

## TOOL CADDY

The Israelites could not build the tabernacle without supplies. The people brought precious metal, wood, and jewels to make something beautiful. Likewise, a house cannot be constructed without many tools. Hammers, nails, saws, sandpaper, and drills all contribute to the formation of a beautiful home. By building a toolbox, crew members will remember that many different tools and materials can make beautiful things for people in need.

### Preparation

*Materials Needed:* 1x4 #2 pine, wood glue, hammer, finishing nails, sand paper, rubber stamps with appropriate designs or pictures (tools, houses, "Thanks!", etc.), ink pads in several different colors, 20" length of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rope per child

Cut from the pine\* for each child four  $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x12" pieces and two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Bore a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter hole in the center of both  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Sand lightly to remove large splinters. Use the diagram as a reference to assemble one box per child. (Two  $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x12" pieces will form the bottom.) Be sure to allow time for the glue to dry prior to the session. Cut sand paper into squares (one for each child). Cut a 20" length of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rope for each child. Prepare the ink pads.

\*The pine listed is stock size. It will actually measure  $\frac{3}{4}$ "x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

### Procedure

- 1) Give each crew member a toolbox and a piece of rope.
- 2) Give each crew member a piece of sandpaper. Encourage them to sand the box until rough edges are removed.

*Caution:* Warn crew members to handle the

wood carefully to avoid splinters.

3) Provide stamps and ink pads. Encourage the children to decorate the toolbox.

4) Show the children how to thread the rope into the box ends and tie a knot. This may be difficult for some children. Assist as needed.

5) As the crew members work, talk about all the tools necessary to build a house. Talk about all the people needed to build a house. Talk about the way Habitat brings all different people together to get a job done.

### Variations

- You may choose to assemble a toolbox with screws then remove the screws. Then, use these pieces as a template to drill holes (just smaller than the nails to be used) in the wood pieces so that crew members may use them as guides to nail the pieces together. Be sure to mark corresponding holes from piece to piece!
- You may choose to present the toolboxes to Habitat volunteers. Have the children help you decide who will get the toolboxes.

