FFWPU Philippines: Metro Manila Family Church Sunday School Trick-or-Treat

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On October 18, 2026, the Metro Manila Family Church Sunday School organized an early Trick-or-Treat event at the National Headquarters in the Philippines for children from Metro Manila Family Church and neighboring churches. The event brought together 16 young second- and third-generation children, who came dressed adorably as their favorite cartoon characters and animals. More than just a fun-filled gathering, the activity aimed to provide a warm and welcoming environment where children could experience Heavenly Parent's love through the care, kindness, and unity of the church community.

The excitement began as the children gathered in the Sunday School room, eager to participate in the day's activities. The program started with the usual Sunday School preliminaries, during which the children sang holy songs together, followed by the Cheon Il Guk anthem. They also offered a bow to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, beginning the event with hearts of gratitude and reverence.

While the children and their parents made final adjustments to their costumes, the room gradually filled with excitement as everyone prepared for the celebration. Some children enjoyed decorating their own tote bags, while others visited the face-painting booth to add a little more fun to their looks. Before heading to the main event, each child had the opportunity to visit the photo booth and take souvenir photos to remember the special day.

Following the unified Sunday service, the children were warmly welcomed into the hall, where they went around greeting brothers and sisters and collecting their sweet treats. It was a heartwarming sight to see them approaching the church members with excitement and receiving warm smiles and treats in return. Five children were also recognized for their adorable costumes and received awards as the best-dressed

participants, adding another joyful moment to the celebration.

The children's happiness was evident in their beautiful smiles and excited expressions. The adults, too, shared in the fun, delighting in the children's adorable costumes and cheerful presence. Beyond the treats, and colorful costumes, what made the gathering truly special was seeing the church community come together to welcome the children and make them feel loved.

Through this simple yet meaningful activity, the children were given an opportunity to experience what it means to belong to a big, loving church family. Every warm greeting, shared smile, and thoughtful gesture became a way for them to feel Heavenly Parent's love through the people around them.

The Trick-or-Treat event was not only a joyful occasion for the children but also a beautiful expression of unity among the members of the church community. It reaffirmed the importance of building a safe, nurturing, and loving environment where the second- and third-generation children can grow, form meaningful relationships, and feel that they are valued members of the church family.

Reflections

"The event was really fun and cute, seeing how supportive our blessed families to make the event fun and lively was really the highlight of it! I think everything went well. I can see that all elders really gave their love and also our 2nd gen and 3rd gen really received it properly." - Teacher Joan

"The children had a lot of fun. The adults attending the service were delighted and energized by the children. We successfully hosted an event that engaged the entire congregation. Everyone's spirit of "living for the sake of others" was wonderful." - Teacher Rina

1. Did you have fun during the Trick-or-Treat? Kouki: "Yeah."

2. What did you like about it? Kouki: "I like the face painting, the vampire make-up."

3. Do you want to attend again next time? Kouki: "Yeah, because I like."

- Kouki Avila's answers when asked about his Trick-or-Treat experience. Kouki is a 3-year-old Level 1 student in MMFC Sunday School

"My child's first trick-or-treat experience was both exciting and challenging for us as parents. We were all excited for her first costume contest, so we prepared her mentally ahead of time by explaining what trick-or-treating was and letting her choose what to wear. She was so excited that she even went to bed early to make sure she wouldn't be late for the event. This experience taught me that parenting requires patience, understanding, and preparation. Seeing my child happy and enjoying the magic of Halloween made all our efforts worthwhile." - Mary Grace Carumba (Parent)