

A one-day class opportunity
from the Resource Center



JERRY CAN

A Class on Relief With Water

(grades 1 – 6)



Presbyterian Mission, working with the Special Offerings office, has produced a new curriculum to help our children better understand natural disasters and how they can help. This book has one session for children that can be used as one day in a Bible School session or as part of a weekend event highlighting disaster relief in general or a particular disaster.

Jerry Can is a plastic water container, the kind that is so important immediately after a natural disaster. Through a given script Jerry teaches the people about some of what happens in a disaster and how important it is to have clean water after such an event. The lesson includes Bible study with the story of Noah. It particularly dwells on Hurricane Matthew which came ashore on the eastern United States in 2016. Any other hurricane or high wind event could easily be substituted. The lesson suggests using a large map highlighting the area affected. The material includes images of four types of natural disasters, a recipe for haystack cookies to be used during the **Snack Time**, instructions for making an anemometer and directions and images to copy and use for four different games. There are two options for **Science Time**. Besides a special time for science there is time for **Arts & Crafts**, including three different options. Of course, you may choose one or, if you have plenty of time why not try all the options, perhaps set up at stations and have kids travel to each option.

The layout for the class begins by looking at the maps as children arrive and make a name tag. Next is singing one of the suggested hymns then a time to gather and listen to Jerry Can as he tells about natural disasters in general and hurricanes in particular. Jerry has the children get up and move as he tells them how it might be for trees caught in a hurricane. This learning time is followed by arts & crafts and science then a game or two, snack time and the closing. Session leaders are encouraged to select a small mission project from several offered in **The Presbyterian Giving Catalogue** in order to let the children see that their help is important.

This single session is part of a larger five-lesson version that should be available in the Resource Center at a later date. In the meantime why not take advantage of this one-session curriculum. Use it with your children at church or use it with your Christian Education committee to help you plan Summer 2018's educational possibilities.

Summer will soon be here!



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