

Mac & Cheese

PARTY



Best Use

A time to connect and have a good time as a family or group while fostering gratefulness for blessings and intentionality to care for “the least of these.”

Goal

To remind all participants of our many blessings, and support those in need through The Open Link food pantry. Finland is the “Mac & Cheese Church!”

Advance Preparation

- Boxes of macaroni and cheese dinner & any ingredients required to prepare.
(Several if you have hungry eaters! Make homemade from scratch if you are feeling particularly adventurous.)
- Bible(s) Have one for each person or share as a group
- Time: to shop together and share a meal

Serve It Up

Follow these steps for a great experience...

1. Shop

In this step, make shopping for mac & cheese ingredients a fun group activity. Before entering the store, remind everyone that you will be shopping for yourselves AND the less fortunate. Have each person find one ingredient and return it to the cart. (young children may obviously need assistance) Remember to purchase enough for your meal AND for donation!

2. Prepare

Have each person add one ingredient at a time, reading one of the short verses below before adding their contribution.

Psalm 145:15-16

Acts 20:35

Psalm 136:25-26

Proverbs 19:17

Psalm 34: 8-10

1 Timothy 6:17-19

3. Eat / Discuss

This part is easy! Enjoy a meal together, perhaps taking time for each person to share one blessing they are particularly thankful for at this time. It may be helpful to utilize “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6) as a pre-meal prayer as it includes the reminder that it is the Lord who provides “our daily bread.” (or mac & cheese!) After the meal, read Luke 12:13-34 and discuss as a family/group some ways in which you can be intentional not to hoard blessings but to instead store up treasure in heaven and be a blessing to others. Check out www.theopenlink.org together so you know more about where your support is going!

4. Donate

Bring your donation to Finland on Sunday and place it in the Open Link donation box. The church staff will take care of delivering it for you. May you be blessed for your generosity!
2 Corinthians 9:6-15