**Special Needs**

The following strategy allows us to live out our GUEST principles to serve children with special needs, and their family with excellence.

**Strategy:**

1. Ask the parent to complete a Family Ministries Care Plan
2. Follow up with the parent with a phone call or meeting to review the Family Ministries Care Plan and develop the best course of action.
3. If needed, work to pair the child with a Special Friend who will
   1. Provide individualized care and assistance
   2. When possible, lead through curriculum modifications
   3. Partner with parents
4. Foster a relationship between the parent and the Special Friend for weekly communication about schedule and other needs/updates.
5. Stay in relationship with the parent and the special friend to ensure the partnership is working.
6. Review the Family Ministries Care Plan on the child’s birthday and/or start of the school year with the parent and see if any updates need to be made.