General Conference Activity Ideas

General Conference is a great time for family to gather together and to learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sure, it can be long, especially for kids but it can be an experience they look forward to. Having activities for kids to do can be a great way to help kids participate in General Conference. And many activities for kids can encourage them to listen and learn from the talks instead of just keeping them busy and quiet.

Here are some ideas:

Apostle Chairs

Print this sheet (on one sheet or as a large poster). Be sure to print the Apostle Pictures too. When any of the 1st Presidency or Quorum of the Twelve speak, find their picture and glue it onto the chair with their name. (Or print the pictures on sticker paper.) You could use this as a way to organize activities during conference by having prepared activities labeled 1-15. When you put a picture on a chair do the activity labeled with the number on the chair. Instead, you could use these <u>Apostle Cards</u> to put up on the wall or take off the wall as they speak.

<u>Apostle Pictures</u>

A picture of each of the members of the 1st Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve. Print them on regular paper or sticker paper and use them with the Apostle Chairs.

Color the Speaker (Full Sheet or Quarter

Page Booklet)

Color clothes and hair to look like the speaker. Draw or write in the speech bubble what is said in the talk. Print one or multiple copies. For a version of this activity with the speech bubble and a place to glue a picture of the speaker (instead of coloring the speaker) <u>click here</u>.

I Spy Colors

Look for things during conference that are red, yellow, blue, etc. Write or draw the items in the colored box.

Conference ABCs (Full Sheet or Half Sheet)

Write words said in a talk that start with each letter of the alphabet.

Apostle Names

Match the person speaking to the picture on each writing page. Write their name while they are speaking and draw a picture of what they talk about. A great activity for kids learning how to write.

Conference Sculpting

Build things from playdough that go with a certain talk.

Lollipop Listening

Suck on a lollipop during a talk. Can you make the lollipop last for the whole talk?

Picture Wall

Use about 7 gospel pictures you have or print some from lds.org. (Pictures of Jesus, Joseph Smith, Baptism, Prayer,

Temple, Sacrament, Scriptures, Family or Missionaries would work well.) Hang the pictures on the wall before Conference. Kids can listen for the speakers to talk about the things in the pictures. When they do, kids can go touch the picture then sit back down and listen for another one of the words.

I Spy Jar

A great activity for very young kids. To make an "I Spy Jar" fill an empty water bottle or similar bottle with rice or wheat. Add about 6-10 small objects or beads. (Add some rice to the bottle and put in a few objects. Then add more rice and more objects. Repeat.) Leave about 1" of space at the top of the jar. Secure the lid with hot glue or tape. Kids can shake the bottle to look for the different objects inside.

Word Snacks

Set out a bowl of a variety of snacks. Label each snack with a word or picture that might be mentioned during conference. When one of those words is mentioned you can have one of those snacks.

Other Ideas For Young Children

Make your own bingo board or print some from <u>lds.org</u>. There are other conference activities there too. Use a variety of markers for your bingo board, like stickers, stampers, skittles, m&ms, smarties, jelly beans, fruit sacks, buttons, coins or bingo paint daubers. You can play more than once.

Scripture story sticker scenes are a fun activity for conference. <u>Find some here</u>. Sometimes they aren't great for very young children because the stickers are very detailed and can rip easily when being peeled off the sheet. Happy Conference to You!