

Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

Pull It Together

Gauze bandage, chenille craft stems, scissors, tape, glue

Teacher Tip

Looking for additional resources to enhance your teaching? Check out the *Levels of Biblical Learning* resources available at www.lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicalllearning.

Pull It Together

Craft sticks, markers, poster board, tape, large sack

- Write each of the following letters on a separate craft stick: *b, d, f, l, n, r, s, and t*.
- Place the lettered sticks in the sack.
- Attach a piece of poster board to a focal wall.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Review today's Bible story. Remind the children how Jesus showed love through caring actions.
- Say: "In our Bible story, the Samaritan used bandages to provide care for the wounded man. We will use bandages to make bracelets that will remind us to care for others."
- Provide each child with three chenille craft stems. Guide him to fold each stem in half and pinch the u-shaped end.
- Instruct each child to lay his folded stems one under the other on the table. Suggest that he alternate loose and bent ends as he lays the stems.
- Assist each child in wrapping tape around the edges of the stems in order to form a flat band.
- Provide each child with a length of gauze bandage. Instruct him to wrap the gauze around the band. Encourage him to leave a little excess of gauze over each end of his band. Guide him to fold and glue each flap of excess gauze to the back of the band.
- Instruct each child to mold his band in an "O" shape and place it around his wrist.
- Guide the children to name caring actions they can do for others.
- Lead the children in a prayer, asking God for help in caring for others.

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Review today's Bible story. Remind the children how Jesus showed love through caring actions.
- Lead the children in listing actions that show love. Write this list on poster board.
- Form teams of two or three children. Invite each team to draw a craft stick from the bag. Remind the children how the craft sticks resemble tongue depressors which doctors use in caring for people.
- Instruct each team to write a tongue twister using the sound represented by the letter on the stick. Emphasize the tongue twister must tell about a caring action. (Example: *Pretty Pam picked pink posies to please pouting people.*) Suggest that the teams refer to the list made earlier as a resource for writing their tongue twisters.
- Provide each team with a piece of poster board and a marker. Guide the team to write its tongue twister on the poster board.
- Give each team an opportunity to show its tongue twister to the other teams and lead them in repeating it.
- Allow each team to choose another stick and write an additional tongue twister, if time permits.
- Lead the children in a prayer, thanking God for those who care for them.

Pull It Together

Plastic adhesive bandages, envelopes, permanent marker, markers, poster board

- Unwrap the bandages but do not remove the tabs protecting the adhesive.
- Use the permanent marker to write each of the following letters on a separate bandage: *a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, and w.*
- Place each bandage in a separate envelope.

Worship Through Games

- Review today's Bible story. Remind the children how Jesus showed love through caring actions.
- Form three teams. Provide each team with a marker and a piece of poster board.
- Display a plastic adhesive bandage. Say: "In our Bible story, the Samaritan used bandages to provide care for the wounded man. We will use modern bandages to play a game about ways we can care for others."
- Invite each team to choose an envelope and look at the bandage inside.
- Say: "When I give the signal, attach the bandage to your poster and write a word or a phrase next to the bandage that tells a way we can care for others. The way must begin with the letter on the bandage. Your team may then pick another envelope and list another way of caring. We will keep playing until you use all the bandages in the envelopes. Let's see which team can list the most ways of caring."
- Signal the teams to begin.
- Allow each team to show and explain its list. Congratulate the team with the most bandages. Thank all the teams for their good work.
- Review the lists and emphasize those actions which children can do during the upcoming week to show love.
- Lead the children in a prayer, asking God for the desire to care for others in need.

Pull It Together

Baby dolls, disposable diapers, baby blankets, poster board, marker, tape

- Print "How to Swaddle a Baby" (CD). Read and become familiar with the steps prior to the session.
- Attach the poster board to a focal wall.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Review today's Bible story. Remind the children how Jesus showed love through caring actions.
- Lead the children in listing caring actions that show love. Write this list on the poster board.
- Say: "Babies need a lot of care. Besides crying to get attention, they cannot do much to help themselves. Caring for a baby is one way a mother, father, brother, or sister can show love. Let's practice some ways to care for a baby."
- Form teams of two children. Provide each team with a doll.
- Use a doll to show the children how to diaper a baby with a disposable diaper. Provide each child with a disposable diaper and encourage him to diaper his team's doll.
- Explain the concept of swaddling a newborn baby. Emphasize that the swaddling helps the baby feel warm and safe. Use a blanket to show the children how to swaddle a baby. Provide each team with a blanket and encourage the team members to take turns swaddling the doll.
- Warn the children not to attempt caring for a baby without an adult's supervision.
- Invite the children to share their feelings and observations about this activity.
- Lead the children in a prayer, thanking God for His good care.