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# UPcycle

roll with what  
you've got



ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

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**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY:** That's What Friends Are For (Giving Freely to the Lord's People) • 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:** You can always use what you have to help someone else.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:** *Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has." Luke 12:15 (NlrV)*

**MONTHLY LIFE APP:** Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

**BASIC TRUTH:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed, but kids will be searching their homes for "something they can use."

## WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids what today's story was about. (Paul's letter to the early church in Macedonia)
- Ask what was special about this church. (They gave to others and shared what they had; they didn't have a lot, but they were content enough to use what they had to help others)
- Tell your children that they (because they're kids) might not have a lot of their own either, but there is always something they can use to help others.
- Tell kids they're going to go on a super-fast scavenger hunt around their homes. They'll go find one simple item they can use to help someone else.
- Below are some ideas to help get them started or to offer ideas for the items they come back with:
  - Ball: Offer to take your little brother outside to play while your mom or dad is working.

- Cup: Get your older brother a drink while he's working in the yard.
- Plate: Offer to take someone's plate to the sink.
- Stuffed animal: Lend your favorite stuffed animal to your little sister when she's scared.
- Book: Share your favorite book with a kid in your class.
- Pen or marker: Write a "Get Well" note to someone who is sick.
- Pair of socks: Donate new socks to a homeless shelter.
- Box of bandages or travel size tissues: Offer these to someone who is hurt or sick.
- Dishrag or towel: Help clean the bathroom or wipe off the kitchen counters.
- Give kids 2 minutes to go find their item.
- When kids return, let them quickly take turns sharing what they found and how they could use it to help someone else.
- Challenge kids to take action and DO the idea they came up with this week.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"When it comes to helping, you might be tempted to say, 'I'm just a kid. How can I possibly help?' When we're content with what we have, we're more able to consider others and to use our own stuff to help. The truth is, we can all help others. We can all give what we have—even if it's just a ball, a book, or a pair of socks. We can use what we have, just like the early followers of Jesus did so long ago. We don't need a lot, because **[Bottom Line] you can always use what you have to help someone else.**"

### CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, thank You for teaching us this month about what it means to be content or okay with what we have. We are grateful for all You have given us. Help us pay attention this week so we can use what we have to help others. Thanks for loving us. We love You, God. And we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."