



Haystack Prayer Meeting Worship Resources September 24, 2006

Children's Story

Children are invited to gather around the message giver. An old broom is nearby. Each child is greeted, by name if possible. The message giver has a small container filled with a reasonable number of small pieces of paper. Oops! They fall to the floor. The MG asks the help of all the children to sweep them up. He or she takes individual straws out of the broom and they all set to work. It soon becomes clear that this is a hard way to sweep. The MG then uses the broom to easily sweep up all the pieces.

The MG then makes the point that many things are made easier when we don't go it alone. Do the children have any examples of this? (Making dinner, decorating for a party, planting a garden, etc) The connection is made to global mission work. When we are in relationship with people from another place we know when they face challenges. We ask how we may help. They tell us what is needed. We rely on their understanding of their situation. Together, then, we work together in a common ministry.

A closing prayer may be offered. Loving God, bless these children. Together may we learn to listen to those we want to help. Encourage us to be good and caring neighbors of those next door as well as those who live in another country. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.