

Picturing Homelessness (Children's Activity)

This activity will take roughly 30 minutes to complete. Your child will need paper, crayons, or markers.

Overview: Many children take a lot for granted and have a lot of conveniences that children without homes would love to have. The goal of this activity is to help others realize that there are many who are less fortunate than themselves. You'll be having your kids express in pictures the conveniences they have that children without homes might lack.

Activity:

1. Discuss with your children some things they've learned about the value of having a family, a home, clothing, food, privacy, pets, personal belongings, etc.
2. Ask your kids to think of what they value most about living in their homes and the people in their lives.
 - Have your kids decide what in their lives they could not do without.
 - Have your kids give reasons for their choices.
3. Have your kids draw pictures of things they use every day that a child without a home might not have.
4. Have your kids answer the following:
 - Three things I've learned about my home are...
 - Three things I've learned about people without homes are...
 - Three things I need to do for myself are...
 - Three things I think people without homes need to do for themselves are...

Bonus activity: Ask your child to imagine that they could provide a home to all the people in the world who have no home. Discuss with them what would make it perfect. Encourage them to let their imaginations run wild. Have them draw a picture of it. Have them write about it and describe it to you.