

## January 2009 Ministry Project

### Cookies for Fire Fighters

- Bake cookies.
- Write notes of appreciation for the Fire Fighters' service to the community.
- Deliver cookies and notes of appreciation to a local fire station.

This ministry project shows appreciation for community helpers.

## February 2009 Ministry Project

### Adopt a Nursing Home Resident

- Contact a local Nursing Home Director/Administrator about adopting a resident who does not have family members visiting regularly. Ask questions to learn more about the resident.
  1. What personal care items would be helpful for the resident?
  2. Does the resident have special dietary needs?
  3. Would it be appropriate for children to visit the resident?
  4. What time of the day is best to visit the resident?
  5. What is the resident's mailing address?
- Each month either visit or send notes in the mail.
- Monthly ideas:
  1. Take a gift basket of foods and snacks.
  2. Take a gift basket of toiletry items.
  3. Visit to sing VBS songs, Children's Choir songs or hymns.
  4. Mail an envelope full of individual cards from each child or one card signed by each child.
  5. Take the resident on a "summer vacation" by making a slide show of a picture from each child's summer vacation and from a laptop computer, show the resident where everyone went for summer vacation. Have each child share a favorite memory from his/her summer trip.
  6. Have each child dress in a costume for a Halloween Parade and a treat for the resident.
  7. Christmas Carol in December.

This ministry project allows children the opportunity to show love to a person who may be lonely.

(Adapted from *We Can Do That! 100+ Ways Families Can Be On Mission*)

## March 2009 Ministry Project

### Busy Bags

Make *Busy Bags* for children who are patients at a local hospital and to leave in waiting rooms for children who are visiting.

- Fill a gallon size plastic bag with small items such as a small toy, a small book, paper, sharpened pencils, crayons, a small coloring book or activity book, stickers, game cards (Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.).
- Decorate the bag with stickers.
- Include a note in each bag with words of encouragement and scripture verses.
- Deliver the *Busy Bags* to the hospital. Deliver the *Busy Bags* to children, if allowed.

This ministry project ministers to children in a health care setting.

(From *Zowie! 200+ Ministries Kids Can Do*)