate in a competition to end the day with the shortest tie. People cut an inch off their favorite person’s tie each time they donate to the person’s campaign. People can donate a certain dollar amount (\$1 or whatever amount you set) per inch. Prizes for the shortest tie, the ugliest tie, etc. (Purchase ties from thrift store)
6. Wall of fame. Make cut-outs of any pattern you would like (i.e. bus). Each time someone donates ask them to sign the cut-out and place it on the wall.
7. Guess how many. Guess the number of jellybeans, M&M’s, Hershey Kisses or another treat in a jar. Give donations to guess. Winner with closest guess receives the jar of treats.
8. Ice cream social. Provide several flavors of ice cream and all the toppings needed to make a decadent sundae. Collect a certain dollar donation for participation.
9. Donuts and coffee. Provide donuts and coffee before church and collect a certain dollar donation for the treat.
10. Parking lot sale. Ask people to purchase a space in the parking area for a “garage sale”. All proceeds would be considered donations.
11. Car wash. Hold a car wash and ask for a certain dollar amount donation.
12. Rock-a-thon. This is just like a walk-a-thon but with rocking chairs. Get people to sponsor you to rock for so many hours. You can have everyone bring a rocking chair to the church parking lot and have a fun time rocking with your friends.
13. Lemonade sale. Set up a lemonade stand after church and ask for a certain dollar amount donation in exchange for a nice cool class of lemonade.
14. Youth Sunday. Have youth from kindergarten through high school take over the service one Sunday. They can sing, speak, and testify. A special offering would be taken to donate for their bus campaign.
15. Poster contest. Ask youth to make their own poster ads to support the campaign to help raise money for a bus for older adults. Encourage them to be creative. Hang their posters throughout the church and on your own social media platforms. Send pictures to Christian Care for us to post on social media platforms. Judging can be done locally or by Christian Care Communities.