SPECIAL SUNDAY



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
UMCOR SUNDAY

These children's worship resources are part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit, based on Philippians 4:10, 13-14 (CEB). It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.

This activity is written so you may insert a project relating to your own response efforts. Be reminded that response requires listening to what the needs may be, not just what we may want to do.

If your congregation is participating in a hands-on activity for UMCOR, like cleaning or hygiene kits, be sure to include the children in all stages of work as possible. Or have the children take the lead and invite the adults of the church to join them. Be sure to put the children in charge!

Remember, UMCOR doesn't collect material donations, like clothing or furniture. Check with your pastor, conference leadership, or UMCOR as there may not be space to hold well-meaning donations.

UMCOR PROJECTS:

Hygiene Kits, Period Packs, Cleaning Kits: The Hygiene Kits and Period Packs may be welcomed at local shelters or schools. Contact your local helping agencies to see how the children of your church may offer care.

ACTIVITY:

Create a playlist in advance of songs about friends to play while you work together. There are a number of popular songs throughout the decades that will be fun for all ages.

Cast Your Cares on the Lord:
Seeds Family Worship: Psalm 55:22

We are gathering because there is a need to offer help or care to someone. Express the need your specific project addresses.

While we may be young in age, we are large in heart. We want to remember the people we are caring for today. Share about your project and what you'll be doing. We cannot solve the problems caused by floods, hurricanes or fires, but we can show we care by taking the time to do this service project.

Let's read about an ordinary girl named Mary who did what she thought was a simple act of kindness.

READ:

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed or
Ordinary Mary's Positively Extraordinary Day
both written by Emily Pearson and illustrated by Fumi Kosaka.

What did Mary do? And how did it change the world?
Let the children discuss all the ways and all the people whose lives were changed because of Ordinary Mary.

Help the children understand UMCOR by using the Children's Message or another age-appropriate way.

Introduce the project and work together. When you have completed the project or have reached the end of your time, gather all the supplies (as best you can) and invite everyone to lay their hands on or stretch out hands toward items as you end your time in prayer. Invite a child or other adult to pray, thanking God for the time you have spent together with church friends, remembering those who need care or care for others. Ask God to use these gifts to help others know they are important, loved, remembered by your group and by God.