



How Can I Donate?

Summary: Teach your child learn about donations and charities

Age Group: Grades 3rd through 5th

Materials: A pencil and piece of notebook paper

Instructions:

To donate means to give money, time, or things to help others. With your child, discuss why we donate things to others. With the current pandemic we are all trying to help each other, so it is important for children to learn how they can help their community. Explain to your child that even if they don't have money, they can still donate time or things. Have your child make a list of things that they can do for family, friends or neighbors. Below are a couple of ideas. Pick a project from the list below or come up with another one to do as a family!

1. Call or FaceTime with elderly friends, neighbors, or grandparents.
2. Pick up trash in your neighborhood or at a local park.
3. Donate clothing, toys, or other things that might help other families in need.
4. Donate food to local shelters and food pantries. There are several drive through sites.

Explain to your child that a charity is an organization set up to provide help and to raise money for those in need. Have your child think of examples of charitable organizations and what they do. Here are a few projects your child could participate in that benefit local charities.

1. Kids TLC – Make wall art from construction paper for the children to decorate their rooms.

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2. Homestead or Nursing Homes – make cards or write letters for residents of nursing homes/assisted living facilities since they can't have visitors.
3. Animal Shelters – make toys or treats for dogs or cats. Many local shelters provide instructions for making toys and treats on their websites.

Extension: On a computer or cell phone, have your child look up local charities that are looking for help. Websites like VolunteerMatch, United Way and Youth Volunteer Corps have various ways to help your community. They may be able to find some options where they can help.

FYI – Junior Achievement is hosting a virtual 401k race from May 2-16 which would be a great activity for children and families. Here is the link: [JA 401K Race](#).



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