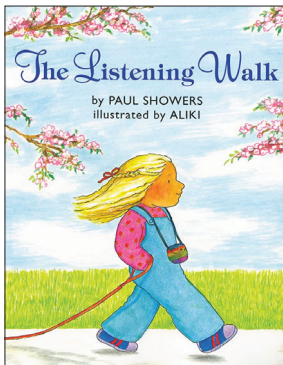


INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY: PLANNING TO **SHARE!**



The children's book The Listening Walk is about a young girl who walks around her neighborhood and only uses her intentional listening skills to "see" her neighborhood in a new way.

Programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing help mothers in faraway places feed their families and others through agriculture initiatives

like planting new crops and finding ways to save water when it rains.

While we may live worlds apart, there are certainly similarities in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

This activity is designed to help participants use their five senses to determine what they might be able to share with others in their own settings.

If you are doing this activity at home, children should always be accompanied by adults. Take a walk around your neighborhood.

If you are doing this activity at church, children still must be accompanied but you could do this in smaller groups to make the experience more personal and easier to manage. This lends itself to multiple generations working together.

Adults should ask questions to help guide the experience while walking:

- What do you see? Depending on the season, what do the flowers and trees look like?
- What do you hear? Birds or cars? Kids playing? Airplanes flying overhead? Falling leaves?
- What do you smell? Freshly mown grass? Fireplaces?
- What do you taste? This one is a bit harder, isn't it? Hold your mouth open and see if you notice anything distinctive.
- What do you feel? The wind on your face? Cold or warmth? Think also about what you feel inside!

When you return from the walk, **discuss** some questions about sharing:

- While you were on the walk, did you see, smell, hear, taste or feel anything that upset you? Was new to you? Surprised you?

Read Galatians 6:9a and 10a from the International Children's Bible - "We must not become tired of doing good. We must not give up! When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it."

- As you were on the walk and using all of your senses, did you think of some good you could do? If so, what was it? What part of the walk made you think of that?

Create an action plan.

Now that you have engaged your five senses, engage the 5W's and an H in your planning:

1. What will you do?
2. When will you do it?
3. Who will be involved?
4. Where will you do this?
5. Why do you want to do this?
6. How will you accomplish the good?

Ensure there is a time to follow-up after the action plan is enacted.