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Welcome!

Q and A

To ask the presenter a question, you will type that in the Q and A box.

CHAT

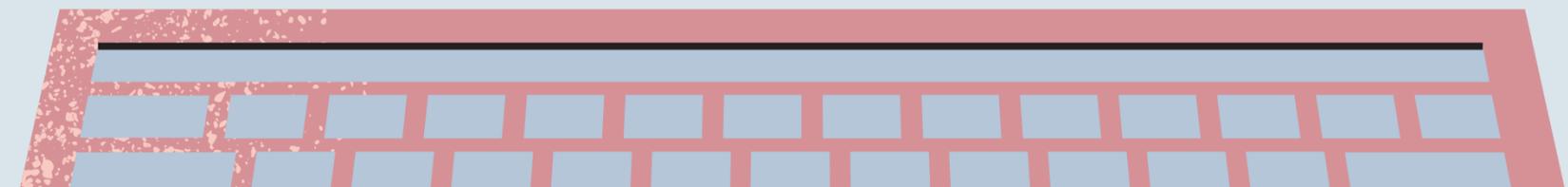
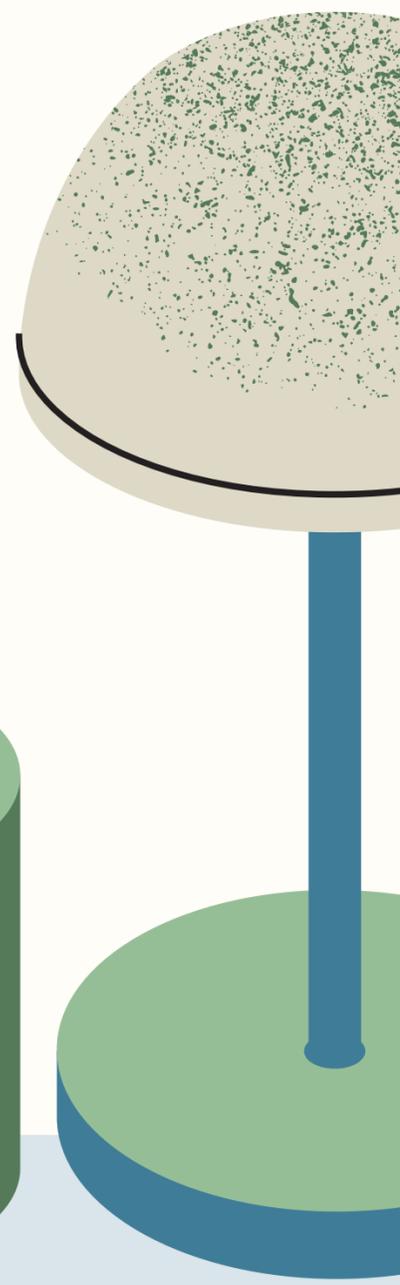
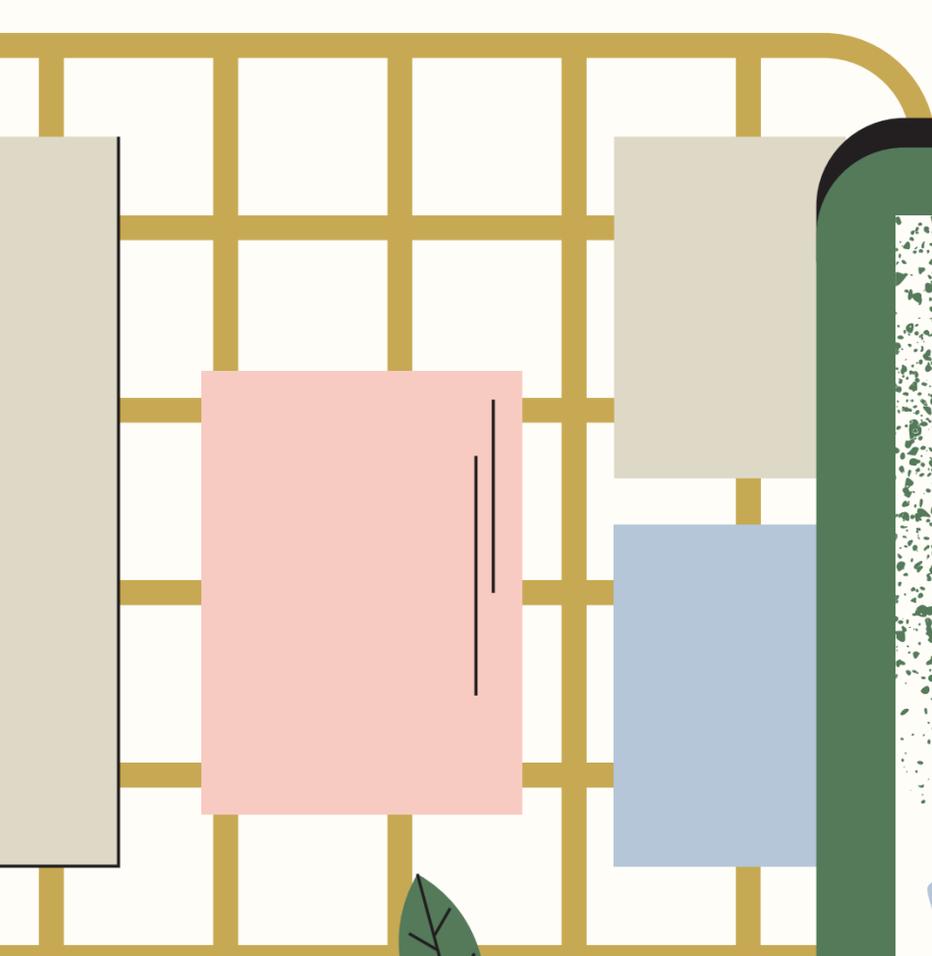
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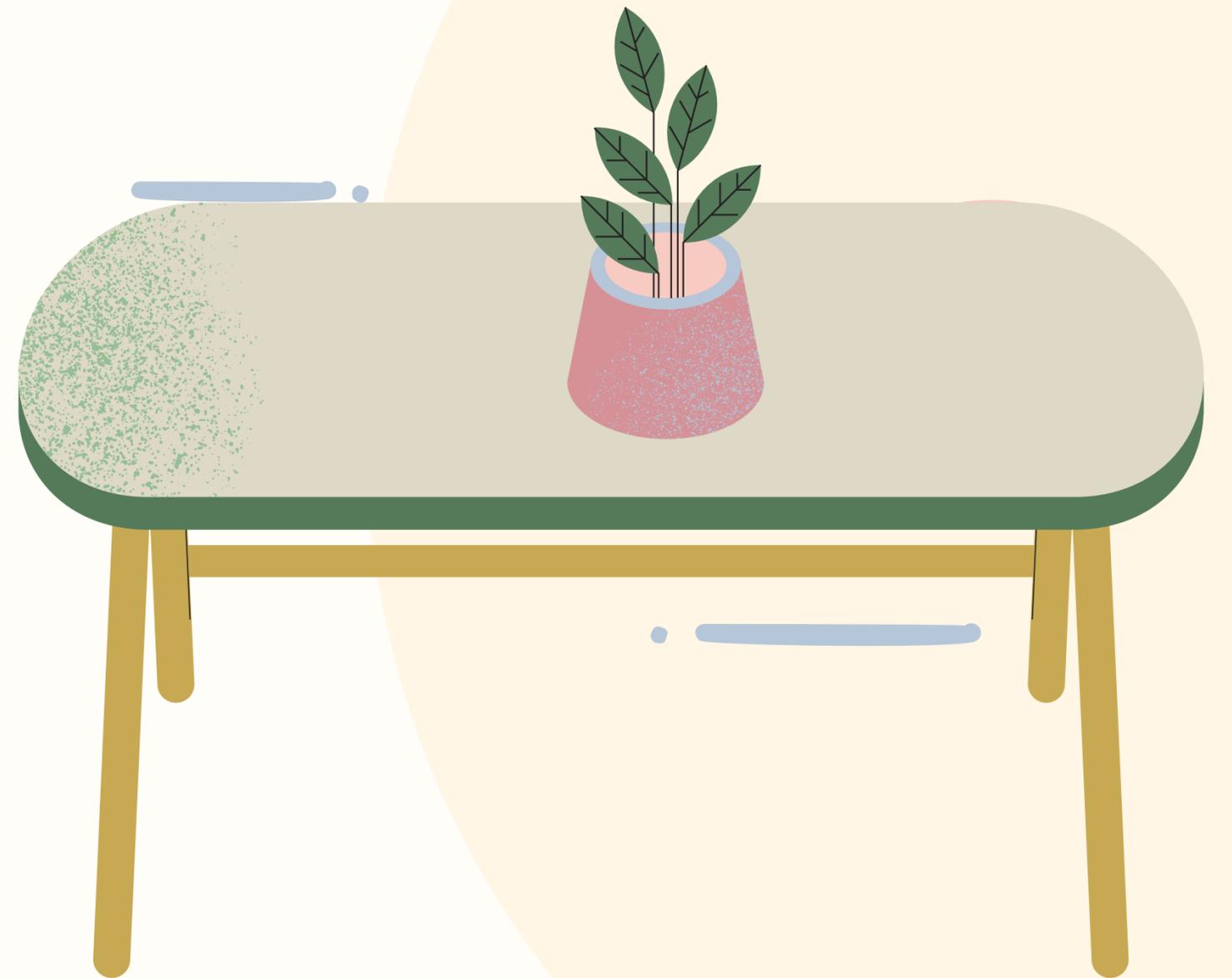
- Where are you serving?
- What is one thing you'd like to walk away with from today's session?



THE STARTING POINTS

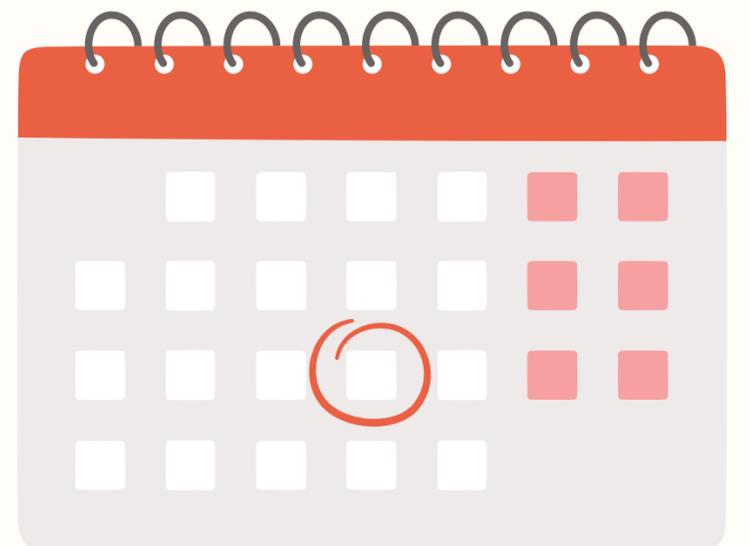
FIRST PUSH: GATHER YOUR DATA

- school calendar
- liturgical calendar
- regular calendar
- attendance records (don't worry if you don't have these yet)
- your congregation's calendar



WHAT TO DO WITH THAT DATA

- MARK DOWN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- MARK DOWN CONGREGATIONAL DAYS
- LOOK BACK AND SEE WHEN YOU HAD ATTENDANCE TRENDS
 - SUSTAINED HIGHS
 - SUSTAINED DIPS
 - WHEN DID YOU SEE VISITORS
- BIG CIRCLE AROUND:
 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 - CHRISTMAS EVE
 - EPIPHANY
 - ASH WEDNESDAY
 - PALM SUNDAY
 - EASTER SUNDAY
 - PENTECOST



CALENDARING

GET YOUR
IMPORTANT
DATES READY
NOW

meat and potatoes

- make your quarters
- chunk your quarters
- match your resources with themes

special events

- school holidays
- congregational meetings
- collaborative ministries

major holidays

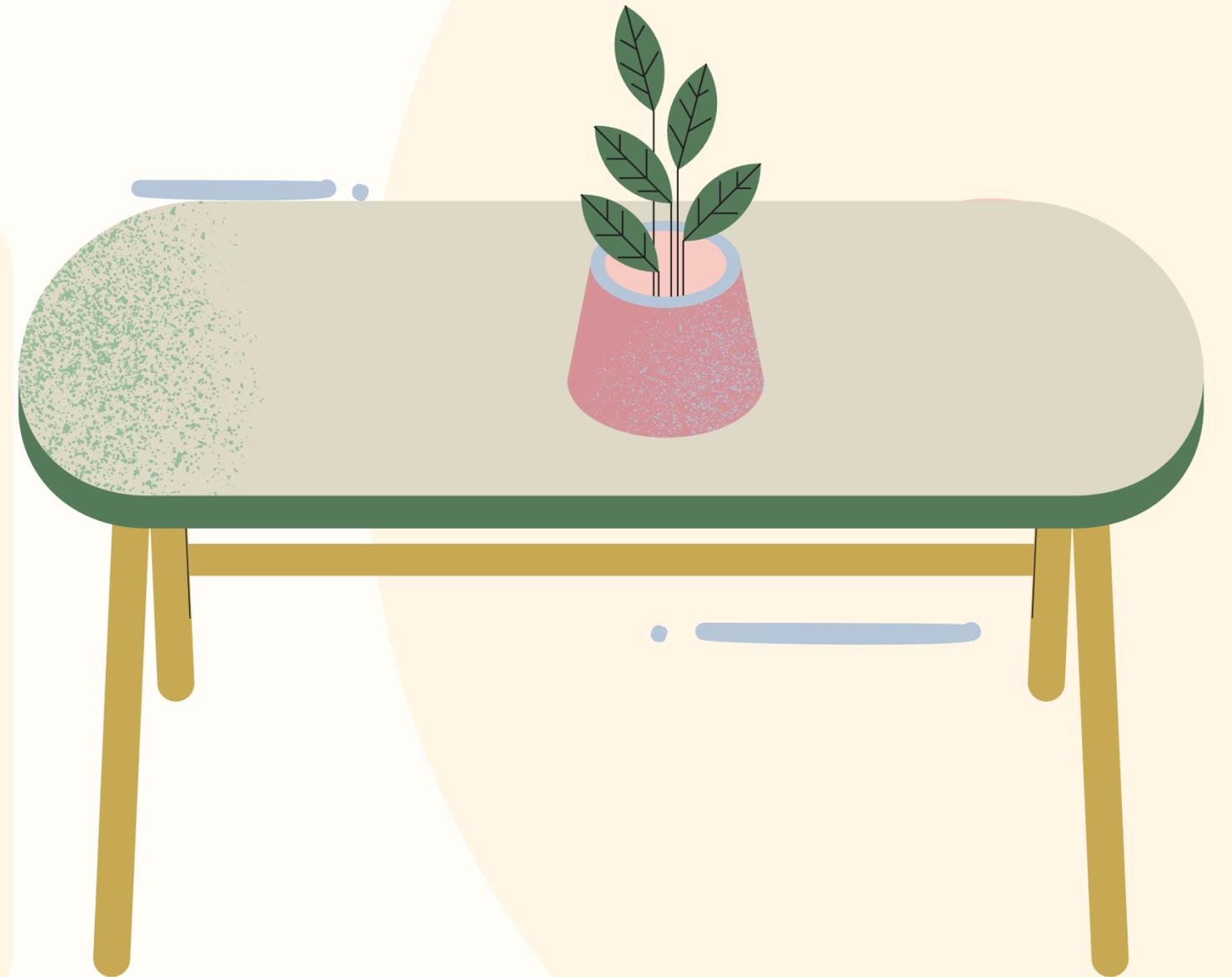
- special events
- take homes
- staffing plans



MEAT AND POTATOES

SECOND PUSH

- scope and sequence of your curriculum OR
- get themes from pastoral staff OR
- RCL or NL calendar
- take 3-4 week segments and look for common theme
- get yourself catch phrases for each themed segment
- supply list for each quarter (or just the first)
- bonus points: inventory your supply closet and create Amazon list to order what you need in one fell swoop



PERMISSION SLIP

**YOU MAY CHOOSE TO ELIMINATE,
SUBSTITUTE, OR RECREATE ANY SUPPORTING
ACTIVITY THAT DOES NOT FIT WITH YOUR
HUMAN AND/OR FINANCIAL RESOURCES.**

THIS PERMISSION SLIP IS GOOD FOREVER.

MAKE THESE NOW



- ATTENDANCE DATABASE
- EXPENSE DATABASE
- SIGN IN SHEET
- ACCIDENT REPORT FORM
- SCHEDULE OUTLINE FOR SESSIONS
- SCHEDULE OUTLINE FOR TEACHERS
- SCRIPT FOR FAMILY EMAILS
- SCRIPT FOR TEACHER EMAILS

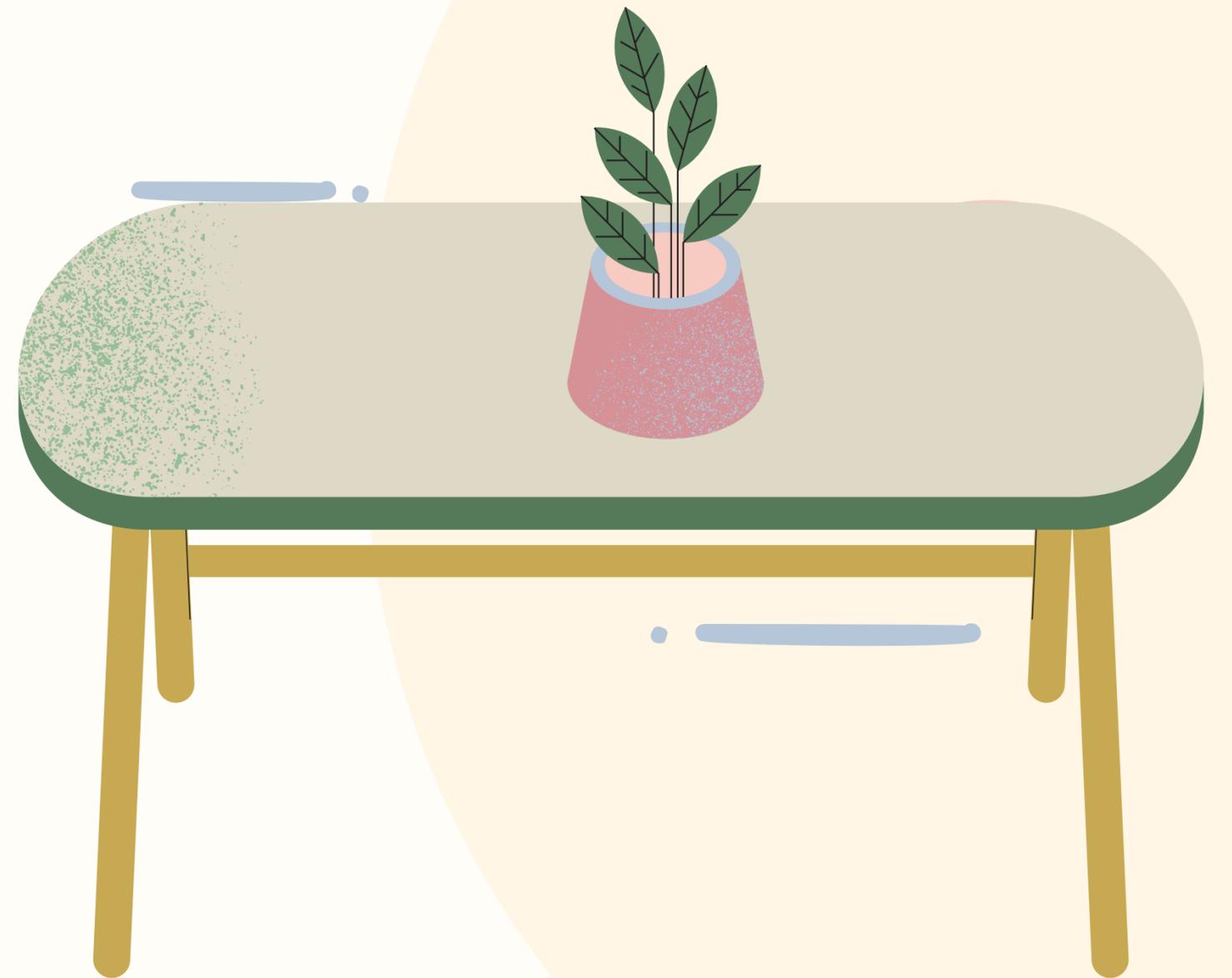
ENRICHMENT PLANS

THIRD PUSH

Identify topics your families aren't fluent in, e.g.

- liturgical calendar
- Christian symbols
- location of parts of the church
- using the Bible
- using the hymnal
- worship leading

CHOOSE THREE TO HIT DURING THE YEAR



ENRICHMENT

how to fit
those special
topics in
painlessly

FIND THIS

- prior to worship or faith formation classes
- on half sheets of paper
- simple prizes
- plan for 4 weeks with a culminating activity

FAMILY DONUT HOLE CLASS

- two weeks long
- break topic into the top two salient points
- have two centers for exploration
- culminating activity at a different time

AT SIGN IN

- polls with butcher paper
- scavenger hunts at they enter
- whole group opening
- culminating activity

THESE ARE ONLY THREE IDEAS!



TOUCHPOINTS WITH FAMILIES

FOURTH PUSH

Identify topics your families look for support with, e.g.

- family prayers
- marking sacred observances of holidays
- regularly reading the Bible
- helping kids worship
- finding time to spend together as a family

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FAMILY TOUCHPOINTS

how to fit those special topics in painlessly

PAPER BAG PUZZLERS

- connect random objects to the readings
- YouTube link
- plan for 4 weeks with a culminating activity

WORSHIP LEADER TRY ONS

- 3-4 weeks long
- have the kids sign up for various jobs, e.g. usher, person counter, prayer card getter, microphone runner, liturgist, etc
- culminating activity at a different time with sign ups for scheduling

TABLE TOPIC CUBES

- Canva template
- conversation questions
- new one every week
- can also be lunch box notes

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LENT AND EASTER

- 1 big
- 1 small
- 1 take home
- 1 multigenerational gathering





QUESTIONS?

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