



HOW CHURCH LEADERSHIP CAN SUPPORT AUTISTIC CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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Be Knowledgeable

- Get educated about autism.
- Attend disability ministry conferences.

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Be an Advocate

- Talk to your congregation about autism in a positive way.
- Speak out against harmful stigmas.

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Be Accommodating

- Have volunteers, a sensory room, or alternative activities available.
- Be available for support if needed outside of scheduled service times.

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Be Inclusive

- Include autistic children in church activities and special events.
- Remove barriers that may keep families from participating in services.

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Be Welcoming

- Advertise accommodations you provide on your website and social media.
- Create an atmosphere where autistic children and their families have a sense of belonging.

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Be Understanding

- Autism affects each person differently and triggers may vary.
- There may be aspects of service that are hard for families, even with accommodations.

Be sure to visit our website,
autismfaithnetwork.com, for more resources!



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