



Eden Church VBS 2020: The Armor of God

Shield of Faith Mission Activity: Birthday Cards for Youth in Foster Care

Introduction:

Our mission project this week is to spread Christ's love and care by creating birthday cards for children who are in foster care. Sometimes, children cannot stay with their parents for a period of time, and they have to stay with other families through a program called "foster care." While in foster care, children are often separated from their family members for long periods of time and sometimes cannot stay in the same home as their brothers and sisters. Things are always different when you're staying in a different home, and birthdays and special days are WAY different. And, when things are different, when the people you love most can't be with you, things can just feel so scary and lonely. Let's show the Love of Jesus this week by creating some colorful, encouraging birthday cards to send to the children in foster care in the community around us.

Materials:

1. Paper - White Copy Paper or Colored Construction Paper
2. Writing Utensils
3. Stickers - optional
4. Envelopes

Directions:

1. Fold paper in half, and draw pictures, color, and put on stickers to make the card.
2. Write an encouraging birthday message inside.

* Do **NOT** include your full name, the date, or other identifying information. *

3. Put your card in an envelope and leave the envelope blank. Put all the individual cards in a large mailing envelope, and send it to one of the offices listed below, with a little note explaining the purpose of the cards.

4. Wrap up your mission project time this week with a time of prayer for the children who will be receiving your cards!

Suggested Mission Organizations

Big Family of Michigan

23500 Pare Street, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

<https://www.bigfamilyofmi.org/>

Bethany Christian Services - East Lansing

612 W. Lake Lansing Road

East Lansing, Michigan 48823

<https://bethany.org/locations/us/michigan/east-lansing>

Wellspring Lutheran Services

Lansing Child & Family Services

3681 Okemos Rd, Suite 500, Okemos, MI 48864

<https://wellspringlutheran.com/locations/east-lansing-child-family-services>

Cards of Hope

Braid Mission

312 Georgia St., Suite 235

Vallejo CA 94590

<http://braidmission.org/get-involved/cards-of-hope/>