

Kairos Prison Ministry

Placemat Guidelines

There are 42 participants for 5 meals. Therefore, we need 210 usable placemats. Would your group provide 42 placemats? It is okay if we receive more than is requested as these can always be used for future meals with the inmates.

1. Placemats are usually 10" X 14". Legal paper, 8.5" X 14" or larger construction paper could be used. Letter size 8.5" X 11" is too small.
2. Please use colored markers or crayons. NO PAINT OR GLITTER. The paint cracks and comes off on the hands. The glitter gets on everything, including food.
3. NO LAMINATING.
4. It is better to use children 4 years or older. Smaller or younger children do not understand the concept and much of their drawings are lines or marks.
5. Placemat artists/crafters should not use prison bars or refer to bad things the participants may have done. Bible verses are good. Illustrated Bible stories are good. Pages taken from children's coloring books depicting bible stories and pasted to the placemats are good. Outline of a child's hands with "Jesus Love You", "God loves you", etc. are also good. Remember in Kairos everything we do is "encouraging and uplifting".
6. It is very important that placemats at each meal are somewhat similar so the participants are not jealous of someone else's placemat. If one table gets larger, better placemats than other participants, it will be noticed and wonder why that table is favored.
7. Person should sign FIRST NAME ONLY, and age.