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Hey Kids!

Have you heard of Make A Difference Day?

Make A Difference Day is a special time to help others. It's a day of caring. It's become such a popular day, it's now celebrated across our nation on the fourth Saturday of October. If you look at a calendar, you will discover that the next Make A Difference Day is this week! It's coming up this Saturday, October 26.



Anyone can participate in Make A Difference Day – children, teenagers and adults. All you have to do is look around your house, your neighborhood, or your church to see what needs to be done. Some things that need to be done might be small. Some might be very big and many people are needed to work together to help meet the need.

How can YOU be especially caring and helpful this Saturday? Maybe you could...

- Collect cans of food in your neighborhood and give them to a food bank
- Draw an autumn picture and give it to an elderly neighbor
- Sharpen pencils in the Sunday school rooms and in the Sanctuary pews
- Clean out your closets and give your old clothes or toys to a homeless shelter
- Play games, read stories, or sing with people who live in a retirement center
- Write thank you notes to firefighters and police officers
- Create “thinking of you” posters for boys and girls in the hospital

What does Jesus say about helping and caring for others? Look in your Bible and find Matthew 25:31-40 to find out. You can read all the verses on your own or with an adult, but here is an important verse worth remembering: “The Lord will answer, Whenever you did it for any of my people, (helped them), no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.”

When you are serving others, you are serving Jesus. That's a good thing to do on Make a Difference Day and EVERYDAY!



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Activities

How many small words can you find in the phrase
Make A Difference Day?

Here are a couple to help get you started:

1. care
2. fine

Jesus calls us to serve others. There are hymns in our United Methodist hymnal that remind us about the importance of helping and serving others.

Draw lines matching the hymns with the correct page numbers.

Jesu, Jesu	431
For the Healing of the Nations	583
Let There Be Peace on Earth	399
Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day	432
Take My Life, and Let It Be	593
Take Time to Be Holy	585
Sois la Semilla – You Are the Seed	428
This Little Light of Mine	411
Here I Am, Lord	572
Pass It On	395

Pray

Dear God,
Please help me to be a caring and helpful person on
Make A Difference Day, and everyday.
Amen.