



Use this form as a conversation guide for contacting area group home staff about their residents joining worship or Bible study.

Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain who you are, and that your church is considering starting a special needs Bible class or worship service for people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Explain that you are simply calling to seek information to help your church determine if there are people they could invite.

The person or staff you contact may provide you information, or they may not be willing to. They may tell you there is another person who may be better to talk to. That may be the administrator or the person who owns the home. If possible, get the name and phone number for that person. Thank them for their time.

When you discuss the day and time, **remember you are working to meet their needs, not yours.** Often they have other events they participate in, such as Special Olympics. You need to host the Bible class or worship service on a day and time that does not conflict with other things they do. You need to be flexible.

Our goal is to earn their confidence. If their residents are already church members, we are not looking to replace their attendance at church or “steal” them away. Rather, emphasize we are providing a Bible class or worship service designed to meet their residents’ unique needs, help them grow in their knowledge of Jesus and have an active prayer and worship life.

If this person seems willing to help, here are some questions to ask:

1. Does your facility serve people with a disability?
2. If yes, how many? (If none, no further questions are necessary.)
3. Would they/you be interested in attending a special needs Bible class or worship service?
4. Do you have transportation?
5. If you were to attend our Bible class or worship service, what day would work best? What time would work best? (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights are typical, or Saturday morning.)

### NOTES

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