

Issue Areas:
Helping Sick
Children



Waiting Room Busy Bags

You can help a child waiting to visit the doctor keep busy by making “Waiting Room Busy Bags”. This project was adapted from the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Fill a sealed zippered plastic bag with fun things a child or teen can do as they wait to visit the doctor. Make bags age-specific but generic enough for a boy or a girl. Include things such as:

Check with local hospitals to see if they are willing to accept your donation.



What You Need

- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Paper
- Coloring books
- Stickers
- Resealable zipper plastic bags



How You Do It

- 1** Decide what items you want to put in your “busy kits”. (Think about the age of the children to whom you want to donate and be sure the items are geared to that age group.)
- 2** There are some online “dollar stores” where you can purchase items in bulk at bargain prices.
- 3** Purchase items and assemble “busy kits” in bags.



Before the
project

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS.

"The Lemonade Club" by Patricia Polacco

Everyone loves Miss Wichelman's fifth-grade class, especially best friends Traci and Marilyn. That's where they learn that when life hands you lemons, make lemonade! They are having a great year until Traci begins to notice some changes in Marilyn. She's losing weight and seems tired all the time. She has leukemia, and a tough road of chemotherapy ahead. It is not only Traci and Miss Wichelman who stand up for her, but in a surprising and unexpected turn, the whole fifth-grade class, who figures out a way to say we're with you.

"Kiki's Hats: Our Gifts of Love Live On and On" by Warren Hanson

Kiki's Hats is a lively story of a spunky and lovable woman who knits hats and gives them away. Kiki shows us that we all can do something wonderful for someone else and it does not have to be complicated or difficult. It can be as simple as raking your neighbors leaves or visiting someone who is sick. We each have the power to create something good that can last a lifetime and beyond! That's the miracle of Kiki's Hats.