

COMPASSION

Caring enough to do something about someone else's need

BOTTOM LINE: God can use anyone to meet others' needs.

Read Proverbs 17:17

DAY **1**

Handprint Ornaments

What you need:

- 2 cups of cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups of applesauce
- Toothpick

With an adult's help, stir the cinnamon and applesauce together in a big bowl to form it into dough. Roll out the dough. Place your hand on the dough, trace, and cut out or use a handprint cookie cutter to create a handprint shaped ornament. Poke a hole in the bottom with a toothpick and place on the cookie sheet to harden. This will take at least two days.

THANK God for giving you hands to help others.

DAY **2**

At ALL Times

Write out the words of this week's verse on a sticky note and stick it on a clock in your home. When you check the time this week, this note will remind you to love others by helping to meet their needs.

LOOK for ways to show love to others at ALL times this week.

DAY **3**

How Can You Help?

What are some ways your family could help someone in need this Christmas? Talk about it as a family and make a plan. Maybe you could adopt a family in need by purchasing Christmas gifts for them or donate coats or food to a local ministry. Write out your plan in the space below.

ASK God to help you make a plan to meet someone else's needs this Christmas.

DAY **4**

Trimming the Tree

By now, your hand ornaments should be dry and ready to be hung on the tree. Run some string through the hole at the top of your ornament and tie to secure. As you place these ornaments on the tree, repeat the verse for this week.

KNOW that God will help you show compassion to others in need.

