



## FAMILY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Ways to Engage your Congregation in Family Disaster Preparedness

Family preparedness is so important that we invite you to think about how you might make this a ministry of your church, to help your congregation be prepared for disasters. So how might you do this?

- **Church or neighborhood “Family Preparedness” Fair** – an event held in the parking lot perhaps that includes others from your community.
  - You can have a “Go-Bag” scavenger hunt
  - Invite members of the fire dept. to talk about fire extinguisher use and maintenance
  - Fire safety talk
  - Have preparedness games with preparedness prizes
  - Give away backpacks for “Go Bags” – perhaps some might be donated
  - Seek community sponsors
  - Serve simple lunch
  - Invite the Red Cross to provide a talk on the “Pillowcase Project”
- **After worship “Family Preparedness Activity” once per month**
  - Scavenger Hunt with Go-Bag items
  - Make Go-Bag kits
  - Decorate pillowcases for children’s “Go Bag” – add drawstring
  - Play “Preparedness TRIVIA”, “Resilience BINGO”, etc.
  - Invite fire dept. – community resources, fire safety, fire extinguisher
  - Offer the “Pillowcase Project” as a teaching tool for children and youth/families following worship
- Work through the **Family Disaster Preparedness Plan Workbook**, one section at a time, having families go home and work on completing one item and returning the next Sunday or month
- Use disaster story books for **children’s sermon**
- Host an **adult Christian Formation class** on Family Preparedness for adults
- Incorporate Disaster Preparedness into **children and youth Christian Formation classes**.
- Use card games and other items at Ready.gov/kids as prizes for **Disaster Preparedness games**
- **WHAT OTHER IDEAS DO YOU ALL HAVE?**



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Your questions or requests for assistance should be directed toward members of the Presbytery’s Disaster Preparedness and Response Task Force or to chair, Marilyn Stone [mmstone52@att.net](mailto:mmstone52@att.net).