“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.”
Hebrews 3:4

Youth Sunday School/Vacation Bible School Kit:
Build a little home that makes a big difference

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Did you know?

The Fuller Center for Housing does not give away homes or home repairs. Why? Because we believe that Jesus would want us to help the poor in a way that empowers and uplifts them. Therefore, we partner with families in need of a hand-up to a better life. Our partner families work alongside our volunteers in the building of their homes and repay the costs on terms they can afford with no interest charged and no profit made. So, our partner families become givers themselves as their payments are recycled to help others in their community have decent homes.

DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY: What are the benefits of a hand-up? When is it more appropriate to give a handout?

“It has walls — and a door!”

That’s what Manuel and Cyndi — children of our first homeowner partners in Nicaragua said they liked most about the new house their family built with Fuller Center volunteers. Oh, the things some of us take for granted when we live in America!

DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY: Ask students if their homes have walls and doors. Ask them what other things they have in their homes that a child in a third-world country may not have.

• About 1.6 billion people live in inadequate shelter around the world; 1 billion of those live in informal settlements. More than 100 million people worldwide are homeless.

• About 3 million people in the United States are homeless; a third of them children.

• There are more than 18 million homes sitting vacant — many of them abandoned — in the United States right now. The Fuller Center takes some of the most unwanted houses and restores them into like-new homes or families in need.

• Studies have shown that children who grow up in a decent home are more likely to be heathier, happier and achieve better education outcomes than children who grow up in poverty housing conditions.
Suggested activities

1. Find a room in your church that is approximately 16 feet by 16 feet (or measure out the size in a larger room) so the children can get a sense of the size of most Fuller Center houses built internationally.

2. Have students take home their decorated house banks (pages 4-6) and collect their family’s spare change over the summer or throughout the Vacation Bible School week. Have a celebration when the banks are collected.

3. Have the students write cards and prayers for our homeowner partner children and forward them to The Fuller Center; we will send them along with one of our Fuller Center Global Builders work team trips to another country. If students are interested in one of the countries at right, we will make sure the messages are delivered with a team headed to that country.

4. Ask the students what they believe Jesus would say if He were to visit some of the poor children shown on the front of this document. (Perhaps He might start by say something along the lines of, “Did you know I was born in a stable meant for animals?”)

Here are several of the countries to which The Fuller Center sends Global Builders volunteer teams:

- Armenia
- Sri Lanka
- Ghana
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- India
- Haiti
- El Salvador
- Ghana
1. Make the roof

Instructions
- For best results, print pages 4-6 on cardboard stock.
- Supplies needed: scissors, tape, glue stick and markers or crayons
- Have students color the home before cutting out for assembly
2. Make the front, one side and floor

“Love makes things blossom and allows little children to become all that God intended them to be. Children given the opportunity to grow up in a decent home, may even change the world.”

Millard Fuller (1935-2009), founder, Fuller Center for Housing
“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

3. Make the back and other side

Thank you for helping make a simple, decent home possible for a family in need!

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