

Service Day 3-19-2017

Activity: Create a Police Officer or Firefighter Survival Kit

10:15-10:30AM: Introduction – *everyone will begin in the Large Group Room*

- **Good morning! It's so nice to see your smiling faces this morning! This month, we've been learning and talking about what it means to follow Jesus. Jesus wanted people to serve others and follow him. What does it mean to serve others? Allow for responses. Yes, it means to help someone. We have with us this morning, some super cool 'helpers.' Anyone know who these folks are? A firefighter and a police officer.**

10:30-10:50AM: Class Activity – *everyone back to your rooms.*

- **Today, we're going to do create sort of a 'thank you' bag for all those police officers and firefighters who serve our community. Each of you is going to get a plain white bag like this. You will decorate the bag however you like. Use lots of colors and you can even write a short message, if you want.**
- **After you've decorated your bag. You're going to come over to this table and put the treats in the bag. We will help you. Sometimes you put just one of something in; other times you put in more than one. So we'll help you to know what to do.**
- **Then, you'll pick up one of these cards that tells what's in the bag, and we'll help you fold the top of your bag over, and staple the card to the front.**
- **Let me read to you what the card says – because it's kind of funny. Read the front of the 'survival kit' card to the children.**
- Pass out white bags, one per child (they can make more if time permits). Set out crayons and markers and let them work on decorating their bags. As they finish decorating, help them put the appropriate number of treats in their bag. Help them fold over about an inch of the bag at the top, and staple the card to the top of the bag.

10:50-10:55: Pray and Dismiss

- Recap the day's events. Thank the children for serving those who serve our community.
- Pray:
 - Dear God, we thank you for those you have gifted with courage and the call to serve others in our community – like our local police and firefighters. Protect them as they keep our city safe. And help us to put out our hands to help others. It's not always easy or fun, but you call us show your love to others in this way. Help us to follow you, but putting others first. Amen.

10:55: Open the door for parents, hand them a blessing card and dismiss!

Thanks for a great morning!

