

**Missions Lesson**  
**Children's Ministry Day**

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Objectives:

- Children will learn that God gives each of us gifts and abilities in order to serve Him.
- Children will prepare to participate in a hands-on mission project for Children's Ministry Day.

Materials:

Bible, index cards, pencils, chart paper, markers

Preparation:

When you have decided on your Children's Ministry Day project, collect appropriate supplies.

Procedures:

1. Tell the story of Dorcas, or Tabitha, found in Acts 9:36-42. Ask children to name the skill Dorcas used to minister to other people (sewing clothes). Say: *God has given everyone talents and abilities they can use to serve him and others. Some abilities God gives us are those of service. You may help someone carry something or wash the dishes.*
2. Give each child a blank card and a pencil. Ask children to write a description of a talent or ability they have on their cards. If children have difficulty, offer some ideas. Collect the cards.
3. Invite children to take turns drawing a card. After a card is drawn, the child must guess who wrote the card and name one way that talent or ability could be used to serve others.
4. Explain that we will be using our talents and abilities to serve others on Children's Ministry Day. You can choose a project below, develop one based on the needs in your community, or ask children to brainstorm the needs they see in your community. (See #5.)
5. If you want your kids to brainstorm ideas for ministry, ask: *What are some needs you've noticed in our community?* List their ideas on chart paper. *In what ways can our group help?* Write project ideas beside each need. *Which of these needs could we help meet in a day?* Help children narrow their ideas to possible ministry projects.

6. Make plans to carry out your plans for Children's Ministry Day. Send permission slips and notes to parents. Call the ministry site before you go. Arrange transportation. **Be sure to pray for the recipients of your ministry project before you leave and when you return.**

#### Children's Ministry Day Ideas:

- Create silk flower arrangements or decorations for residents at a residential care center or a nursing facility. Deliver your creations.
- Help children prepare school lunch kits. Deliver the kits to a local food pantry or to an organization that provides weekend meals to children.
- Make and deliver hot chocolate to a community event.
- Make fleece blankets or scarves and deliver to a homeless shelter. Pin an encouraging note on each item.
- Learn some hymns or praise songs to sing at a nursing home, hospital lobby, or mall food court.

For more information about Children's Ministry Day, visit [wmu.com/cmd](http://wmu.com/cmd).



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