

TREASURE BOX OF GIFTS

Activity Objective

To identify ways we can share gifts of love and kindness.

Lesson Outcome

Children will create a visual reminder to share their gifts with others.

Materials

OPTION 1

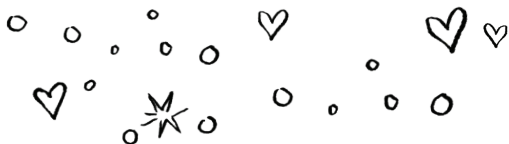
- Treasure chest pattern (one per child)
- Hearts sheet (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue

OPTION 2

- Shoeboxes (one per child)
- Gift wrap or colored paper and other embellishments to decorate the boxes
- Hearts sheet (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue

OPTION 3

- Colored paper squares
- Hearts sheet (one per child)
- Scissors



Directions

1. Decorate a treasure box.

OPTION 1

- a. Distribute box templates.
- b. Invite children to cut out the pattern and color the panels as desired.
- c. Instruct the children to fold the pattern on the lines and shape it into a box.
- d. Glue the flaps together.

OPTION 2

- a. Decorate a shoebox using gift wrap or colored paper and other embellishments as desired.

OPTION 3

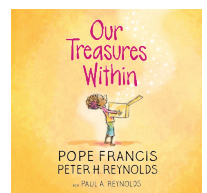
- a. Fold an origami box. Many online videos demonstrate the technique, appropriate for older children.
2. Cut out the hearts from the template.
 3. Tell children that the hearts represent gifts of kindness and love they can share with others.
 4. Invite children to place a heart within the treasure chest each time they do something kind or loving for others.

Alternate Activity

If using the shoeboxes or larger origami boxes, invite children to recognize the gifts of others in the class by writing on a heart a gift they see in a fellow student and dropping it in that student's box. Watch to be sure all participating children will find hearts in their boxes at the end of the activity.

Activities inspired by *Our Treasures Within*
by Pope Francis and Peter H. Reynolds
with Paul A. Reynolds.

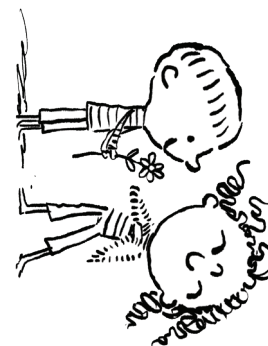
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TREASURE CHEST PATTERN



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