

Picture This

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Everyone enjoys a hand-drawn illustration by a child to hang on the wall or refrigerator. Have your children create pictures that they can give to others and make their day.

For
Young Family

Season
Fall

Needed
Bible, three or four pieces of 8½ by 11-inch white paper per family member, crayons or washable markers

Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible to Matthew 5:14-16 (or see text below)

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, help us to be kind to others. Help us to be giving to others. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Matthew 5:14-16.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Talk about how drawing pictures for others or sending them notes let's our light shine and makes their day brighter. If this is too abstract of a concept for your children, talk about how the Bible says it's good to do what we're good at (such as drawing pictures or writing notes) and helping others.

3. As a family, talk about these questions:
 - How do you feel when you're drawing pictures? Why?
 - How do you feel when we display one of your pictures?
 - How do you feel when someone gives you something you want?

4. Give a piece of 8½ by 11-inch white paper to each family member. Have crayons and/or washable markers available.
5. Make a list of people who might enjoy getting something handmade from each family member. Include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, and other people who are important to your family. If you know of anyone who is sick or hurting, make something for that person as well.
6. Depending on the age of your child and their interest, have each person draw a picture to give away. For those who may feel self-conscious about drawing, have them write a note on the paper and decorate it with colorful designs. Notes could say, "I'm thinking of you." "I love you." "You always make me smile." "I think you are the best."
7. Create a drawing or hand-made note for a person. Encourage family members to make multiple drawings and/or notes to give to others. Sometimes adults and older children don't want to give anything that they created. If that's the case, ask your younger children if they would like to receive the picture or note. (Young children love getting pictures and notes from their parents and older siblings. Many will want a picture or note from each family member!)
8. Mail the hand-made creations or visit the person to deliver them. Encourage the person to display the picture somewhere in their home or office.

