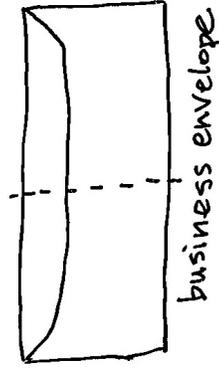


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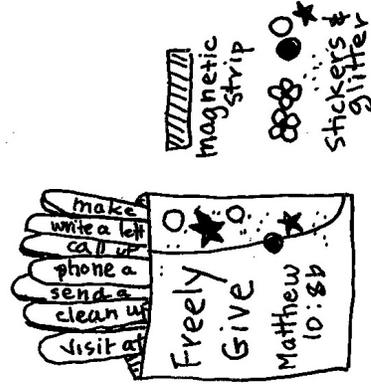
Jesus said to his friends, "So many people need our help." Jesus asks us to give the loving care that we have been given. Sometimes, we need a reminder of things we might do.

Giving Pockets

You will need craft sticks, business size envelopes, self-adhesive magnet strips; markers, self-adhesive stickers, glue, glitter, and other decorations.



send a thank you card



STORY TIME

Called to Follow Based on Matthew 9:35—10:8

Jesus and friends were doing so much travelling. They went from town to town telling people about God's love. They walked, and they talked, and they cared about people they met.

Sometimes, they met people who were very sick. Sometimes, they met people who were feeling sad. Sometimes, they met people who were feeling worried. Sometimes, they met people who were afraid. Jesus worked very hard loving and caring for everyone. But there was so much to do and so many people who needed help.

Jesus turned to his friends and said, "So many people need our help. Here is what I would like you to do." And then Jesus began to call out the names of the friends.

"John, I would like you to go to the next town and teach the people about God's love.

"Peter and Andrew, go along this road until you get to another town. Please help the people there who are sick. Show God's love.

"Sarah and Mary, please go to the people who live by the river. Tell them God loves them. Share the good news."

Jesus called out the names of all the friends, "Go and show God's love."

And that's what everyone did. Some of Jesus' friends went to heal the sick. Some of Jesus' friends went to help people who were sad or lonely. Some of Jesus' friends went to be with people who were worried or afraid.

Jesus had many, many friends who wanted to help show God's love to everyone. Jesus calls us to do that, too!

Instructions

1. Seal the envelope and cut it in half.
2. On each craft stick, write or draw something that you could do that would show loving care for another (make a card for a grandparent, help a younger friend, share toys).
3. On the front of your envelope pocket write, "Freely give. Matthew 10:8b".
4. Decorate your pocket.
5. Fix a length of self-adhesive magnet strip to the back of the envelope.
6. Hang your giving pocket on the refrigerator at home.
7. Draw out a stick every week to remind you of one way to show God's love, then do it.



ACTIVITY

"I can't be everywhere," Jesus told his friends, "so I want you to be a part of what I am doing. I want you to travel to the places I can't get to and tell those you meet about God's love and joy. The more of us who do this, the more God's love will spread throughout the world."

Use markers to decorate the picture. Then use your picture to tell others the story and about ways you, too, can show and tell about God's love.

