Craft: Basket of Blessings

Supplies

- paper plates (1½ per child)
- "Gifts Basket" handout (1 per child) (download here)
- crayons or markers
- white glue
- craft sticks (1 per child)
- yellow or brown yarn
- stapler

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.
- Cut some of the paper plates in half so there are enough for each child to have 1 full plate and 1 half plate. Staple the half plate to the full plate so both plates curve inward to create a basket.
- Cut the yarn into pieces approximately 4 inches long.
- Cut apart a "Gifts Basket" handout for each child.



Make a Gifts Basket

- Give each child a set of Gifts Basket pictures and some crayons or markers. Have kids color the pictures of good things God provides.
- Show kids the blank square, and encourage them to draw something they're thankful that God has provided. (If kids have trouble coming up with ideas, suggest special people, a pet, or things in nature such as sunshine or birds.) Have adult and teen helpers label each child's picture.
- Give each child a paper-plate basket. Put some white glue on the half-plate front of the basket. Encourage kids to use a craft stick to spread the glue around.
- Place a pile of yarn pieces in front of each child, and encourage kids to scatter the pieces in multiple directions to look like a woven basket.
- Have kids place the Gifts Basket pictures in the baskets.

Say: <u>God is our provider</u>. He gives us so many good things, like the things in our baskets. When you think of other things God has given you, you can draw a picture and add it to your basket to remind you to thank Him.