

October Ministry Project

October is World Hunger Month!

Help fight hunger using World Hunger Bread Banks available at www.wmystore.com.

Use World Hunger Bread Banks to collect funds to provide nutritious food throughout the world through organizations such as World Hunger, Bread for the World, Heifer, and Samaritan's Purse.

This ministry project encourages sacrificial giving so others can have food to eat.

November Ministry Project

Thanksgiving Day Table Decorations for Nursing Home Residents or Homeless Shelter

Make Handprint Turkey Table Decorations for residents at nursing homes or to decorate tables as a homeless shelter.

- Materials Needed: brown construction paper, cardboard paper tube, colorful feathers, construction paper in various colors, glue.
- Trace both handprints on the brown construction paper. Cut out the handprints.
- Glue the handprints behind the cardboard paper tube.
- Cut a tear drop shape for the body and a circle for the head.
- Glue the body and head to the front of the cardboard paper tube.
- Add eyes, a beak, a wattle, and feet using various construction paper colors.
- Cut white paper in a fan shape that is about 8 ½ inches wide and 5 inches high, color, glue colorful feathers to the fan shape, then attach fan shape with glue behind the handprints and onto the cardboard paper tube.
- The cardboard paper tube will allow the turkey handprint craft to stand as a decoration.



(Adapted from http://www.dltk-holidays.com/thanksgiving/turkey_crafts.html)

This ministry project encourages children to produce a beautiful gift that will bring happiness to someone during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December Ministry Project

Long, Long Ago Christmas Skit

- Children will visit the homes of elderly church members or nursing home residents to present a simple Christmas skit and sing Christmas Carols.
- One child will narrate the poem, *Long, Long Ago*.
- Children will dress in costumes as shepherds, angels, Mary (carrying a Baby Jesus), and Joseph.
- The skit begins as the narrator reads the first stanza, two children wave palm tree branches, and then stand a distance apart across from each other.
- As the narrator reads each stanza, the shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph will stand between the palm branch carriers for a Christmas scene tableau.
- End the presentation with Christmas Carols.
- Take a bow!

Long, Long Ago

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Winds through the olive trees
Softly did blow,
Round Little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow;
Shepherds were watching them,
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed,
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

This ministry project brings good cheer and the Good News of Jesus' birth to people at Christmas time.