

# Hope Sunday

## Suggested Bulletin Announcement Text

A great way to let your church members know about *Hope Sunday* is to place announcements in your church bulletin and/or newsletter in the weeks leading up to your event. Use the suggested wording below or write your own. *Check with your church office to find out the deadline for submitting announcements.*

### For the weeks prior to your *Hope Sunday* kick-off:

On <date>, our church will participate in Hope Sunday, a life-changing opportunity from World Vision. By sponsoring a child through World Vision, you'll get the chance to build a relationship with a child in a developing country and make a lasting impact in his or her life. Look for the sign-up table <in/at location> on <date>!

**OR**

Jesus encouraged His disciples to consider the needs of children with the words, "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14). Beginning on <date>, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love to a child in need by helping to meet his or her physical, emotional, and spiritual needs by sponsoring a child through World Vision. Look for the *Hope Sunday* sign-up table <in/at location> on <date>!

**OR**

God created each of us to make a difference in His name. Today, and every day, nearly 26,000 children around the world will die—most from causes such as hunger and treatable diseases. You can reach out to help prevent this tragedy for one child by sponsoring a child through World Vision. Come by the *Hope Sunday* table <in/at location> on <date> to choose the photo of a child whose life you can change forever.

**OR**

<If your church is offering HopeChild sponsorship :> Fifteen million children worldwide have lost a mother, a father, or both to the AIDS pandemic. You can transform the life of a child living in an AIDS-affected community by sponsoring him or her through World Vision. Come by the *Hope Sunday* table <in/at location> on <date> to choose the photo of a child who desperately needs your help.

### For the week you begin *Hope Sunday* activities and any week you have a sign-up table:

Today our church begins our participation in *Hope Sunday*, with the goal of bringing hope and help to children around the world who are trapped in poverty. Let God work through you to make a difference for a child in need! Look for the sign-up table <in/at location> today.

**OR**

Jesus tells us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Reach out today to demonstrate Jesus' love in tangible ways. Help meet the physical and spiritual needs of a child and his or her family and community by sponsoring a child through World Vision. Pour out the blessings you've received from God—and give hope to a child in desperate need! Visit the table <in/at location> today.

### For the week after you finish *Hope Sunday* activities:

Through *Hope Sunday*, our church has touched a world in need, one child at a time. In the past <number of weeks> weeks, we sponsored <number of children> children! Many thanks to all who have opened their hearts to girls and boys in great need.