

Creative Ideas for Helping Others

For many years children in North America have thought of some creative ways to raise money and pray in order to help children around the world. Here are some ideas that you may wish to pass along to the children in your ministry. They may choose to do these on their own, with their family, or with friends.

ACTIVITIES

Bible reading: Children find sponsors to give money for each chapter or book of the Bible read.

Challenge: Children challenge an adult class or small group(s) to match their offering.

Neighborhood fair: Children set up a neighborhood fair with a variety of games, shows, and food.

Odd jobs: Children, with the supervision of an adult, work in teams to clean up yards, garages, and basements. They donate the money they collect to the children's service project.

Reading marathon: Children find people to sponsor them for each book read.

Recycling: Children and families gather recyclables and turn them in for money.

Lemonade and Brownie Stand: Children, with adult supervision, sell lemonade and brownies made with fair-trade chocolate.

PRAYER IDEAS

- 1) Spend some time during each ministry gathering to pray for the refugee children.
- 2) Encourage a child to pray for refugee children during the worship service.
- 3) Make prayer journals for children and families to use at home.
- 4) Make a bracelet as a reminder to pray daily or print a set of prayer cards for each child.

We hope these ideas will inspire the creativity of the children in your church. We would love to hear about how the children in your church use these or other ideas. Please send your stories to christian.formation@covchurch.org

Thank you for partnering with us in ministering to children all over the world and especially for your ministry to the children in your church.

