

Hobby Night

People love to talk about things that interest them. Hobbies are a fun topic and many children lose their shyness when talking about their own interests.

A Hobby Night is a relatively easy meeting to plan because the families provide the teaching. At our event, both children and adults are invited to come to the front and tell about their hobbies. Sometimes they will include a demonstration, such as the mom who showed us how to quilt a pillow top.

It is advisable to have a sign-up in advance to ask folks to define their hobby and specify if they would like to simply share a few moments about their hobby or if they would like to give a short demonstration. If the latter, assign time slots so you can be sure to move through all the presentations in a timely manner.

Collections can be set up on tables for examination later. Mementos, video clips, awards, and other items of interest may be shared [great opportunity to showcase state fair ribbons, etc.]. Someone whose hobby is making music may play a musical instrument. A portion of a story by a favorite author may be read. Souvenirs from a recent trip can be shown if the family's hobby is traveling.

Be sure to include grandparents who live nearby. Not only are they wonderful audience members, but they can tell of life-long interests and hobbies, as well.

As you listen to others tell of their interests, appreciate the diversity and creativity God has built into your group. And take note of skills and talents that may be useful to your group in the future: a wise leader is always on the lookout for ideas!

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