



Fall Festival Volunteer Info Packet

Interested in decorating a trunk, welcoming families, serving snacks, manning an inflatable, or doing a trunk or booth with your family or Grace Group at our Fall Festival?

- Sign up to serve:
 - at the Welcome Desk
 - via the QR Code
 - at graceplacechurch.org/servekids.

- Read through this packet.
It will tell you what you need to know.

Fall Festival 2025

Dear Church,

Thank you in advance for serving at this year's Fall Festival. I am looking forward to seeing how the Lord will use the fun, His people, and the truth that we share to impact the lives of children and their families in our community for the sake of Christ. This year's **Fall Festival is on Sunday, October 26th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.**

For families with children:

As we focus on reaching out with the love and gospel of Christ, consider ways to involve your children.

- Let them help you choose a theme decorate your trunk or booth.
- Ask them to help come up with a game or activity that you'll offer at your trunk or booth.
- Encourage your children to *serve & give* candy at your trunk or booth.
- Volunteer with your children to serve food, welcome families, man inflatables, and/or clean up.

On the next page you will find the three basic steps for serving at the Fall Festival. The rest of this packet will provide some additional information for those who are decorating a trunk or serving together at a booth or trunk as a Grace Group. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 405-793-0707.

Thank you again for committing to serve!

Blessings,
Jacob Kern

Step 1: Sign Up to Serve

You can serve in one of the following ways:

- Deck out your trunk and pass out candy at your decorated vehicle (CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU) [4:15-6:30pm]
- Serve as a Grace Group at a trunk or booth that you design together. Offer a game/activity, include music, or incorporate some other theme-related elements for fun!
- Set up [After church-3:30]
- Welcome families [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Popcorn popping [Times are flexible to fit your schedule: Saturday, October 25, and Sunday afternoon, October 26]
- Serve popcorn & water [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Supervise an inflatable [3 shifts: 4:15-5:00, 5:00-5:45, 5:45-6:30]
- Teardown [6:30-7:30]

Step 2: Prepare

- **Pray!** Pray that the Lord would minister to the families who attend, provide us with meaningful interaction with them, and also direct us in our ministry to them.
- ***If you're doing a trunk or manning a booth/trunk with your Grace Group:***
 - You can take a look at some of the ideas at the end of this packet or come up with your own theme. Pick a theme that interests you. Please stay away from themes that include witches, magic, or death.
 - PLEASE, no ghoulish or questionable decorations! If you are unsure about an item, please don't use it.
 - **New this year: In addition to having a fun theme, we are expecting trunks and booths to have a clear connection to a biblical truth, a Bible verse, or the gospel. Have fun with your theme and with connecting God's truth to it! Please be intentional in communicating this connection with the families that will come to your trunk or booth! Here are some ways you can do so:**
 - **Have a sign with a verse or biblical truth on it at your trunk/booth that you point out or read to the families/kids when they come to your trunk/booth**
 - **Provide a gospel tract to the families/kids when they come to your trunk/booth**
 - **Communicate a brief biblical truth that relates to your theme with the families/kids when they come to your trunk/booth**
 - Gather all the things you'll need from around the house and purchase any needed items.
 - For the best experience, dress up to match your theme (even if it's just with a hat or face make-up).
- ***If you are welcoming families, serving food, or supervising inflatables, you will receive further instruction in the week leading up to the Fall Festival and when you arrive to serve.***

Step 3: Serve

- **Have a blast** interacting with families, sharing God's love and truth with them, and seeing all of the cool costumes!.
- ***Please arrive at your designated time:***
 - **Trunks and booths:** You'll receive a map of where you'll be located prior to the Fall Festival. Please park/set up in your designated, pre-marked spot. Please be ready to go at 4:15pm! You'll serve until 6:30pm.
 - **Welcoming families:** Information and a map will be provided to you during the week leading up to the Fall Festival. Please arrive at the entrance 10 minutes prior to your serving time slot for final instructions.
 - **Serving popcorn & water:** Instructions and a map will be provided to you during the week leading up to the Fall Festival. Please arrive at the serving table under the pavilion 5 minutes before your shift begins for any final instructions.
 - **Supervising inflatables:** Information about which inflatable you will be manning and a map of where your inflatable is located will be provided to you during the week leading up to the Fall Festival. If you are serving

during the 4:15-5:00 time slot, please meet at the church office at 4:00pm for final instructions. If you are serving at another shift, please arrive at your designated inflatable 5 minutes prior to the beginning of your shift in order to receive instructions from the volunteer who is serving prior to you.

➤ ***If you are doing a trunk or booth, please remember 2 things:***

- There is very limited power available. Please let Jacob or Alicia know if you need access to an electrical outlet so we can plan accordingly. Please bring an extension cord.
- CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOUR TRUNKS AND BOOTHS. Please pass out only one fun-size piece of candy per child or 2 smaller pieces of candy per child

Questions? Contact us!

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GAME BOOTH & TRUNK IDEAS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONNECT YOUR THEME TO THE GOSPEL, A BIBLE VERSE, OR A BIBLICAL TRUTH! BE SURE TO COMMUNICATE IT CLEARLY TO FAMILIES IN SOME WAY AS WELL!

APPLE CHALLENGE - Toss some foam apples to make a three in a row!

PUMPKINS IN A ROW! - So simple, this "ring toss" game uses pumpkins and hula hoops and sets up in minutes and is addictive to play!

TREASURE DIG - Kids dig around in a kiddie pool filled with plastic foam packing peanuts and small toys.

SUCKER TREE - Kids pull suckers from a pegboard. The color of the sucker handle corresponds to a prize.

BEAN THE PHILISTINE! - Kids sling small beanbags at a life-size plywood cutout of Goliath.

PETTING ZOO - Bring in soft, furry animals for children to enjoy.(remember you would be responsible for clean-up)

BEAN BAG TOSS - Kids toss small bean bags into plastic buckets.

MILK CAN TOSS - Kids toss softballs at milk cans or empty 2-liter bottles.

PUTT-PUTT GOLF - Kids play through a miniature course or play Hole in One!

FLOATING DUCKS - Kids pick up plastic ducks from a wading pool. The number on the duck corresponds to a prize or how many pieces of candy they get.

BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT - Kids toss a basketball through a portable hoop.

RING IT - Children toss embroidery hoops over empty two-liter bottles arranged similar to bowling pins on the floor.

MUFFIN PAN TOSS - Kids toss 10 pennies into a muffin tin with numbered holes; pieces of felt in the bottom of the tin keep pennies from bouncing out.

FISHING GAME - Kids fish over a wall and hook prizes or candy

PLINK-O - Only the best game ever! Use your craftiness to make a Plink-o Board and let the chips drop!

WHEEL OF FORTUNE- Use a prize wheel and let the children spin for a chance to win candy!

GAME-FREE BOOTH & TRUNK IDEAS

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PROMOTE YOUR MINISTRY!- Are you involved in one of the many different ministries here at Grace Place? Set up a booth highlighting what your ministry is about! It doesn't have to be fancy; a poster and a smiling face passing out candy and information will do!

SHOW IT OFF! - Have a fancy car, cool tractor, or a pet unicorn? Set up an easy booth for kids to have their picture taken with your cool attraction! Even cooler if they can sit in it or on it ☺

FACE PAINTING - Decorate kids' faces. (Crayola color pencils dipped in water make perfect face painting tools)

BALLOON ANIMALS - Are you secretly a balloon animal artist!! Share your talent! Best to choose a few options and let the kids pick from there. This will help reduce the wait and your stress.

HARVEST PHOTOS -Set up a festive fall backdrop or photo scene and let your guests take photos for memories from the day!

THEMED TABLE - A simple table and maybe a backdrop with the theme of your choice. Choose your favorite color, Bible verse, song, Bible story, season, or sport! Jazz it up or keep it simple!

IT'S A ZOO - Fill your trunk with stuffed animals and dress up like a zookeeper, add a cute zoo sign so people know what it's all about!

BIBLE STORY OR BIBLICAL CHARACTER -Pick your favorite story or person from the Bible and build a trunk/booth around it! You can either make a sign telling the theme or have people guess for extra candy

- **Noah's Ark**- Decorate in rainbows and have 2 of various animals (even cooler if you make your car or table an Ark)
- **Zacchaeus**- Decorate a ladder like a tree, sit at the top and drop candy down! (note:GP is not responsible for injuries)
- **Daniel**- Surround yourself with stuffed lions (as real are not suggested) and pass out candy!
- **Fruit of the Spirit**- Decorate with pictures of or real fruit, be sure to include the actual fruits of the Spirit in your design because a fruit of the spirit is not a coconut!
- **Armor of God**- Dress up like an armored soldier and display signs with what the Armor of God is. Mardel and Oriental Trading have pre made signs ☺

RANDOM & PUNNY THEMES

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Anything can be made into a way to share Jesus! Pick a theme and decorate!

OWL- "Whooo loves Jesus?" "Owl you need is Jesus"

CAT- "God's love is purr-fect!"

PEPPERMINTS- "You are 'mint' for great things" or " You are 'mint' to follow Jesus". I could go on and on...

FALL- "Fall in love with Jesus". - Fall themed décor and a cute little sign!

SMORES- "Jesus is 'smore' than enough for me!"

ARCHERY/HUNTING- "Aim for Jesus!"

LIFEGUARD/LIFE SAVERS- "Jesus saves!"

MINIONS- "JESUS LOVES (DESPICABLE) ME!"

CANDY- "God's promises are soo sweet!" "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"

REESE'S PIECES- "God loves me to pieces"

SUPER HEROS!- "Jesus is my superhero!"

TOY STORY- "You've got a friend in Jesus!"

ARMY: "I'm in the Lord's Army!" yes sir!

FAVORITE MOVIE (KID FRIENDLY)

FAVORITE TV SHOW

FAVORITE CARTOON

SPORTS

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Other Trunk Ideas

*Please remember: Since this is a family event, please stay away from anything scary (e.g., ghosts, witches, blood, skeletons, or death-related themes or objects).

*Please also remember: Connect your theme to the gospel, a Bible verse, or a biblical truth! Be sure to communicate it clearly to families in some way as well.

*Also, plug-ins are limited. Please let us know if you'll need electricity and bring an extension cord.

Arctic	Use a white sheet to cover the inside of your trunk. Add arctic animals. Consider adding wind sounds.
BBQ	Bring your grill, grilling utensils, and a couple platters. Wear an apron and serve the candy to the children with your spatula.
Birthday Party	Decorate your trunk mostly with balloons and streamers. Finish decorating with a fake cake made out of cardboard and some party favors. When the children come up, blow the horn and say, "Happy Birthday."
Camping	Set up a tent and some chairs. Place camping supplies in your trunk.
Candy Scramble	Fill the back of your truck bed with hay. Decorate with other farm items. Have the children get in the bed and look for candy.
Candy Land	Use the colors and characters of this game to create a fun candy-themed trunk.
Carnival	Play carnival music, have paper cut-outs of clowns, and blow up some balloons.
Christmas	Deck the trunk with Christmas décor.
Desert	Make some cacti and place a sandy-colored sheet or a baby pool with sand in the back. Add rocks, snakes (fake, of course :), or other desert animals. Consider including a sun.
Disco	Put up a disco ball with some fun music. Add lots of smiley faces and flowers.
Disney	Choose a Disney theme.
Farm	Use hay bales, stuffed animals, and green butcher paper to make a farm. Place some vegetables (real or fake) in a barrel. Cut out a barn and dress in overalls and a hat.
Fast Food Chain	Gather materials from a fast food chain. Dress as Wendy, Ronald McDonald, etc...
Fiesta	Gather fake fruit and wear a sombrero. See if you can find maracas.
Fishing	Collect fishing poles, nets, and fish (pictures of them or stuffed versions, not the smelly version, please). You could use clothes pins to place candy on the fishing line and have the kids use the fishing poles to get their candy.
Garden	Turn your trunk into a garden bed with plants and hide candy in the garden/plants for the kids to look for.
Harvest	Gather pumpkins, corn cobs, corn stalks, and other fall decorations.
Hollywood/Movie	Place a TV in your trunk and play a family-friendly film. Or you may choose to decorate your trunk with a theme from a favorite movie instead.
Indiana Jones	Decorate with jungle items and add items that are in the movies. Dress like Indiana Jones.

Jungle	Decorate with leaves, vines, and jungle animals. Maybe have some jungle sounds as well.
Military	Place camouflage and netting in your trunk.
Music	Place music notes, inflatable instruments, music sheets, etc... in your trunk
Nautical	Use things from the beach or the ocean. Maybe add a sandbox to your trunk. Dress up as a captain.
Pirate	Grab a bird, eye patch, and a treasure chest and other pirate-themed decorations.
Princess	Use a pink, castle, or princess backdrop and decorate the trunk with jewels, tiaras, and other princess supplies. Dress up as a princess.
Pumpkin Patch	Fill your trunk with pumpkins and vines and place candy in the pumpkins.
Race Track	Construct a race track in your trunk. Use checkered flags, Hot Wheel cars, and other race items.
Rock Star	Place a Karaoke machine your trunk. Use lights to decorate.
Safari	Lots of stuffed animals! Place paper vines in the trunk as well. Wear a safari hat.
Science	Use beakers with dry ice and fill jars with gumballs and other colorful items. Wear a mad scientist wig as well as a lab coat and goggles.
Sports	Place sport equipment in your trunk. Or decorate your vehicle with gear from your favorite sports team.
Train	Wear conductor overalls and place a train track in your trunk. Don't forget a whistle.
Tropical	Use palm trees, coconuts, leis, tropical hats, and fake fruit.
Underwater	Cover your trunk with blue sheets. Use toy or stuffed sea creatures and make seaweed out of paper. Maybe use blue cellophane on your windows and place a bubble machine in your trunk
Western	Decorate your trunk with hay bales, cowboy hats, boots, etc...
Treasure Chest	Turn your trunk into a treasure chest with wood-grain corrugated paper. Fill your trunk with fake jewels and shiny paper.