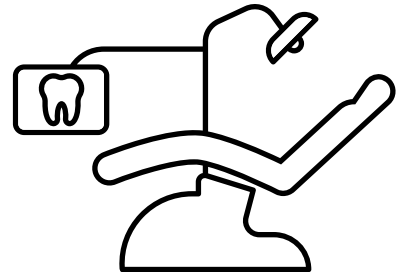
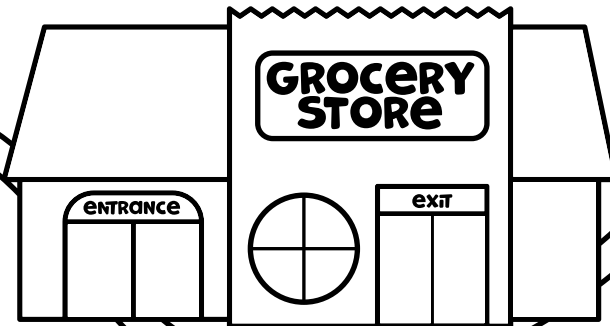
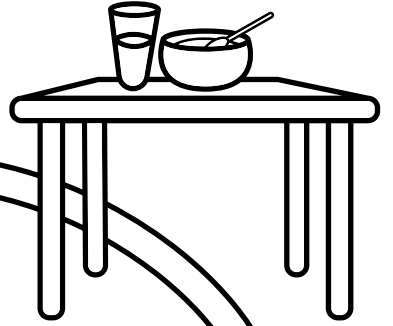


"WE CAN BE PRESENT" STORY

START



END

COMPASSION IN ACTION

If you choose to lead this online via live or pre-recorded video, welcome and introduce your time together. Explain you're going to lead everybody through chalking your driveway/sidewalk or making signs of encouragement for neighbors. One way to engage children online with this activity is to help them make a plan for what they want to create, then let them do that with their families. This is also included in the Family Pack.

Compassion in Action activities remind us how we can be with each other so that in everything we make, do, or say, we feel Emmanuel, or God-with-us. These small, simple, tangible acts express the deep, wide compassion of God.

MAKE A SIGN

Since it is hard to be physically present with others because of physical distancing, we can be spiritually present with others by leaving signs of hope in our yard. The surprise of seeing a simple word or picture of hope can fill us with encouragement and help us keep going on our way.

Write and draw encouraging words, phrases, and/or images for your neighbors using sidewalk chalk on your driveway/sidewalk or make a poster to hang from your window or door.

What messages of hope and encouragement do you want to share?

Here are some quotes for inspiration:

- “We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” —Mother Teresa
- “No one has ever become poor by giving.” —Anne Frank
- “When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” —Malala Yousafzai
- “Just keep swimming.” —Dory

SMALL
ACTS.
GREAT LOVE.
—MOTHER TERESA

ACTIVITY FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (PRESCHOOL)

For children who are not reading/writing yet, you can help them make signs with fun and encouraging symbols. Some examples of shapes and symbols you could use in your signs: hearts, stars, rainbows, peace signs, flowers, images of paths or roads through landscapes, hands, feet, smiles, etc.

PRO TIP: CHECK OUT
THE COMPASSION
CAMP PINTEREST
BOARD FOR EVEN
MORE INSPIRATION!

If you want to share what you've created, we'd LOVE to see it! Take a photo of your Compassion in Action and post it online with the hashtag #illustratedministry and tag us @illustratedmin!

LOVING SPIRIT

You are

Active & Alive

ALWAYS MOVING AND STIRRING
WITHIN AND AROUND US

Please be an

ENCOURAGING WIND

AT OUR BACKS

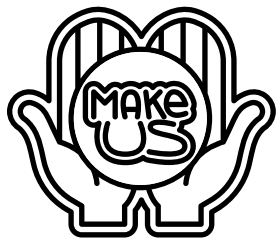
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