

Pastor's Info Points

Use Love Loaf to:

- Challenge your congregation with Jesus' compassion for the needy and His command to love our neighbors
- Inspire your congregation to share the Bread of Life and support missions
- Equip your congregation to make a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children

Each Week:

- Use the weekly bulletin insert; your congregation can refer to it as you cover the points listed below.
- Encourage your congregation on the difference they are making: A donation of just \$1 per day during this four-week program—only \$28—can provide an orphan or a vulnerable child with life-saving assistance for a month, such as food and clean water, education and vocational training, health care, and caregivers who show Christ's love.

Week 1: Love Loaf Begins!

Theme: Orphans face tremendous difficulties; how can we help them?

Practical Info for Your Congregation:

- Our church is joining World Vision's Love Loaf to make a difference in the lives of 108 million children worldwide who have lost a mom, or dad, or both (United Nations statistic).
- Read about Love Loaf in the bulletin insert today. Pick up a Love Loaf and a Family Devotional today at _____ and take them home. In the weeks ahead, fill your Love Loaf with donations and use the Family Devotional every day. Bring the Love Loaf back to church on _____, and we'll send our offerings to help orphans and vulnerable children.

Info About the Difficulties Orphans Face:

- Orphans have few resources to meet their basic physical needs such as food, clean water, and a safe place to live. Malnutrition is a factor in 54% of all childhood deaths.
- Orphans must often drop out of school to care for younger siblings; without education, they have little hope to break out of poverty.
- Orphans have desperate spiritual needs such as hope and comfort when they are grieving, sick, and lonely.

Challenge Verse for the Week:

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. —James 1:27 (NIV)

Week 2: Love Loaf Continues!

Theme: Children are voiceless victims of war and disaster.

Practical Info for Your Congregation:

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Info About Children Who Are Vulnerable from Wars and Disasters:

- Since 1990, more than 2 million children in developing countries have been killed in conflict. Orphans from war must deal with the grief of losing their parents and the fear of the violence raging around them.
- 90% of all disaster victims live in countries where poverty and lack of resources decrease the ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters.
- Both sudden natural disasters and violent conflicts can wipe out a community's infrastructure in minutes and require decades of reconstruction.

Challenge Verse for the Week:

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? —James 2:15-16 (NIV)

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Week 3: Halfway Through Love Loaf; Are You Meeting Your Goal?

Theme: AIDS-related diseases have left 14 million children as orphans.

Practical Info for Your Congregation:

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Info About Orphans from HIV/AIDS:

- 95% of those living with HIV/AIDS are in developing countries. In some African nations, AIDS has cut life expectancy by 20 years; a generation of parents is dying, leaving a generation of children alone.
- Good news: Working with local groups, World Vision helped cut HIV infection rates in half while high school graduation rates doubled in Rakai, Uganda.
- More good news: This year Congress passed a Global AIDS Bill with an amendment (authored by World Vision) to help orphans and vulnerable children.

Challenge Verse for the Week:

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." —Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

Week 4: The Final Week of Love Loaf!

Theme: God has a special heart for the poorest of the poor in desperate situations.

Practical Info for Your Congregation:

- Bring in your Love Loaf next week for Harvest Sunday!

Info About Children in Desperate Situations:

- More than half of the world's 6 billion people are forced to live on less than \$2 a day.
- Approximately 250 million children must work up to 15 hours a day to help support their families.
- Many parents can barely provide for children's needs; orphans have little chance to provide for themselves on their own.

Challenge Verse for the Week:

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." —John 6:35 (NIV)

Week 5: Love Loaf Harvest Sunday!

Theme: Thank you!

Practical Info for Your Congregation:

- Today we celebrate Harvest Sunday. We're collecting all Love Loaves and asking God's blessing upon these offerings. Bring your Love Loaf to _____ and join us to celebrate this event in _____ at _____.

Quotes from Orphans Helped by World Vision:

- "After my mother died, I thought I had to quit studying and begin working. Now I am in school, it is like a dream come true. Thank you to those people who take care of children like me." —Jesus Manuel, Peru*
- "We are very grateful to World Vision for the help. I do not know how we will be surviving without its help." —Tsepang (Se-PANG), Lesotho (Le-SOO-too)*

Challenge Verse for the Week:

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

After the Funds Are Counted, Report to Your Congregation:

In the past month, our congregation raised \$_____ to care for orphans and vulnerable children! By participating in Love Loaf, we've joined more than 200,000 others who are helping these children this year. Thank you for your faithfulness!