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# CWS Tools

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# CHILDREN'S MOMENT FOR MISSION

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**Pastor:** Hello everyone, we have a special topic we are going to talk about, bees! Specifically, honeybees.

Now, who knows what this person's job is? (Holds up a picture of a farmer) "They are a farmer, and what does a farmer do?"

And this person? (Holds up picture of a beekeeper) They look like they could be an astronaut, don't they? What if I told you this is also a farmer!

See these farmers (hold up beekeeper picture) raise bees, and the bees they raise collect nectar from flowers and trees. They bring the nectar back to a beehive (show picture). The nectar the bees bring back is used to make honey!

Now what do you use honey for? It makes food taste better, doesn't it? Who likes honey?

Did you know farmers all over the world raise bees? Some of them will have the hive on the ground (hold picture of Jemel tending to his hives) While, some farmers will raise the hives in the air like these (hold picture of hives being hung in the air in Kenya) so that way the hives can't get knocked over by floods and other natural disasters!

Some farmers (hold up picture of a traditional farmer) will have bees on their farms because they can pollinate the fruit or vegetables the farmers are growing and help them have a better crop.

So, you can see bees are very important in helping farmers make the food we eat, and also making the food we eat much sweeter. And organizations like our friends at Church World Service, help provide bees and beehives to farmers all over the world to help them have better crops and to help support their families.

And since you were all so sweet today, here is a little treat for you. (Hand each of the kids a honey stick)

## LET US PRAY

Dear God, thank you for the gift of bees.

For their sweet honey we enjoy on all our food

For the work they do to help farmers with their crops

And help us to keep being busy bees as we help our neighbors in need.

In your name we pray. Amen

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Honey sticks for the kids *(Note: confirm with parents if there are any allergies)*

6 popsicle sticks to attach the next couple pages of images to

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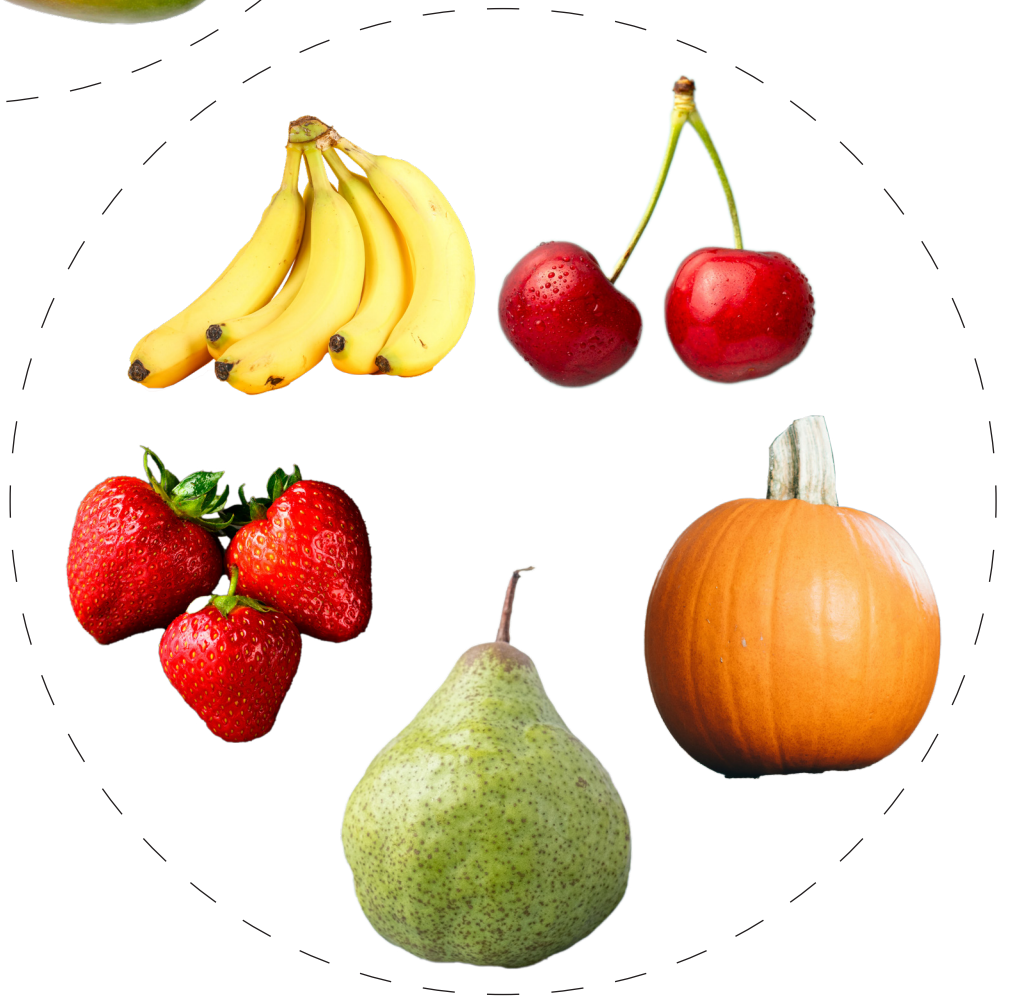
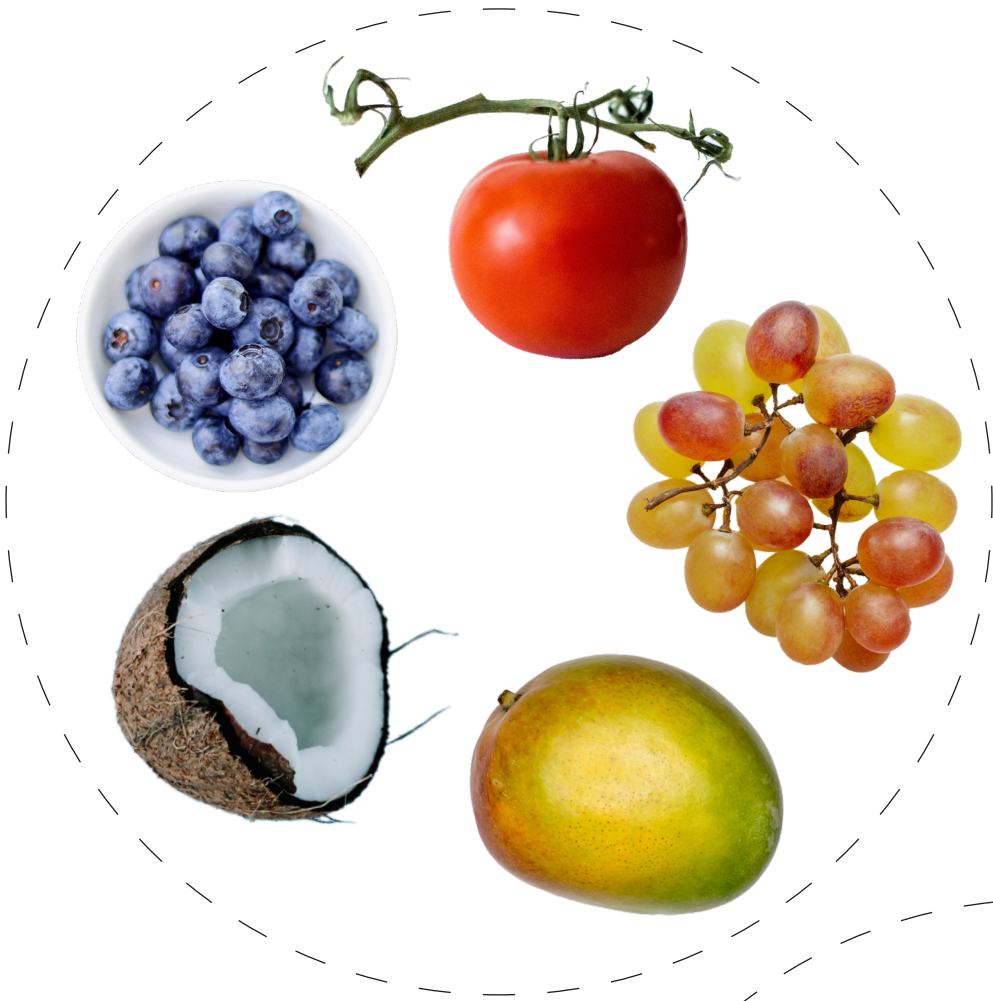
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# CHILDREN'S LESSON: LET'S BEE GENEROUS

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"See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth."

—JAMES 5:7 ESV

## LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Children will learn what it means to be patient and be generous when it's time.

## LESSON OPENING

Start off by doing a couple of activities with the kids that demonstrate the importance of sharing. An activity to show how things can spread quickly once they get going!

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Dominoes: Have students help in setting up a Dominoes course around the room. Watch how one domino knocked over starts a whole line-up falling down. Explain that today you will be talking about sharing something that can start small and have a significant impact.

## STORY: JEMAL THE BEEKEEPER AND WAITING

Jemal loves being a beekeeper, even though bees can be a little scary sometimes with their buzzers. The bees Jemal takes care of help him provide food, clothes, shelter and extra income for his family.

As a beekeeper, Jemal makes sure the beehives are taken care of and makes sure the bees are ok, like a farmer does on his farm. When the bees are taken care of well, the bees make honey and Jemal can then take the extra honey to the market to sell and share so his family can get money for what they need. But before Jemal gets to take the honey to the market, he has to wait for the bees to make all that honey and that can sometimes take a long time.

Our memory verse for today is James 5:7 and it says this "See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth." See how Jemal, the farmer, also has to wait for his own precious "fruit" before he can go to the market? When he waits until all that honey is ready, he can then go share the honey with those at the market.

In the same way, we need to be generous and share our fruit. Sometimes we will have to wait until our fruit is ready, but when it is ready, it is important to share! CWS does the same thing all the time! Because of everyone who shared their resources and fruit with CWS, there were people who were able to go to Jemal's town to share how to get the beehives for Jemal and many others to help them start making honey. And now, Jemal wants to share this with his little son so he can grow up and help his family the same way!

This is what happens when you are patient and share with others just like the dominoes activity. Once one person does it, it catches on and makes a huge impact for generations!

## LESSON QUESTIONS:

When you think about bees, what comes to your mind? Stingers, flowers, black and yellow, etc.

Does anyone know what a beekeeper is? What do they do?

What do bees make and where do you get it from? Honey, the store, a farm etc.

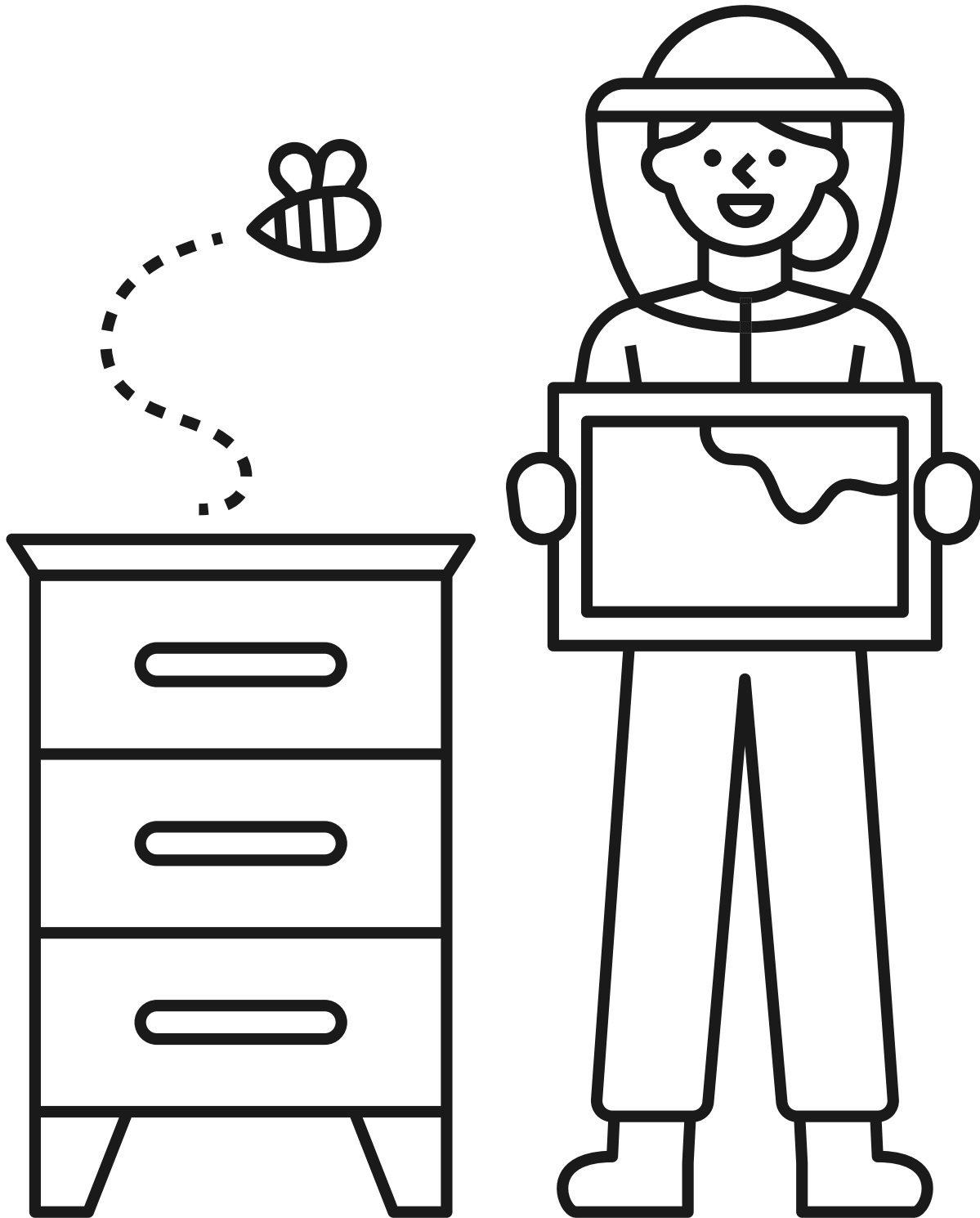
What is something you had to wait for? Do you know why you had to wait for it?

What resources can we share with people who need our help like Jemal and his family?

Why should we care about people across the world? Not like us?

For God satisfies the thirsty and  
fills the hungry with good things.

-Psalms 107: 9



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# CHILDREN'S CRAFT

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## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Paper plates  
Paper coffee filter (basket style)  
Yellow paint  
Paintbrushes  
Black construction paper  
Googly eyes  
Black pipe cleaners  
Glue

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Paint the paper plate yellow.
2. While the plate dries, cut wing shapes out of the coffee filters and strips out of the black construction paper.
3. Cut the pipe cleaners into 3"-4" pieces and curl the tops of them using a pen or pencil.
4. Once the paper plates have dried, glue the googly eyes, wings, construction paper strips and pipe cleaners to the plate.
5. Add a smiley face and stinger to your cute little bee.
6. Display the bees in your church lobby to encourage your congregation to BEE the change!

