

Tips for Child Attendants

- Choose age appropriate clothing that is comfortable for the child.
- DON'T insist on a bow tie, cummerbund or other accessory if a child refuses to wear it.
- Include child attendants in the rehearsal so they have an opportunity to practice their parts and get accustomed to their surroundings.
- DON'T plan an evening rehearsal with child attendants. If you do, allow them to practice their part before it gets too late.
- Seat the parents of a child attendant near the front of the ceremony on the aisle. Parents are great support for a nervous child.
- Allow child attendants to sit with their parents through the ceremony. This eliminates the opportunity of a fidgety child drawing the attention away from the ceremony.
- Allow the child attendant to walk back down the aisle at the end of the ceremony. Instruct the photographer to take pictures of the child attendants.
- Invite child attendants to the reception with their parents.
- Assign or hire a provider to keep an eye on the child attendants at the reception. Provide activities for the children such as coloring books, puzzles, etc. You may want to assign a special table just for the children.
- Thank the child attendants for their participation with a small gift. You may thank their parents with a framed photograph of their child as they walked down the aisle.