

GOOD NEWS BEARS CLUB

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

"TEDDY BEAR NIGHT"

Recommended for: Preschool /Elementary

PURPOSE: Students bring Teddy Bears from home for a Teddy Bear Parade. You can even have them bring their miniature tea sets and have a tea party. Use this event to talk about how we need to be hugged and treated with kindness and gentleness.

PREPARATION: -Promote this event in advance so students will know to bring their favorite Teddy Bears from home. The children may want to bring more than one teddy bear.

-Consider having a Teddy Bear Tea Party. Even the older elementary students will have fun with this if the leaders have fun.

-Announce in advance so that students can bring any miniature tea sets they have at home.

SHOPPING LIST: -Purchase or make a Teddy Bear that can be signed by the students and presented to the Club Director or Pastor.

-Take pictures of the Teddy Bears and their owners to use on a Good News Bears Calendar. Once the pictures are developed, scan into a computer or make photocopies. For a later lesson provide calendar pages for each student. Let the students make calendars, attaching the copies of their pictures. These calendars can be used for Good News Bears events or prayer reminder calendars.

DESCRIPTION: -As the students arrive, have them put on name tags. Their bear also needs a name tag.

-Focus the worship time on the gentleness and kindness of Father God.

-Teddy Bears are a symbol of warm and cuddly friendliness. If Teddy Bears are treated rough, they will tear and come apart. People are like that too, people need to be treated with kindly. Our

arm may not fall off when someone says something unkind, but we hurt inside. We all need hugs everyday!

-Have a Teddy Bear Tea Party. Supply cookies, tea breads, crackers or special sweets for the students to prepare. Gather the miniature tea sets and have the students set tables for a tea party. This can be a fun and silly time, over-emphasizing manners and table etiquette. Pretend English accents will also contribute to the occasion. Right-o!

-Have a Teddy Bear parade. Let the students parade in front of the leaders while showing off their Teddy Bears. You may consider having awards or certificates for certain categories of Bears.

TEDDY BEAR PARADE CATEGORIES:

Smallest	Cutest	Biggest
Most Like It's Owner	Hairiest	Most Outrageous
Most Biblical	Funniest Costume	Ugliest

SNACK:

Serve Teddy Bear crackers (Teddy Grahams™) or bear shaped sugar cookies, little tea sandwiches and sweetened ice tea (children may not like the bitterness of unsweetened tea).