

## July Ministry Project

### **Welcome Basket for New Neighbors**

- Prepare a welcome basket for new neighbors in the community.
- Items could include: cookies or homemade items, menus for local restaurants, a potted plant, flyers to local businesses, tea bags, coffee, a church bulletin and church program information.
- If the family has children, items could also include: liquid bubbles, coloring books, crayons, candy, movie DVD, gift card to a movie rental store, and special invitations to summer church activities for children.
- Include a handmade card with an invitation to visit your church. Have each child sign their first name only.

This ministry project encourages children to welcome new neighbors to the community and to invite them to church.

(Adapted from Zowie! 200+ Ministries Kids Can Do, page 75-76)

## August Ministry Project

### **Activity Bags for Children at Homeless or Women's Shelter**

- Gather coloring books, word puzzle books, activity pads, pencils, pens, crayons.
- Package in gallon size zipper bags activity and writing utensils for younger and older children.
- Decorate the bags with stickers.
- Include in the activity bag age-appropriate leftover Sunday School take-home sheets for children.
- Discuss with the group why people live in homeless or women's shelters.
- Deliver the activity bags to a local shelter.

This ministry project encourages children to show God's love to people.

(Adapted from Zowie! 200+ Ministries Kids Can Do, page 58-59)

## September Ministry Project

### **Plant a Butterfly Garden**

- Ask for permission to plant a Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia Davidii*) or butterfly attracting flowers (Coneflower, Verbena, Salvia, Coreopsis, Black-eyed Susan, Phlox, Blazing Star Kobold) at a nursing home in a location that can be seen by many residents.
- After planting, circle as a group around the plant(s) to pray for the residents.
- Present to the residents a butterfly skit and sing butterfly songs.
- Make butterfly scripture reminders (cut a butterfly pattern, write a scripture verse on the butterfly, decorate, attach to a chenille wire) to give to residents.

This ministry project encourages compassion and care for senior adults, and intergenerational interaction.