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If the children have not already heard the children's message, share it with them before starting the activity. This helps set the context for the activity. Find the children's activity in the [UMSD pastor and leader's kit](#).

## Cards of Hope

### You will need:

- Craft supplies
- Construction paper: purple, yellow, white
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils
- Stickers, sequins or other embellishments
- Envelopes large enough for 6-by-9-inch or 4.5-by-6-inch cards
- Whiteboard or flip chart with markers

A list of college students in your church community  
Ask families ahead of time to submit the names of college and graduate students. If few college students are connected with your church, expand the list to include family friends who are in college.

### Explain to the children:

Today, we are celebrating students, and we will send cards from our class to this list of college and

graduate students. Many of them are studying for their final exams, important tests, or are writing papers. It can be a tiring time for students, so we will send them messages of hope to let them know we are thinking about them.

### Brainstorm messages:

*What kind of messages do you think we might include in the cards we make?*

Write the messages on the whiteboard. Offer some examples like:

We are praying for you.

God is with you.

"The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion."

PHILIPPIANS 1:6B

Sending you hope, love, peace and joy.



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**Make the cards:**

1. Fold the white construction paper in half or into quarters to create the card base.
2. Assemble a candle from the other colors. Cut a rectangular pillar with the purple paper and a diamond shape from the yellow paper for the flame. Glue them to the cover of the card.
3. Under the candle, write the word "HOPE."
4. Encourage the students to add other embellishments to the cover of the card.
5. Choose a message to write on the inside of the card.
6. Sign the card, "Love, the students from \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church"



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