

CHURCH SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT 2010

PRAYER + LOVE + GIVING

This year we are asking our children and their families to work together to make the Lenten season a meaningful and spiritual experience. You may choose one of two projects or participate in both. A common theme for both projects is prayer – pray for those in need, pray for the countries we are sending relief to, pray for each other!

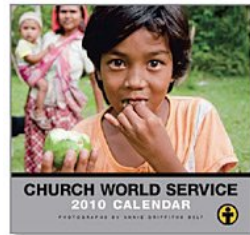
PROJECT 1

Our International Mission team is traveling to Guatemala on March 13th and they have asked our congregation to donate the following items for them to distribute during their visit: tooth brushes and toothpaste, and these school supplies: black, blue and red pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue bottles, 12-pack colored pencils, children's scissors, rulers, watercolor paints, scientific calculators, compasses and protractors. If you are doing this, please bring your items to the church office by March 7.

PROJECT 2

We would like to support the Church World Service organization by raising funds to support their current program in Haiti. This group sends Baby, School and Hygiene KITS to any part of the world with need; for instance, they helped the U.S. Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Katrina. Rather than assembling the kits ourselves, the Church School Task Force agreed that it would be more efficient for us to collect funds for Church World Service. And we have some fun family activities to make it a meaningful and spiritual effort. (See the next page.)

Pick up the prepared envelope at Church School. This will be the "collection envelope" for your offering. It will have information about the cost of the three types of Church World Service Kits. You may choose to fund one or more. In the envelope is a graphic design of each kit and some ideas for ways your children can fund their offering. Your child(ren) may want to color the graphic and tape their choice to the envelope. The envelopes are due back on or before Saturday, April 3.



PRAYER CANDLE

(Instructions for this craft are available in the Church School.)

Some Ideas for Funding your Church School Lenten Project

1. Follow the daily instructions on the PRAYER+LOVE+GIVING Calendar in your packet.
2. Use refunds from returned cans and bottles.
3. Pledge a percentage of your allowance.
4. Put in a nickel/dime/quarter for every TV show you watch during Lent.
5. Let us know if you think of other good ideas!

A calendar for "daily giving" fun is also available in the Church School!