

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY: WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

This activity is designed to help multiple generations consider what is important to them and how this is not the same across the world.

Supplies: Small paper bags, pens, small squares of paper

Instructions:

1. Give each person a paper bag, five squares of paper, and a pen.
2. Ask each person to write his or her name on the bag.
3. Then, invite participants to write down five things they cannot live without, one on each square.
4. Ask each person to pass his or her bag clockwise.
5. Upon receiving a bag, participants should pull out a piece of paper without looking and throw it in the center of the circle.
6. Do this four times, until only one piece of paper remains in each bag.
7. Return the bags to their original owners.
8. Do not let the owners look inside the bag.



Ask the following questions, allowing for discussion between each one:

- How did you feel having someone throw out a cherished item?
- What is your fear when you look in the bag at what is left?
- Would it feel better if your cherished item was intentionally selected or if your opinion was considered in the process?

Share The Light

- The theme of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing is "Share the Light." Sometimes situations are so difficult we cannot imagine how we can share anything to overcome the situations others may find themselves living in. However, it is important for us realize that we can make a difference by sharing some of what others may need when their situations are as devastating as those assisted by One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Ask the group to consider how they might assist people in their own communities who may be living in situations where they have lost their possessions (the unhoused, foster children, survivors of a recent tornado or hurricane, etc.).
- How would it feel if you had lost many possessions, and someone gave you something that you cherished?

After the discussion, participants can look in their bags to see what precious item remains.

Conclusion

While we may live worlds apart, there are many similarities in human experiences. Connecting these experiences helps us think about how we can share the light wherever we are.