

CRAFT – Elementary kids make Hearts and Preschool can make Stethoscopes

You can change up the supplies and use what you have!

### Supplies

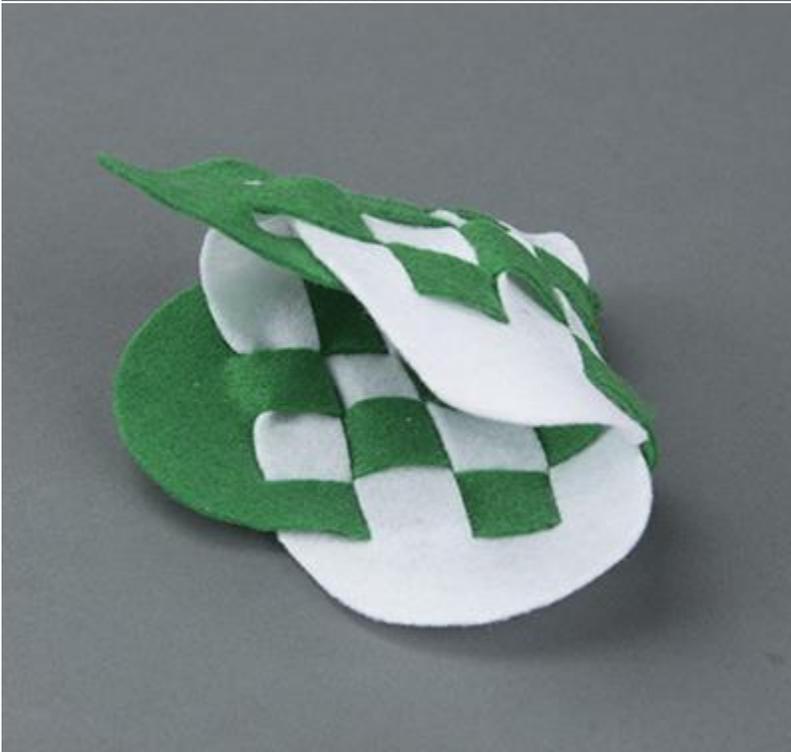
- **For Older Kids:**
  - “Basket Pattern” handout (1 per child) (attached in another link)
  - craft felt (various colors)
  - scissors
  - paper
  - pens
- Check out the tutorial video [here](#) to see how to make the basket.
- **For Younger Kids:**
  - fabric-covered plastic headbands (1 per child) (find 6-packs at a dollar store)
  - masking tape
  - 12-inch lengths of wide ribbon (1 per child)
  - 2x2-inch foam squares (1 per child)
  - foam heart stickers (1 per child)
  - other foam shape stickers
  - stapler
  - dolls and stuffed animals

### For Younger Kids:

- Cover the ends of each headband with masking tape to make sure the ends won't poke preschoolers' ears.
- For each child, loop one end of a length of ribbon around the center of a headband and staple it in place.

**Older Kids: Weave Friendship Baskets:** Have kids follow these directions to make felt baskets.

- Cut out the pattern on the “Basket Pattern” handout.
- Choose two pieces of felt—one that's your favorite color and another that's your best friend's favorite color.
- Hold the pattern up to each piece of felt and trace and cut out the shape, including the lines in the middle.
- half and weave them together as shown below.



- You should end up with a heart shape that can open up into a basket.

#### Younger Kids: Make Stethoscopes

Say: In our Bible story, we heard how Jesus told the Pharisees, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” Just like people who are sick need a doctor to help them get better, we need Jesus’ help to take away the wrong things we do. We all do wrong things sometimes, but Jesus always forgives us when we ask. It’s like Jesus heals our broken hearts!

A *stethoscope* is something doctors use to listen to our hearts. Let’s make this stethoscope craft to remember that Jesus is like a loving doctor who helps us and heals our hearts when we’re sad or do wrong.

- Give each preschooler a square piece of foam and a foam heart sticker.
- Have each preschooler stick the heart onto the center of the foam square.
- Give each preschooler a headband with a piece of ribbon attached.
- Let preschoolers decorate their ribbons by adding foam shapes.
- While preschoolers work, staple their foam squares to the end of their lengths of ribbon.

#### **Older Kids: Add a Note**

- Write a funny note to your best friend, and put it in the basket.
- When you get home, you can also add small gifts such as candy, erasers, or toy cars.
- Then give the basket to your friend!

#### **Younger Kids: Play With Stethoscopes**

Show preschoolers how to put the ends of the headband up to their ears and place the foam square against a doll's or stuffed animal's "heart" to listen to its heartbeat. Show preschoolers how to be extra gentle with their headbands and not pull them open too wide so that the plastic inside doesn't break.

Allow preschoolers to play for several minutes with their stethoscope crafts and dolls or stuffed animals.

#### **Talk About It**

- **Tell about the friend you're going to give your basket to, or a friend you want to show your stethoscope to.**
- **What have you done to show friendship to that person?**

**Jesus is our friend, so we're good friends to others. When you give that basket to your friend with a fun note and gift, you'll show good friendship! Or when you share your stethoscope and play with your friend, you'll show good friendship! When you're a good friend, you reflect Jesus' heart of friendship.**