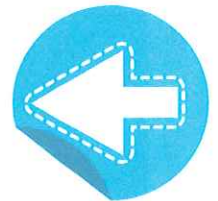
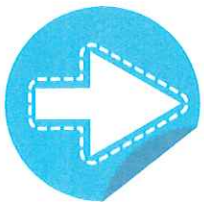




Here are two fun activities that you can use to teach Helping Hands about carpentry. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Helping Hands or create your own activities.





The following two activities partially fulfill the requirements for the Carpenter award.

ACTIVITY

1

Tool Time

15
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Safety glasses
- Precut blocks of wood
- Work gloves (if you are sawing)
- Suggested carpentry tools: tape measure, hammer, nails, screws, screwdriver, level, sand paper, pliers, clamps, rasp, combination square
- Additional tools that will need close adult supervision: drill, hand saw
- Safety rules sign (see far right)

Ahead of time: Cut one block of wood for each child. You can also pre-drill a few holes in each block so the kids can practice putting in screws.

You may want to create activity centers with different tools at each center, or you can provide all of the tools for each child. Either way you should have one adult supervising every two or three children for safety. Have the children practice using each of the tools.

Ask the children what a carpenter is. Then ask the children about carpenters in the Bible. A few examples are found in Matthew 13:55, I Chronicles 14:1, 2 Kings 12:11, and Ezra 27:5-6.

Review the safety rules and demonstrate proper use of the tools the kids will be using.

Examples of tool activities: hammer and remove nails, use a tape measure to determine someone's height, use a screwdriver to insert and remove screws, sand a block of wood, use a level to test the objects in the room.

SAFETY RULES

Saw with an adult, use gloves, use a vise, and use two hands.

Always carry tools by your side.

Walk, don't run, when carrying tools.

Keep tools away from your face.

Always wear safety glasses.

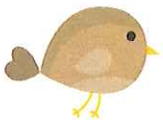
Have an adult help you use a saw or drill.

Tools are not toys; don't play with tools.

Don't lay tools on the ground.

Put tools away as you finish with them.





Build a Birdhouse

30
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Write on the dry erase board the steps for making the birdhouse or bird feeder.

Begin by showing the Helping Hands a completed birdhouse or bird feeder. Talk about the steps that are written on the dry erase board and have the children build and paint their project. Assign one adult to every two to three children to assist them and answer questions.

2 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Birdhouse or bird feeder materials for each child (you can purchase kits or create your own—visit freewoodworkingplan.com and click on “birdhouses” or “bird feeders” or check Pinterest.com for inspiration)
- Hammers
- Nails
- Sandpaper
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Dry erase board or large sheet of paper
- Marker



Award: Carpenter

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 132 and add activities as needed.