

Crisis Care Kit Scavenger Hunt

An Intergenerational Fun Idea

Our church was collecting Crisis Care Kits (CCKs), and our youngest son Kevin's girlfriend, Lauren, was visiting this week. I knew I wouldn't have time to go to the store unless I turned it into a fun activity that we could do together. So I turned shopping for CCKs into a scavenger hunt!

Kevin and Lauren paired off against Hank and me to fill 4 CCKs. We all had a blast! Our most frugal bag was done for \$14.50! And the benefit was that, not only did we help someone, we created a fun memory as well (not to mention that our son realized anew what a great deal "dollar stores" can be!)

Kevin thought youth groups [or other groups] might enjoy the activity, while at the same time helping others. The NMI team agrees. Also, with the holidays around the corner, this would be a great intergenerational activity for families and friends.

Instructions

Divide group into teams with a responsible driver for each team; or, if you don't have enough drivers, have it at the same location and encourage teams to shop for the least expensive prices. (Variation: Each team must go to a minimum of two, but no more than three, stores.) Save your receipts! Any change could be donated to help with shipping costs.

Each team—or each team member—can be responsible for a Crisis Care Kit. Points can be awarded for individuals or for each team. Each CCK should have a monetary limit that can be spent (suggested: \$20 per CCK).

If this is for a church group, they can raise the funds prior to the event or ask for donations. Or they could pair up with an adult who doesn't have time to shop—or an elderly person who can't get out to the store—but would like to donate the funds.

Time Allowed: 60-90 minutes

Goal: To see which team can complete their CCK in the most effective way, keeping the following scoring in mind:

- 20 points—Completing CCK according to directions (i.e. correct number of items, correct number of Band-Aids in each box, etc.)
- 10 points—Most inexpensive CCK containing all required items
- 10 points—Most colorful CCK containing all required items
- 5 points—Each person at the store to which team members explain how the items purchased will be used (fellow team members don't count!)
- 5 points—Most unique toy (must fit in the bag with all of the other items)

Another variation: Incorporate photos (i.e. give bonus points for a photo with a store employee with a team member, each holding up a stuffed toy). At the end of the hunt, serve snacks and look at the photos together.

Fun (and inexpensive) prizes:

- "Good Samaritan" certificate—made by hand or on a computer, congratulating the winner(s) for having a "Good Samaritan" servant's heart.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man...?
The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37, NIV

- Stuffed toy (similar to what goes in the bags)
- Small gift made in another country (visit a local fair trade or import store)
- Going first in the snack line

To download the most recent list for CCKs and to acquire the instructions for packing and mailing them, visit this page:
www.nazarenemissions.org/10218/story.html.

