

## So Cal Children's Ministry Fundraiser Ideas

- ◆ This is a big hit for us at our church. Since 1995 we have had a fundraiser dinner "A Little Bit of Italy". A lasagna dinner. We serve lasagna, special green beans, green salad, a roll, dessert & beverage for \$7.00 per plate. This is our once a year Christian Ed. Fundraiser. Our expense last year was \$1018. and our profit was \$2109. We prepare the lasagna a week ahead and freeze it until the day before. We have also sold Gold Canyon Candles, had burrito sales between Church and Sunday School, after a summer evening service have a Sundae Sale (usually banana splits). If I can help anyone interested please have them email or call me at the church office 760-344-2491 Mon. - Fri. 9am - 1pm. God bless you.  
Tammie DeGuzman
- ◆ A Trash-a-thon! Yep. The kids get pledges to pick up trash around town. Now this isn't just your regular "Anything -a-thon." And it doesn't just benefit the kids or students trying to raise money. This is also wonderful for the community by creating a cleaner place! Also, this teaches the kids responsibility - they will think twice the next time they're about to throw a piece of trash on the ground. Businesses are willing to help out too - like donating trash bags to make it happen. And you'd be surprised as to how many people are willing to support these kids! If a young person approaches you asking for their support to pick up trash for 6 hours - they MUST be serious!  
Shannon Walton  
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- ◆ I use the "feed them and they will contribute" method, we do one fundraiser a year, the kids sale the tickets. During dinner we have local businesses and service providers donate merchandise or services and we have a raffle & silent auction. Each volunteer on our team commits to getting 2 or more donations and it serves us well. The kids serve the food and drinks seat our guest and clean-up, it has become one of the most fun nights of the year everyone looks forward to. Ours is done in a Western Theme so everyone dresses accordingly, we play country gospel music and welcome our guest with a HOWDY!  
Lonnie Haines; [lonnie@carlsbadassembly.com](mailto:lonnie@carlsbadassembly.com)
- ◆ I know at our church the last couple of years the youth have made "breakfast burritos" to raise money for Youth Convention. They actually set up outside the sanctuary on a Sunday morning and make the burritos and people just leave a donation. It has proven to be very successful!!  
Ulonda Arredondo  
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- ◆ We do See's Easter candy every year for summer camp. It is a great fundraiser, but you have to start early with Easter usually being in April. See's also does candy bars all year long and they are a great company to work with. 1-800-877-7337  
We have also done beef jerky, cookie dough, candy bars. We try to always stick with fundraisers that you earn 50%. There are numerous companies that offer these but we use Gateway Fundraising Services 1-800-642-0217  
Julie Baldrige: [www.sjag.org](http://www.sjag.org)  
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- ◆ This idea isn't exactly new, but our youth group has a yearly cake auction, and our Missionettes/Girls Ministries did it one year as well with great success, so I feel with parental help, it could work for Children's Ministries. We have the teens make and decorate their own cakes to bring (and you can also contact local bakeries or any professionals you may have in your church to make additional donations), then we auction the cakes off after service. Due to good-natured bidding wars, we have made as much as \$1,200 with only about 25 cakes – and it is fun for the congregation/attendees. Also, the kids get a chance to be a little creative, and we often have some really fun cakes (some years we even give awards before we auction the cakes – most edible, most creative, best all around, etc, which makes it a fun activity for them, too.  
Andrea Valenzuela  
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- ◆ We sell cookie dough every year. Some of our kids pay their entire way to camp with this fundraiser. It always works great for us. Our contact is a Christian, is easy to work with, very reliable, have had no issues to deal with.  
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Laurie Hanks  
CrossRoads Church, Temecula
  
- ◆ We produce a simple form for the students called "Send A Kid To Kids Camp" It basically is a pledge form where the kids are encouraged to take it out to friends, family and neighbors and ask for donations to help them go to kids camp. Many kids raise a lot of money and fund their way to camp. Anything from \$5.00 to \$25.00.  
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