



### **Three Kings Jar – December 2008**

- Children will each decorate a jar with a picture of the Three Wise Men to collect coins during the advent session.
- Choose possible projects to support, such as Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)) or Heifer International ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)).
- On Epiphany Sunday (January 4, 2009), have a Three Kings Party to count the money and to decide which projects will be supported with the amount of money collected.
- Celebrate the occasion and the opportunity to show people throughout the world that Jesus loves them.

This ministry project reinforces the lesson of cooperative giving and the benefits of working together.

---



### **Thanksgiving Basket - November 2008**

- Collect cans of food for a Thanksgiving Basket or for multiple baskets.
- Decorate cards of thanksgiving for the recipient(s).
- Decorate the basket(s) with ribbons, string, or raffia for a festive appearance.
- Write an acrostic prayer of Thanksgiving to include in the basket.
- Deliver the basket to a family or families in the local community who need assistance with food.

Acrostic Prayer of Thanksgiving example:

Thank you, God,  
How grateful we are for your goodness,  
And we acknowledge your beautiful creation.  
Never are we alone for you are always near,  
Kept us ever mindful of others and their needs,  
So, we thank you, and praise you. Amen

This ministry project encourages children to help families who need assistance with food.

---



### **Muffins and Missions Sunday - October 2008 (World Hunger Month)**

Help feed some of the millions of people who are hungry every day.

Host a Muffins and Missions bake sale on a Sunday morning to raise money for a local food bank. Make posters to advertise throughout the church prior to the sale. Children can attend to the muffin stand and assist with muffin sales.

This ministry project encourages church participation in missions efforts.

---



### **Adopt a Classroom – September 2008**

- Ask for permission from the administration and teacher to adopt a class at a local elementary school.
- Throughout the school year send surprises ~ notes to each student, candy at Halloween, friendship cookies at Thanksgiving, a wintertime party in a box (theme related cookies, gifts, a game), Valentines, seeds that can be planted in the spring etc.
- Pray for each individual student throughout the school year.
- If allowed, invitations to your church and your GA/CIA organization could also be shared with the classroom students.

This ministry project encourages children to share kindness and smiles with others.



## Thank You Teacher Gifts – August 2008

- Collect small size lotions, snack food items, and small gifts for Teacher Appreciation/Thank You Packages.
- Prepare and decorate a gift bag for each teacher at a local elementary school.
- Make thank you notes to include in the gift bag along with an invitation to visit your church.
- Ask for permission to Prayerwalk around the school building when the thank-you packages are delivered on a teacher workday at the beginning of the school year.
- Pray for the administrators, staff, teachers, and students.

This ministry project encourages children to say thank you and show appreciation for people who help others.  
(Adapted from GA Leader May/June 2008)

---

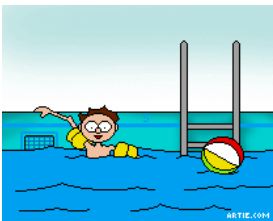


## Bingo Ministry and Fun! – July 2008

- Plan and host a Bingo Game for a local Nursing Home.
  - Take small toiletries and small gifts for Bingo Prizes.
  - Allow the GA/CIA children to play Bingo beside the Nursing Home Residents.
  - The children can present a skit or sing songs as part of the project.
- Allow time for the children to talk with the residents.

This ministry project encourages intergenerational interaction.

---



## Poolside Fun – June 2008

- ❖ Obtain permission at a local public pool to give bottles of water to people who are swimming and enjoying a day of fun.
  - ❖ Cover the water bottle label with another paper label that states, “God Loves You!” Include a Bible verse and decorate.
- ❖ Hand a water bottle to each person stating the words, “God Loves You.”
  - ❖ Enjoy a splash in the pool too!

This ministry project shares the Good News in a resort setting.

---



## Food Bank Ministry – May 2008

- ❖ Decorate paper grocery bags to be used for food distribution at a local food bank. Use markers, rubber stamps, and stickers to decorate the paper bags.
  - ❖ Make scripture verse cards to be included with each bag of food.
  - ❖ Deliver the decorated bags and scripture verse cards to the food bank.
- ❖ Extend the project as a hands-on experience by offering to help pack the food that will be delivered and distribute the food if possible.

This ministry project encourages compassion for people who have needs.



## Fashion Show and Clothes Drive – April 2008

- ❖ Host a Fashion Show, inviting mother's of daughters and father's of sons (for CIAs) to wear theme related clothes (60's, down on the farm, Hawaiian tropics, African safari, etc.) and also bring clothing to donate to a local clothing center.
- ❖ For the event, play games together; eat a meal together; have mothers, daughters, sons, and fathers walk down a runway together and model their fashions.
- ❖ Take lots of pictures!!
- ❖ Extend the project by delivering the clothes to a local clothing center. Offer to help organize and distribute clothing at the Center.

This ministry project encourages parental involvement in a fun-filled setting.

---

## Placemats for Nursing Home Residents – March 2008

- ❖ Decorate both sides of an 11 x 14 colorful piece of paper using markers, rubber stamps, and stickers. Include scripture verses to remind the recipient they are loved by God.
- ❖ Laminate the placemat.
- ❖ Deliver the placemats to a Nursing Home. Allow time for the children to visit with the residents.

This is an excellent project to help children bring joy to the lives of people who are often forgotten.

---



## Adopt-a-Grandparent – February 2008

- ◇ For three months, a child secretly adopts a senior adult and gives to their “grandparent” handmade cards, and small gifts, which can be made GA/CIA meetings.
- ◇ These gifts can be mailed, or left in the Sunday School Classrooms of the adopted “grandparents.” A large basket could also be designated as the Adopt – a - Grandparent mailbox where gifts could be left for the “grandparents.”
- ◇ Plan a party at the end of three months where the “grandchild” to each “grandparent” is revealed. Have snacks. Play get-acquainted games.
- ◇ Take a picture of each grandchild and grandparent, and take a group photograph as well.

This is an excellent project to help children and senior adults become acquainted and build relationships with each other. (Submitted by Judy Hetherington, Cooper's Cove Baptist Church, Roanoke Valley Association)