

UMCOR SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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This activity illustrates the before-and-after transformation that happens through God's grace (Ephesians 2:1-10) with comparisons with before-and-after UMCOR disaster response. This activity coordinates with the UMCOR Sunday "Created to Do Good Things" Children's Message and UMCOR Sunday Children's Bulletin.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ONE TAPE MEASURE
- ITEMS FOR A CLEANING BUCKET
[HTTPS://UMCMISSION.ORG/UMCOR-HYGIENE-KIT/](https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/)

CREATED TO DO GOOD THINGS

"We are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things."

Ephesians 2:10, CEB

ASK THE CHILDREN TO REPEAT AFTER YOU:

For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son

SAY:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

This is a passage from John 3:16, NRSV.

Paul writes something similar in the letter he wrote to one of the early churches in Ephesus.

"Out of the great love with which God loved us God made us alive together with Christ."

"For God so loved the world."

(Pull out the tape measure to six feet.) This tape measure shows a distance of six feet. One of the ways we show our love during the pandemic is by staying six feet apart from people to keep one another safe.

(Stretch out your arms.) Do you think God loves us this much? Or even more? How much do we think is "so much"?



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God so loved the world that he gave his son, Jesus. It's hard to measure love like that, isn't it? It's so much love.

And Jesus showed us how to share that kind of love by doing good things for others. We are created to do good things. Today we are celebrating UMCOR, part of our church that does good things to share God's love with people who are going through a hard time.

We share our money with UMCOR so they help some people get the help they need.



In our communities we also can help. Sometimes people lose their homes and are forced to live on the street and

they need help with simple things we take for granted. Churches like ours can also prepare care packages to give to those who need them.

I wonder how much love is in a care package?
(Read off each of the measurements as you put items into the bucket.)

This is a gallon size plastic zipper bag.
We add the following items:

- Socks
- Gloves
- Water bottle
- Bandages
- Wet wipes
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Tuna & cracker packs
- Single-serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers
- Nail clippers
- Hand written note with a blessing and a prayer

Well, that is a package full of love right there.

Will you pray with me?

Thank you, God, Your love for us is so great it cannot be measured. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to love others by doing the good things you created us to do. Bless this cleaning bucket and the people who receive it. Help them to know how much love is packed into it. Amen.



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