

The Everyday

Activity: *Good-Deed Beads*

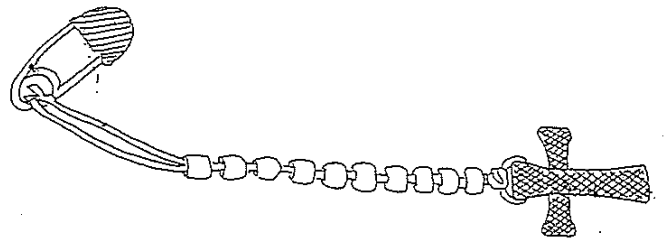
Gather the following for each child.

1 yard of cord or string

10 pony beads

1 inexpensive cross or medal

1 safety pin



See the diagram for help on stringing the beads. First, string the cross onto the cord and move it to the center. Tie an overhand knot in the cord and pull it tight to the top of the cross. String the beads, one at a time, by running both ends of the cord through the hole from the opposite side. As you add each bead, move it down close to the previous bead to keep the two ends of the cord even. When all beads are strung, hold the two ends of the cord together evenly and tie a knot, leaving a space of about 2 inches from the last bead so you can move the beads up and down. Tie the ends of the cord to the hole at the end of a safety pin. Trim the ends.

Pin the beads to the children's clothes or their backpacks. Each time they do something nice for someone or say a little prayer, they can slip a bead up the string.