# CWS Tools

# Children's Packet

Moment for Mission 2

Lesson 6

Coloring Sheets 8

Craft 10





cwstools.org • 800-297-1516

Harvest of Hope

# CHILDREN'S MOMENT FOR MISSION: PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

**LEADER**: Today we're going to talk about hope—and how something really small, like a seed, can grow into something really big and important.

In Psalm 107:9, the Bible says: "For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." That means God helps people have what they need—like food, water, and love. But here's the cool part: God uses people like us to help make that happen!

There are families in other parts of the world who don't always have enough food to eat. But when people give to CWS Tools, those families can get seeds, tools, and even chickens to help them grow their own food.

Today, you get to plant a seed, just like they do! (Distribute small cups, soil, and seeds.)

As you gently plant your seed, think about this question: "What do you think families feel when they grow their own food for the first time?" (Pause to let children respond.)

That's right—happy, proud, excited, thankful. And when we share what we have, we help them feel that way.

#### Let's pray together:

Dear God.

Thank you for the seeds we plant and the food they grow.

Thank you for helping us share with others.

Bless every family who receives seeds and tools from CWS.

Help them grow gardens full of hope and love.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Give each child a small cup, some soil, and a seed (like a sunflower or bean). As they plant, explain how families around the world are given seeds through CWS Tools so they can grow food and have hope for the future.

**Discussion**: "What do you think families feel when they grow their own food for the first time?"





## MOMENT FOR MISSION IMAGES



## MOMENT FOR MISSION IMAGES



# CHILDREN'S LESSON: CHICKEN & EGG MATCHING GAME

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

Help children understand how something simple—like a chicken—can bring food, income, and hope to families around the world. Matching cards lets kids build a "story chain" showing how a small gift (like a chicken) leads to food, income, and hope. It encourages critical thinking and discussion while reinforcing mission concepts.

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Printable (see next page) or hand-drawn matching cards. Have one set of 8 cards per table of children.
- Laminator or cardstock for durability (optional)
- A basket or envelope to hold the cards
- Space for a small group to sit on the floor or at a table

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Introduction (2-3 mins):
  - Say: "Today we're going to play a matching game that shows how one small chicken can help a family in a big way!"
  - Ask: "What do chickens give us?" (Let kids answer—"eggs!")
  - Briefly explain how CWS Tools gives families chickens, and that those eggs help people eat and even earn money.
- 2. Game Setup (2-3 mins):
  - Mix up the cards and spread them out face up.
  - Ask children to take turns picking two cards that go together (e.g., Chicken → Egg, Egg → Market).
  - Each time a child makes a match, talk briefly about the connection.
- 3. Discussion (3-5 mins):
  - After all cards are matched, review the "chain of hope" that starts with a chicken.

#### ASK:

- "How does a chicken help a family eat?"
- "How can eggs help a family earn money?"
- "What would you buy for your family if you could sell eggs at a market?"
- "Why is it important that we help families get chickens and tools?"

#### **FAITH CONNECTION** (Optional Wrap-Up):

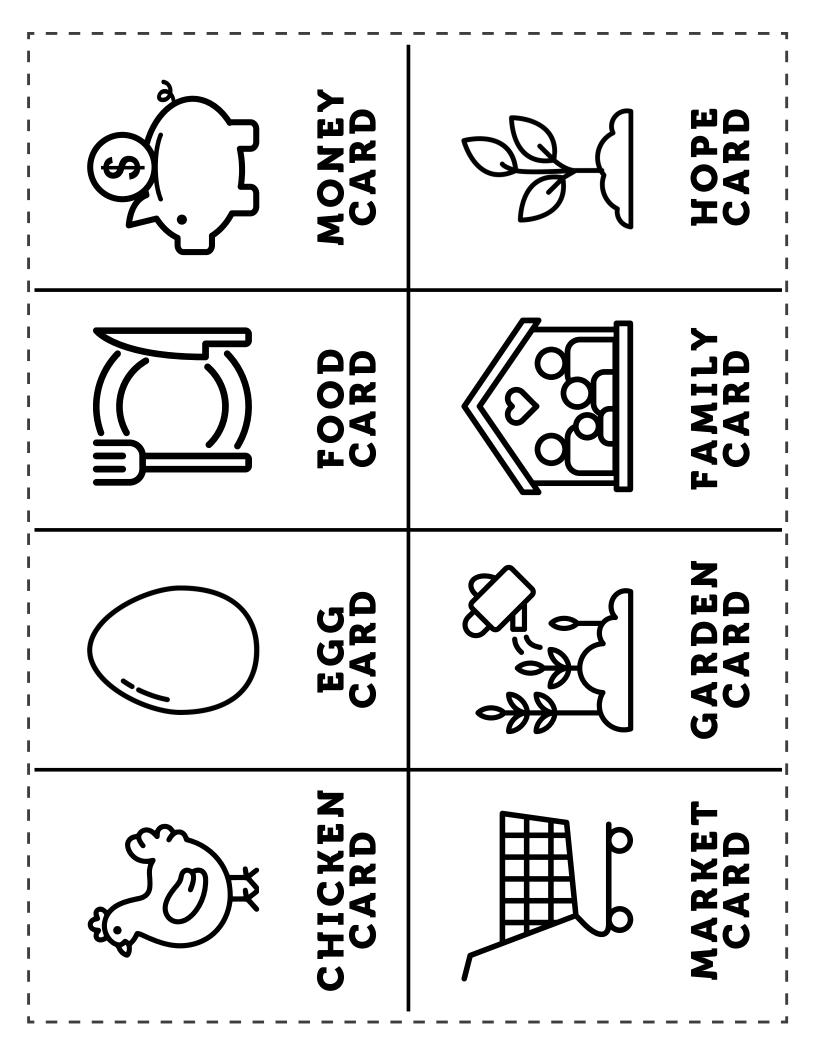
Read aloud Psalm 107:9: "For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Say: "When we help families get chickens, seeds, and tools, we are helping fill hungry tummies with good things—just like God wants us to!"

#### **CLOSING PRAYER** (Optional):

Dear God, thank you for chickens and eggs and gardens. Help us remember that even the smallest gift can grow into something big. Help us share your love with others. Amen.





#### ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S LESSONS

#### **Build A Garden Collage**

**OBJECTIVE**: Visualize what a Harvest of Hope looks like.

**ACTIVITY:** Provide magazines, paper, glue, and scissors. Children cut out images of gardens, vegetables, tools, and animals, then create a "Harvest of Hope" collage.

**FAITH CONNECTION:** Write "God fills the hungry with good things" (Psalm 107:9) at the top and lead the children in a short prayer.

#### Share a Hopeful Meal (Pretend Play or Snack Time)

**OBJECTIVE**: Encourage empathy and connection.

**ACTIVITY:** Set up a pretend market or picnic where children "share" food they've "grown." Use plastic veggies or real snacks. As they "harvest," talk about how sharing food is a way of sharing God's love.

**FAITH CONNECTION:** Lead the children in a short prayer or blessing.

#### Grow a Garden of Gratitude Wall

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Help children connect gratitude with generosity by "planting" their own garden of thankfulness—just like families around the world give thanks when they can grow their own food. **Ideal for ages 4–10.** 

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Construction paper (green for stems/leaves, assorted colors for flowers, fruits, or vegetables)
- Scissors and glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- A large bulletin board or wall space (labeled "Our Garden of Gratitude")

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Introduction (1–2 mins):

- Share: "When families around the world receive seeds and tools from CWS Tools, they can grow gardens that feed their families and give them hope. We're going to make a garden too—one filled with the things we're thankful for!"

#### 2. Create the Garden (10–15 mins):

- Each child creates one flower, fruit, or veggie.
- On their item, they write or draw something they are thankful for (like "my home," "mac & cheese," or "my grandma").
- Help them glue it to a green stem and add leaves if desired

#### **3. "Plant" the Garden** (5 mins):

- One by one, let each child come up and tape or pin their creation to the "Garden of Gratitude" wall.

#### **FAITH TIE-IN**

- Read Psalm 107:9 aloud:"For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."
- Then say: "Just like we planted our garden, you can help plant real gardens by sharing what you have. Your kindness can grow into hope for others!"

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for the many blessings you've given us. Help us to be thankful and to share what we have so others can grow food and hope too. Amen.



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

-Psalms 107:9



# And do not forget to do good and to share with others.

-Hebrews 13:16



### CHILDREN'S CRAFT:

### "PLANT A PRAYER FOR HOPE" FLOWER POT

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Printable petal/leaf template
- Colored cardstock or construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors (blunt-tip for children)
- Straws or craft sticks (for flower stems)
- Glue or tape
- Hole punch
- Small cups or paper pots (optional, for planting flowers)
- Markers or crayons



#### 1. Print and Prep Your Paper

- Print the flower petal/leaf template on colored paper
- Choose different colors for petals (e.g., pink, red, purple) and green for leaves
- You can mix and match petal colors by printing on different sheets and trading pieces.

#### 2. Cut Out Petals and Leaves

- Have each child cut out 5-8 petals from the template. (We recommend 7-8 for a full flower.)
- Use the same petal template to cut out 2 green leaves. You can print them on green paper or trace and cut.

#### 3. Create the Flower Center

- Cut out a small circle in a different color to be the flower's center.
- Kids can trace the circle from the template or swap colors with neighbors.

#### 4. Assemble the Flower

- Use a hole punch to make a hole in each petal, leaf, and the circle.
- Thread the petals onto the top end of the straw, one by one.
- After the petals, thread the circle on top (this is the flower bud).
- Thread the leaves from the bottom and slide them up to the middle of the stem.

#### 5. Decorate the Pot (Optional)

- If using a small cup or paper pot, have kids decorate it with words like "Hope," "Love," "Grow," or "Share."
- Add this verse if you like: "God fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9

#### 6. Add Meaning to Your Flower

- On each petal or the pot, children can write or draw something they want to "plant" in the world—like kindness, peace, food, or hope.

#### **DISCUSSION PROMPT** (As they craft):

- What do seeds need to grow?
- What do people need to grow and feel safe?
- How can our gifts help others have food, hope, and love?

#### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

God, thank you for the seeds we plant and the love we share. Help our gifts grow into a Harvest of Hope for families around the world. Amen.





