

To Show Love

- Develop a prayer chain. When someone is in need of prayer, youth group members call one another and spread the prayer.
- Visit newcomers. Constantly encourage all members to welcome new youth.
- Send survival kits to college students. Include cookies, other snacks, paper, pencils and a stamped envelope addressed to your church—a hint to write to your group. Visit the former group members, especially if the college is within driving distance.
- Host a surprise Counselor Appreciation Day or other honor ceremony.
- Support and affirm your pastor and church staff members through words of appreciation, gifts and special thoughts.
- Say thanks to the parents of your members. Sponsor a yearly brunch, print certificates stating that each parent is “in good standing” with young people, or make the parents “honorary young people.”
- Remember each member’s birthday with a card from the group or start a tradition that each birthday person brings snackfood to the meeting.
- Include, as a regular part of your meetings, a time for people to share with one another specific joys, concerns or fears. Call this the “sharing faith time” or “time to share.”