

'NATHAN AND THE FLUFFY FERTILISER FACTORY'

Classroom ideas and activities

Our Gifts of Grace story of Nathan is a great way to connect your learners with the people we help through ALWS. Nathan's words tell us about his day, which is similar, and different, to the lives of the children we teach. Use the story as a focus for your Gifts of Grace fundraising at your school. The following ideas might inspire you!

CREATE A DISPLAY ABOUT NATHAN. Use his picture as a focal point. Touch base on the display each week by introducing a different gift each week (blue words) and add to the display as you read the 'Gifts of Grace' stories.

USE THE POSTER – each blue word in the story is represented by an icon that can be cut and pasted on to the village poster map. Put this display up in each classroom.

MONEY BOX

- Use the template for students/families to bring donations throughout the term. Place this somewhere prominent in the classroom or school. Students may decorate the box themselves or use the coloured template.
- Discuss chores and how their chores compare to what Nathan does. Take a money box home. Students may wish to donate a portion of their pocket money to the box to raise money for GoG during a specified timeframe.

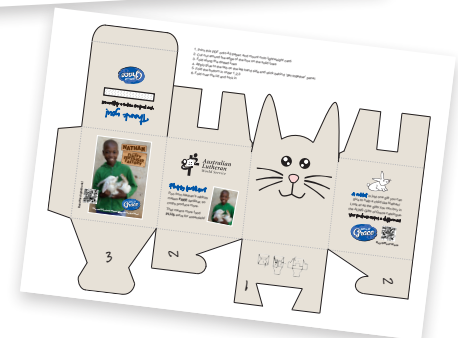
HOLD A WEEKLY DRAWING COMPETITION for 'greatest goat', 'raci-est rabbit', 'loveliest loo', 'whackiest water tank' etc. Choose the best one for the display.

CREATE FAMILY PORTRAITS. Take time to draw/paint a special family portrait over a few weeks. Have an exhibition and charge a small entry fee for a donation, or ask families to buy their child's picture as a fundraiser for 'Gifts of Grace'

PRINT OFF A COLOURING PICTURE connected to an animal or item in the story, ask a child/ren to colour or paint it. Add to display – tell the 'Gift of Grace' story.

HAVE A 'FRIDAY FOCUS', with a quick craft or colouring activity based on the 'Gift of Grace' focus and add some to the display. Tell the 'Gift of Grace' story.

CREATE 3D MODELS! Instead of a picture display, make it come to life!



✓ **FOCUS ON NATHAN AS A BRICK MAKER** and his father as a mason (Maths, Science, Visual Art, Design and Technology).

- Use a Maths lesson/unit to create loo rooms – measurement, geometry, angles. Add to the display.
- Have a ‘Brick Challenge’ for students to make a brick. *What materials will they need? How strong will it be? What size? Can it be stacked? How will it dry? How long will it take? etc.*
- Make a brick with card, real mud and grass, paper mâché, newspaper, modelling clay, a real brick – whatever is available. Decorate the brick or paint a message of hope on the brick. Add to the display or sell/auction the bricks as gifts (paperweights, bookends, doorstops) to help raise funds.



✓ **MAKE SOAP AND SELL!** (Science, HASS)

✓ **COOK** – make porridge together and if you have the means, heat it on an outdoor fire.

✓ **FOCUS ON NATHAN’S MUM’S SMALL BUSINESS** – ALWS ‘What’s My Business’ unit, or group market stalls

✓ **DO A FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY** after introducing each item in the display or for each weekly focus – eg. water relay (Water for Life), goat/piggie in the middle (Goats), Rabbits and Foxes (rabbits). After the activity, during cool-down, tell the ‘Gift of Grace’ story.

✓ **MAKE A SOCCER BALL** - supply some scrap materials and groups of students can make a ball. Play a game with the balls to test how long each ball lasts.

✓ **ADD COTTON BALLS TO A “BUNNY JAR”** as money is raised. Hold a competition between classes – most cotton balls in jar.

✓ **MAKE A BALLOON RABBIT** each time a money raising goal has been reached – see which class finishes with the biggest bunch of rabbits!

✓ **TOWARDS THE END OF THE TERM**, collate money raised and as a school/class, choose the ‘Gifts of Grace’ you would like to buy, or buy as you go throughout the term.



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