

SOUP IN A JAR

What you need to make 10 jars of soup:

Items listed in recipe below	Plastic baggies for spices
Bowl for parmesan cheese	Funnels
Large bowls (for pasta and lentils)	10 Jars and lids
Tablespoons	10 Pieces of cord
Half cup measuring cup	10 Instruction card tags with
Quarter cup measuring cup	instruction stickers

Recipe/instructions: Pleasing Pasta Soup Mix

Preliminary Instructions:

In advance, measure the following spices together in a plastic bag (make enough spice bags according to the number of jars of soup you plan to make) – 10

- 1 Tablespoon minced dried onion
- 1 Tablespoon instant chicken bouillon granules
- 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano, crushed
- Dash garlic powder

Put enough parmesan cheese in a bowl so that each jar will have:

- 2 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

How to make it

1. Layer the ingredients in a jar as follows:

First layer: 1/2 cup small shell macaroni or other small pasta

Second layer: 2 Tablespoons of parmesan cheese

Third layer: 1 pack of mixed spices

Fourth layer: 1/4 cup dry lentils

Close the jar with a lid, ensuring that it is tight.

2 Tag:

Make a tag, putting a sticker on each side (one has instructions the other has ingredients). Attach the tag with a piece of cord or ribbon.

Talk about how Jesus tells us that we should be generous and give our possessions away to others. There are many people who do not have lots to eat in our community and so we are making these soup kits to give to them. These jars will go to the Helping Hands Street Mission.

Pleasing Past Soup recipe from: www.mixesinajar.com/mixes/soups

Stickers for the tags (one on each side):

PLEASING PASTA SOUP

Instructions:

Combine contents of jar with 3 cups water in a 2-quart saucepan. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer 40 minutes, or until lentils are tender, stirring occasionally

Ingredients: pasta, dry lentils, Parmesan cheese and spices (onion, parsley, oregano, garlic powder)

Makes 3 side dish servings or 1 main course

Hope you enjoy the soup!

... from the St. John's Messy Church families

CRAFT KITS

You Need:

To hold the kits:

- Large ziplock bags
- Optional - stickers to decorate the bag

To put inside the bags:

- Markers (washable) in assorted colours
- Stickers (to appeal to both girls and boys)
- Paper pads
- Pens
- Puzzles/games

What to do:

1 Decorate a baggie if desired.

2 Assemble for each bag to include:

- 1 small paper pad
- 1 large paper pad
- 6/7 markers
- sticker sheets
- three pens (blue, black and red)

Talk about how Jesus tells us that we should be generous and give our possessions away to others. Talk about how kids are sometimes in the Children's Hospital for a length of time so we are making packs of activity stuff for them to do and to know that we care about them.

These kits will go to the McMaster Children's Hospital for young patients to use during their stay there (and to take home) or to the Ronald McDonald House (beside the hospital where families of hospitalized children stay).

GET WELL CARDS

You need:

Card stock – preprinted with a message on front

Envelopes

Pictures

Messages for inside

Glue sticks

Pens, pencil crayons, markers

Decorations (stickers, etc)

Box for cards



How to make it:

Fold the card in half.

Choose a picture and glue it onto the front of the card above the message.

Choose a message for the inside and glue it on the right side – or if you are taking the card for someone special in mind – then create a personal message for it.

Add decorations to the card as desired.

Put the completed card in the box provided for someone to mail out – or – take it along to mail/give to someone you know who is not well.

Cards in the box can be taken by folks at the end of the evening to mail or give out.

Talk about how by sending a ‘get well’ card to folks we show we care for them. Again – another way to ‘give’ to others.

4 HYGIENE KITS

You need:

Preparation in advance: Collect (or buy) items for the kits. Dental products donated by local dentists as they often give away such items.

To hold the kits:

- Large ziplock bag
- Optional - stickers to decorate the bag

To put inside each bag:

- 2 Toothpaste
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Soap
- 1 Shampoo
- 1 Cream Rinse
- 1 Tissue pack

What to do: Assemble the bags with the items listed.

Talk about how Jesus tells us that we should be generous and give our possessions away to others. There are people who do not have many of the things we do and that we can help by giving items to a mission for them and to know that we care about them.

These kits will go to the Helping Hands Street Mission.

5 BIRD FEEDER

You need:

Two 3 inch rolls of cardboard
Corn syrup
Paint brush
Wire hanger
Cheerios cereal
Bird seed
Bowl or tray for the seed
Pliers
Masking tape/pen



Preparation: Pre-cut the rolls and cut the wires from the long end of wire coat hangers. Use a pliers to bend the 'bottom' end of the wire so cheerios won't fall off.

What to do:

- 1 Put several cheerios on the wire – enough to reach the section where the wire goes straight.
- 2 Make a seed roll:
 - Using the paint brush dab the roll with corn syrup
 - Roll it in seeds
 - Put it on the wire hanger, through the poked holes.
- 3 Put several/a few cheerios on the wire.
- 4 Make a second seed roll as above, and add to the wire and cheerios.
- 5 Bend the top of the wire to make a 'hook'.
- 6 Put your name on a piece of tape, then hang your finished bird feeder on the string by the drying table.

Talk about how all of God's creatures are important and that we can help feed the birds.

These bird feeders are to take home to hang outside for the birds to enjoy – or to give to someone to put up.

FOAM CROSS

You need the following foam items:

Small baggie & sticker for your name
Pen or pencil
Cross and base
Heart sticker
Dove sticker
Letter stickers: LVE GD



What to do:

Put the heart sticker where the cross 'arms' meet, the heart represents the 'O' of the words GOD and LOVE
Add 'G' and 'D' beside the heart to spell GOD
Add the 'L' above the heart and the 'V' and 'E' below to spell LOVE.
Add the dove sticker to the top right.

Put your name on an orange sticker, stick to baggie and put the finished cross and a base for it to take home.

Talk about how we should love God above all our possessions and stuff.

Purchased 'Creatology' kit from Michaels craft store.

PRAYER CROSS

You Need:

Large cross standing on the floor
Small table with:

- Tape
- Pens and pencil crayons

How to make it:

Put up a large cross.

Have shapes or cards for people to write prayers on. Children can draw their prayer with a pencil crayon, or a parent may write one for them.

Today, I thank God for all that He has given me: (list things/people etc)
Post on the cross using a piece of tape.

NOTE: Include these prayers during the Celebration time.

THE GREAT GIVEAWAY GAME

You need:

Medium sized plastic garbage can/basket.
Variety of soft and/or rubber/plastic toys
Timing device
Score sheet to post
Tape

Preparation:

Put several tapes on the floor as a starting location to stand – have several at varying distances from the bucket for varying ages.

How to play:

A player has a 60 second time limit in which to toss the toys (one at a time) into the bucket. The highest scoring person in each age group is the winner.

Talk about how we can give our toys away to others to play with... so in the game the winner is the one who gives away the most toys in one minute

QUIET AREA

You Need:

Colouring sheets, activities appropriate to the theme.
Children's books