

Friendship Bracelets

Adapted from Deep Blue Kids

Supplies: elastic beading string, pony beads, scissors ***If you need any supplies, please connect with me via email at thays@westpres.org – I can provide supplies for this project within a couple of days!

The stories we remember during Holy Week and Easter are about Jesus. We also hear about Jesus' friends in these stories. It was important to Jesus to spend time with his friends before he died. Jesus' friends were there when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus and his friends celebrated Passover together.

What did Jesus ask his friends to do when they shared bread together in the future? (*Remember him*)
Jesus' death was a difficult and sad time for his friends. They were scared and they ran away and hid. But after Jesus' resurrection, he specifically told the two Marys to go and tell his friends that he was alive. Jesus' friends were important to him, just like your friends are important to you. Today we will make beaded friendship bracelets that we can give to our friends. When you give the bracelets to your friends, it will let them know that they are special to you. (This is a great opportunity for you to talk with them about how they are feeling without their friends right now!)

Directions:

- Help the child cut a piece of elastic beading string approximately 10 inches long.
- Help or show the child how to tie a bead onto the end of the string. This will keep the rest of the beads from falling off.
- Have your child string beads onto his or her bracelet until the string is almost full.
- Have your child tie the ends of the string together to complete the bracelet.
- Encourage your child to make as many bracelets as you are able to give to family and friends.
This makes a really fun doorstep delivery with a special note or can be sent as a letter in the mail (it is safer in a bubble wrap, but not necessary).