

Buttons

1. Create and decorate a clothing button container.
2. Start a collection of clothing buttons. Variety is more important than quantity, though each child should have approximately 50 buttons.
3. Decorate with buttons and/or complete a button craft.
4. Play the “Button, Button, Who Has the Button?” game.
5. Have a Button Trade Night.
6. Read and discuss Hebrews 13:16.



Helps

1. Choose a container, such as an oatmeal box, tin, shoe box, or cloth bag. Decorate with buttons, paint, paper, etc.
2. Ask family, friends, and church members for buttons.
3. Suggestions are: Sew buttons on clothing, glue buttons onto a frame, punch holes in heavy cardstock and secure buttons on back to create a card to send someone or to display buttons. Sew on small buttons to decorate napkins, placemats, or napkin rings. Stamp a design on cloth and add buttons. See resources for more button crafts.
4. Stand in circle and start passing the button around. When it stops, someone in middle of the circle tries to guess where the button is. If they guess right, the person holding the button goes to the center.
5. It is important to make this a sharing event and avoid competition. Suggestion: Make teams, giving each team a specific amount of buttons and specific designs to make, but they have the option of trading buttons with other teams to complete their projects, which gives them a sense of sharing with others.
6. Talk about how the children can be like Jesus by sharing with others.

Resources

- Library for button crafts and history.
- worldcollectorsnet.com/buttons/buttonsarticle.html
History of buttons
- craftyjan.com/page13.html#Button%20Star
Ideas for crafts