

Valentine's Day Cookies for Christ

Ideas, Tips, and Tags

This Valentine's Day outreach is a perfect opportunity to share the greatest love of all with those in your community! On a day when LOVE is the focus of the entire day, give away free cookies that you've prepackaged and tagged with a special witness (see tags below, front and back); and make an opportunity to talk with people about the love of God!

Here are a couple of different scenarios for this outreach.

1. You could set up a table for the cookies and draw the people to you. Set up at a local store or hot spot. Be sure to get permission if permission is needed. Bake or buy cookies, package them as individual gifts - one or two per bag. Use the labels and attach them to the cookies so that everyone who takes cookies walks away with a witness. You'll need a large sign attached to your table saying, at the least, "FREE COOKIES". If you do this people won't think you're just having a bake sale.
2. You could prepare the cookies as in scenario one and put the individual treats in a basket or transport container and drive around to locations where you can see people outside, such as: gas stations, recreational parks, walking trails, Good Will, shopping mall, or apartment buildings. Pray that the Lord will direct you to places where there are people that need Him.

The steps for this outreach are simple.

1. Select a day for the outreach. If Valentine's Day doesn't fall on the weekend, you may want to consider the weekend before or after for this event, especially if children are participating. Also check out the weather forecast and choose the day best suited to be able to speak with people outside.
2. Purchase supplies ahead of time. If you're planning on baking cookies or buying them, think ahead so that you have all the supplies you'll need. Plan the number of cookies you will need based on how much time you have for baking and/or packaging. You may also need to purchase packaging and printing supplies. Here's a short list of things you may need:
 - a. Cookies or baking ingredients. You may make any kind of cookie: sugar, chocolate chip... We usually buy the premade cookie dough and bake it.
 - b. Treat bags or plastic wrap.
 - c. Ties or ribbon. If you're using treat bags, check to see if ties are included.
 - d. Printer paper, ink cartridges, scissors or paper cutter.
 - e. The Valentine's Day Cookie Tag file. Download and have it ready to print.
3. Print Valentine's Day Cookie tags ahead of time. See below for page 2 and 3 - the front and back of the tags, respectively. Lines are included on the page with the back of the tags for easy cutting. Print the number of labels you'll need plus a few extras (just in case) based on the number of treats you'll be handing out. Go ahead and cut them, too.
4. Bake cookies, if you're baking instead of buying. Start the day before or early the day of, so there's plenty of time for witnessing and dispersing cookies before dark. You may want to bake them longer than you might normally, so they'll be more crunchy than chewy. The crunchy cookies package better without crumbling or falling apart.
5. Package the cookies after cooling thoroughly. Put one or two per treat bag or plastic wrap depending on the size of the cookie and how many people you'd like to speak with.
6. Tag the treats by puncturing the tags with a tie and tying it around the bag or wrapper, or thread a ribbon through the tag and tie it around the bag or wrapper.
7. Load the cookies carefully in a transport container.
8. Pray and anoint those participating. Pray for:
 - a. Safety of participators
 - b. Divine appointments and that the Lord will direct to those who need a witness
 - c. Wisdom and favor
9. Be friendly. Smile a lot. Share His love. Offer to pray for their needs or to introduce them to Jesus. Have fun!

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