**A Very Special Christmas for Kids**

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This idea comes from Cathy Krueger, member at Zion Church in Kenosha Wisconsin. This event is part of the church’s special needs ministry which produces other events during the year including *A Very Special Easter for Kids.*

Children with special needs are invited to an event celebrating Christmas that runs from 8:00 – 12:30. Each child is assigned to a helper who assists the child as they go to various activities throughout the church building. Puppets, arts & crafts, decorating cookies, games and music are all part of the fun. At the end of the day, the children attend a simplified worship service and have lunch.

The children leave this special morning with knowledge of the real meaning of Christmas while feeling the love of their savior through those who care.

Kathy has graciously shared material that they use to run this event.

Flyer to advertise the ministry

Registration Form

Information Form

Activity Schedule and Assignment Sheet

Volunteer Sign- up Sheet

Additional Resources:

*Dear Christian Friend -*Bible Study Curriculum for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities produced by Jesus Cares Ministries.
Available from NPH, Catalog Item Number: OL-386937 Phone: 800-662-6022

Commission on Special Ministries – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Ministry (IDDM)
Web Site: [www.wels.net/iddm](http://www.wels.net/iddm) Sign up for their mailing list and receive a free prayer book for people with special needs. Many resources available on the web site.