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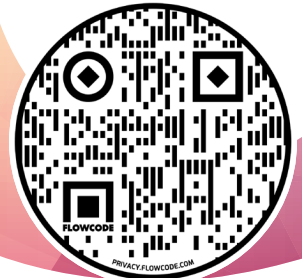
Safe Toys & Celebration Month

Mental Health Objective:

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. During this month of gift giving, the group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suits the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, especially for infants and children under age three.

Ministry Ideas:

- Share a fact sheet on Toy Safety in the bulletin.
- Encourage the outreach team to share fact sheets and information with local day cares and child development centers.
- Invite educator or childcare provider in the congregation (or local community) to make a presentation about toy safety and age appropriate toys.
- Create a display of age appropriate toys. Be sure to include adaptive toys for children with disabilities.
- Share a child safety video before or during worship.



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Media:

Toy Safety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zh8ECEQVf3I>

Injury Prevention: Picking safe toys for young children

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oW2X1OJJ8_0

Adaptive Toys & Tech Resource Centre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnwPtWBWpaY>

Fact Sheets:

Safe Toy Checklist

<https://preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist/>

Choosing Safe Toys

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/safe-toys.html>

Adaptive Toys for Children with Disabilities and General Toy Safety

<https://www.kidcentraltn.com/development/special-needs/adaptive-toys-for-children-with-disabilities-and-general-toy-safety-.html>

RealCare Baby® Curriculum

<http://update.realityworks.com/Curriculum/Realcare/>

Riding Toy Safety

<https://tinyurl.com/yydlecpz>

Washing and Disinfecting Toys

<https://tinyurl.com/y6bsf7gl>

Toys and Toy Safety

<https://tinyurl.com/yy6zbf9>