

Face Painting

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Get Attention:

Face painting is sure to draw a crowd (especially when people realize it is free). So as far as tips on properly getting people's attention, just set up shop and go to work. Just like most other things, location will be far more important than anything else. Some basic face painting tips include:

- Go ahead and have a sample board of the things you are willing to paint. Otherwise you will get some VERY odd and difficult requests. But if you already have the choice board out, you can refer them to it.
- Always try to have appropriate things to paint. If you are at the beach, paint beach related things. If you are at the Olympics, be ready to paint a lot of seeds. You get the idea.
- Try to be seated whenever possible . . . this will insure that the two of you will have each other's undivided attention and you will be able to plant a seed. Plus, you're back won't give out after 45 minutes.
- Have a mirror for them to see it immediately after you are done.
- If possible, have some kind of free present to give them after you're done. This is a good way to get some appropriate ministry information into their hands.
- Designate someone as the official supply person. Keeping the painter(s) stocked with painting supplies so there isn't a wait due to being unprepared. This person could also serve as the attention getting tool . . . juggling, up close magic, and so forth to pull people into the line.
- Have plenty of napkins.

Do Something Eternal With A Moment:

- Perfect time for a line / crowd worker or two.
- As mentioned above, the painter has a captive audience for the duration of the time they are in the chair. Do something with that time. Plant those seeds. It is extremely possible that a parent is hearing what is being said too, so you would actually be planting two seeds or more in that single moment.
- If possible, tie whatever is painted in with some sort of simple and quick devotional thought.

Resources:

Once again . . . the Web offers a few face-painting ideas but not much in the way of ministry training.

- <http://family.go.com/parties/holiday/feature/famf68july/famf68july5.html> - for face paint designs

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