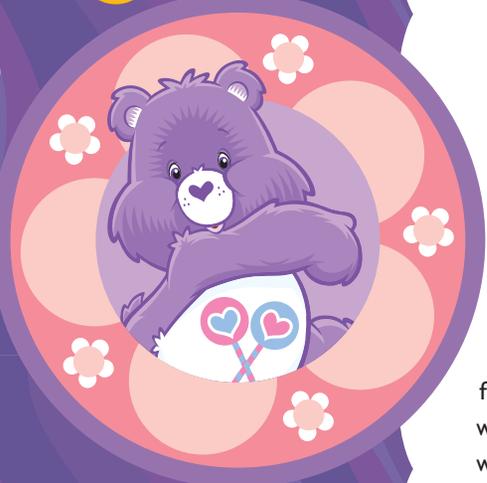


You're Never Too Young to Care



Bedtime Bear



Share Bear

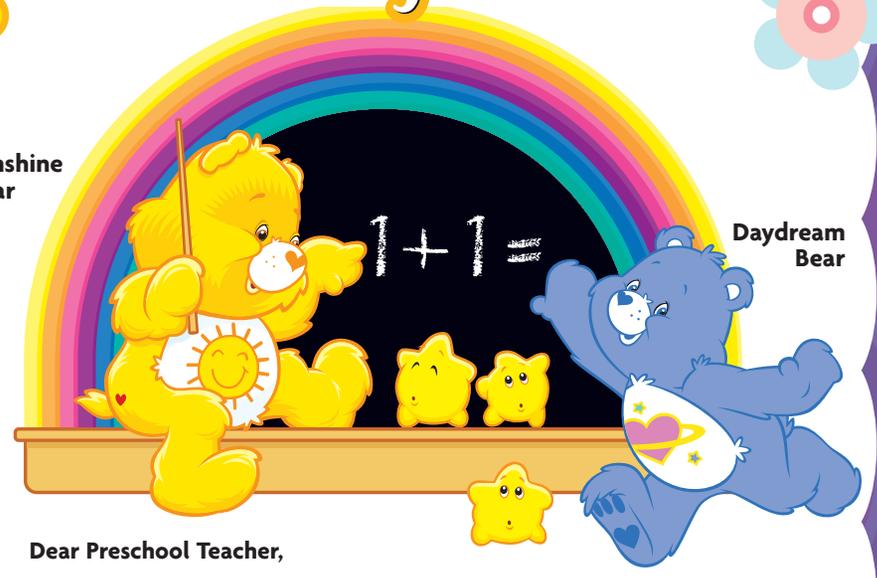


Cheer Bear



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Funshine Bear



Daydream Bear

Dear Preschool Teacher,

The Care Bears are back to help your children and their families experience the joys of caring and sharing through this free, innovative **You're Never Too Young to Care** preschool program. Now in its third year, this program—in conjunction with the annual celebration of National Care Week—has found enthusiastic support from educators, children and families. The award-winning curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired (YMI), in cooperation with American Greetings, are pleased to bring you new Care Bears activities to anticipate the celebration of National Care Week (November 5-11), and motivate students towards a lifelong habit of caring and sharing.

This year's National Care Week celebration kicks off with a special Share-a-Story™ Book Drive on November 5th or 6th (date depending on location) at selected malls throughout the country to encourage children to help spread the love of reading. All books will be donated to Gifts in Kind, a leader in global charity. You can find mall locations at www.care-bears.com. If this event is not taking place at a mall near you, ask children to bring in used books and donate them to a local charity. Read on for more details.

The Care Bears help address young children's social and emotional development, while the activities in this curriculum program support readiness skills such as oral language and vocabulary, listening, creative thinking, problem solving and fine-motor development. Take-home components for each activity extend learning opportunities and engage families in caring and sharing activities together.

Let the Care Bears help your students learn that **You're Never Too Young to Care**. And get ready to celebrate National Care Week (November 5-11)!

The materials in this kit are copyrighted, however, you may make as many copies as necessary to meet your students' needs. We also encourage you to share the materials freely with other teachers in your preschool.

Sincerely,

Roberta Nusim
Publisher and former teacher

Joel Ehrlich
President and former teacher



Funshine Bear

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Help children build a lifelong habit of caring and sharing through activities that promote social-emotional goals, both in the classroom and at home.
 - Show children that they are never too young to make a difference.
 - Help children express their emotions as they identify with various Care Bears personalities.
 - Reinforce readiness skills, including oral language and vocabulary, listening, creative thinking, problem solving, and fine-motor development.
- Encourage participation in the third annual National Care Week (November 5-11).

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Four-page teacher's guide
- Four reproducible student activity masters, each with a take-home component to help families plan a celebration around National Care Week
- A colorful calendar poster to motivate caring and sharing all year long
- Special Care Bears stickers to reward students for caring and sharing
- A reply card for your important feedback. Every teacher who tells us what their class did for National Care Week will receive a free Share-a-Story Care Bears™ plush bear!*

TARGET AUDIENCE

This program is designed for preschool students. Simplify the material as you see fit.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Review the materials and schedule them into your existing lesson plans. Students will need one activity sheet and crayons or markers to complete each lesson, plus materials listed.

For Activities 1, 2 and 4, list important dates and locations specific to your schedule before photocopying so students can take home the information.

To help celebrate National Care Week (November 5-11), time the use of the four activities so that parents will be aware of the November 5th or 6th mall donation event (date depending on location) through the take-home

components on each. While **Activity 1** can be used in conjunction with Thanksgiving, it is appropriate for any time of the year. Reward students with the enclosed stickers at the conclusion of **Activity 3** whenever you see them showing caring and sharing behavior. Visit www.care-bears.com to find out if the mall event linked to **Activity 4** is available in your community. Explain to students that caring and sharing are important all year long, but that National Care Week is set aside to give it special attention.

HOW TO USE THE POSTER

Display the poster in a prominent location to introduce students to the program in **Activity 1** and help build interest in National Care Week, as well as help them identify the various Care Bears. The poster contains caring themes for each day of National Care Week. (See planning ideas below.) The poster also suggests activities for succeeding months to keep the focus on caring and sharing.

PLANNING FOR NATIONAL CARE WEEK

Use the daily highlights of the National Care Week section of the poster to conduct a special circle time. Read the sentence for each day and help students decide on one thing they can do to show a caring action for that theme (see guidelines below). Then have them draw pictures to illustrate their ideas. At the end of the week, staple each child's drawings together with a *My Caring Book* title page, in honor of National Care Week.

Caring Circle Time Daily Discussion Guidelines for National Care Week

- **7th—Home and Family** (focusing on family members, pets, their house, etc.).
Caring Action: Hug a family member.
- **8th—The World Around Me** (things children love about the earth: animals, sun, sky, rain, and snow and taking better care of the earth).
Caring Action: Give a pet a special treat.
- **9th—School Community** (what makes their school special, including teachers, friends, janitors, learning materials, playground, etc.).
Caring Action: Bring a favorite book to school to share.
- **10th—Neighborhood** (local resources such as the fire station, library, hospital, etc.).
Caring Action: Write a thank-you letter to the police officers in your community.

*while supplies last

Wish Bear





- **11th—Friends** (why friends are special).
Caring Action: Have children say something nice about one another and share hugs.

CARE BEARS PROFILES

The Care Bears live in a star-speckled, rainbow-trimmed, cotton candy cloud world called Care-a-lot, where they teach the importance of caring and sharing. Each Care Bear represents a feelings- or caring-based relationship that is illustrated by a colored symbol on its tummy.

Introducing the Care Bears:

- **Cheer Bear** is an optimist who encourages those who don't feel well. (*Color:* pink, *Symbol:* rainbow, *Best Friend:* Wish Bear)
- **Wish Bear** is creative, intuitive, and encourages others to work to make their dreams come true. (*Color:* aqua, *Symbol:* shooting star, *Best Friend:* Cheer Bear)
- **Share Bear** is the most unselfish and giving of all the Care Bears. (*Color:* lavender, *Symbol:* twin lollipops, *Best Friend:* Tenderheart Bear)
- **Funshine Bear**, the "class clown" of the Care Bears, loves to help others laugh and have fun. (*Color:* yellow, *Symbol:* smiling sun, *Best Friend:* Grumpy Bear)
- **Daydream Bear** loves playing pretend. She shows how important imagination is for everyone. But with her funny little accidents, she also shows that it's important to pay attention, too. Her tummy symbol is a daydreamer's dream. (*Color:* periwinkle, *Symbol:* a heart-shaped planet orbited by stars, *Best Friend:* Smart Heart Bear)
- **Bedtime Bear** likes to help others, especially kids, get a good night's sleep and plenty of rest. (*Color:* blue, *Symbol:* moon, *Best Friend:* Wish Bear)
- **Grumpy Bear** shows us that being in a bad mood is okay sometimes, but that it's silly to let our grumpiness go too far. (*Color:* blue, *Symbol:* rain cloud, *Best Friend:* Funshine Bear)
- **Best Friend Bear** helps bring perfect pals together. She knows how to care for best friends and keep them caring for each other. Even her tummy symbol shows the special caring bond between two close friends! (*Color:* lavender, *Symbol:* a bright star and heart joined by a shiny rainbow, *Best Friend:* Secret Bear)
- **Love-a-Lot Bear** is spunky, emotional, and has lots of love to share. (*Color:* pink, *Symbol:* two hearts, *Best Friend:* Friend Bear)
- **Good Luck Bear** is self-confident and likes to share his good luck with others. (*Color:* green,

Symbol: four-leafed clover, *Best Friend:* Funshine Bear)

- **Secret Bear** is that special kind of friend people just love to swap secrets with. You can count on her to guard your secret with care. Even her tummy symbol says, "Your secret's safe with me." (*Color:* raspberry red, *Symbol:* heart-shaped padlock, *Best Friend:* Bashful Heart Bear)
- **Champ Care Bear** is confident and fair. He teaches people sportsmanship. (*Color:* blue, *Symbol:* golden trophy, *Best Friend:* Good Luck Bear)
- **Harmony Bear** helps overcome differences between people and helps them get along. (*Color:* lavender, *Symbol:* flower with different-colored petals, *Best Friend:* Friend Bear)

ACTIVITY 1

A-Ticket, A-Ticket, a Big Care Bears Basket!

Additional Materials Needed: Scissors

Please Note: For this activity, first contact an organization for sending students' decorated basket cutouts—a children's hospital, nursing/assisted living home, shelter for women and children, etc. You could start an ongoing relationship with this facility: children could send monthly cards of cheer and encouragement. While this activity is appropriate for Thanksgiving, it could be done at any time of the year.

Distribute the activity sheets and also display the poster. Tell children that the Care Bears love to care and share with others, and want them to help celebrate National Care Week (November 5-11) too! Ask students to decorate the gift basket with drawings of fruits, vegetables and flowers to indicate the Thanksgiving season or another gift-giving time, as a way of showing caring and sharing. Tell them how their work will brighten the day of a person who might be sad or lonely. Help them determine which Care Bear they want to feature and have them color it, being sure they draw its corresponding tummy symbol (point out the various Care Bears on the poster as a reference). Explain that the rest of the page will tell their parents how to help them complete the card at home and return the basket to school.

If appropriate, turn the delivery into a field trip to the post office or to hand-deliver their baskets.



ACTIVITY 2

Care Out There

Distribute the activity sheets. Help children discuss the pictures to learn more about the different ways Harmony Bear can help them care for their community during National Care Week, to be celebrated November 5-11—and all year long.

Rebus Puzzle Explanations

1. a messy park + a trash bag = a clean park
2. a child and parent outside in winter weather with no coat, hat or gloves + coat, hat and gloves = parent and child protected from the bad weather
3. a sad child in a hospital bed + a child-decorated card = a happier child in a hospital bed holding the card

Emphasize that students can make a difference in their community even though they're young. Select one of the activities pictured to complete together as a class caring and sharing project over the next few weeks. Tell children that the rest of the activity sheet tells parents how they can help out with the project, too.

ACTIVITY 3

I Can Care and Share!

Distribute the activity sheets. Tell students that caring and sharing with others is something they should do every day. Help children identify what is happening in each picture, then read the sentence for each scenario aloud. Tell students to imagine that they are the child in the picture who is demonstrating proper caring and sharing behavior.

Teach students a "Care Bears Caring and Sharing Song." Have students sing the lyrics in the take-home part of the activity sheet to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Then have children give examples of how they might show caring and sharing on the playground, in the classroom, or in situations away from school. Use these examples to make up more verses to the song. **Reward students who exhibit caring and sharing behavior with the enclosed Care Bears stickers.**

ACTIVITY 4

Care to Share

Additional Materials Needed: Four or five children's books that are your students' favorites

Challenge students to identify favorite books based on clues. For example, if you have *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle, say, "In this story, a little insect is so hungry he eats until his tummy hurts." Have students share their ideas about what makes

reading so much fun and how they would feel if they didn't have books to enjoy. Tell students that some children do not have books to read. Explain that, this year, their friends the Care Bears would like to ask for their help to collect books to give to these families. All they have to do is choose one or more books from home to donate to a needy person. Explain that you will tell their parents how they can donate their books.

Then distribute the activity sheets and help children determine which Care Bears are featured and explain that the Care Bears love to read! Ask students what kind of book the Care Bears might be reading. Could it be a book about caring and sharing, a nursery rhyme book or a book about bears? Now have students color the picture and draw a cover illustration based on what they think the book is about.

Participate in the Share-a-Story Book Drive

Please visit www.care-bears.com to determine if the November 5th or 6th Share-a-Story Book Drive is taking place at a mall near you. **Fill in the appropriate information on the activity master before photocopying in order to inform parents about the event**, where children can donate their books, enjoy a storytime, and meet a Care Bear. Books for readers of all ages are welcome and will be donated to the leading global charity, Gifts in Kind.

If the mall event is not taking place in your community, have children bring books to class on the date you indicate on the activity sheet. Consider donating the books to one of the following groups, charities or organizations in your immediate area—Head Start, Boys and Girls Club, hospitals, homeless shelters, or children's after-school programs. Then create a Wall of Caring and Sharing to display students' Care Bears activity-sheet cutouts. Provide a collection box nearby where children will place their books and have children decorate the box.



Good Luck Bear



Care Bears™

Care Bears, Cheer Bear, Wish Bear, Share Bear, Funshine Bear, Tenderheart Bear, Harmony Bear, Bedtime Bear, Grumpy Bear, Friend Bear, Love-a-lot Bear, Good Luck Bear, Laugh-a-lot Bear, Daydream Bear, Secret Bear, Best Friend Bear, Share-a-Story Bear, and Care-a-lot are trademarks of ©2005 Those Characters From Cleveland, Inc. Used under license by YMI, Inc. © TCFC



Funshine Bear



Harmony Bear



Wish Bear

A Ticket, a Tasket, a Big Care Bears Basket!

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

In this activity, your child decorated a Care Bears basket. The baskets will be delivered to a local organization serving individuals or families who could use some cheer—such as a nursing home or family shelter—to celebrate National Care Week (November 5-11).

Give the basket an added personal touch by helping your child write a note about him or herself on the lines provided. Have your child think about something they would like the person who receives their basket to know about them, such as their favorite game or food, then write it on the lines. Help your child sign his or her first name to the note and cut out the basket so it can be returned to school.

Please return this completed activity to school by

_____ (date)

so that we can spread our cheer to others!

I care about you! I hope this basket makes you smile.

Love, _____

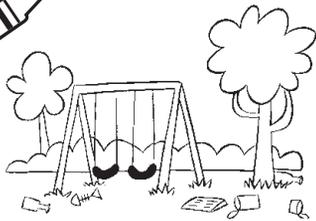


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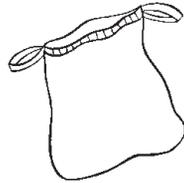
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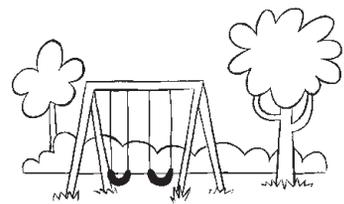
Care Out There



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Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Harmony Bear, the Care Bear who helps overcome differences between people and encourages them to work together, helped children complete this activity. Talk with your child about Harmony Bear's picture puzzles that show how working together in celebration of National Care Week (November 5-11) can make a difference in our community.

We invite you to help us complete our class community project

of _____,

scheduled for _____.

Talk with your child about ways that your family can care for your community to help extend the idea of National Care Week. Here are some ideas:

- ✿ Prepare and deliver a meal to an elderly neighbor. Your child can make and decorate a card to go with the meal.
- ✿ Donate items, including food, clothing, toiletries, magazines, etc., to a local charitable organization that serves the homeless or families in need.

- ✿ Donate gifts, including toys, for a needy family at holiday time. Your local social service agency, church, synagogue or mosque can assist you in locating a family.

- ✿ Donate food or toys for the animals at your local animal shelter.



Help your child learn to care and share all year long.

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I Can Care and Share!



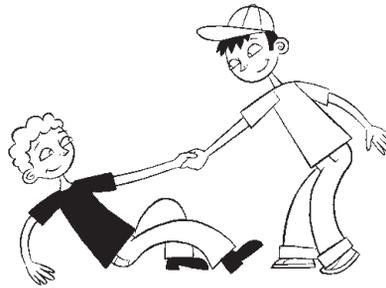
I can share with others.



I can keep things clean.



I can be gentle.



I can be kind.



Dear Parent or Caregiver,

In this activity, we talked about how children can show caring and sharing each day. Children also learned the “Care Bears Caring and Sharing Song.” Help your child sing the song to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” as follows:

**I can help to care and share,
Care and share,
Care and share,
I can help to care and share,
And make our world better.**

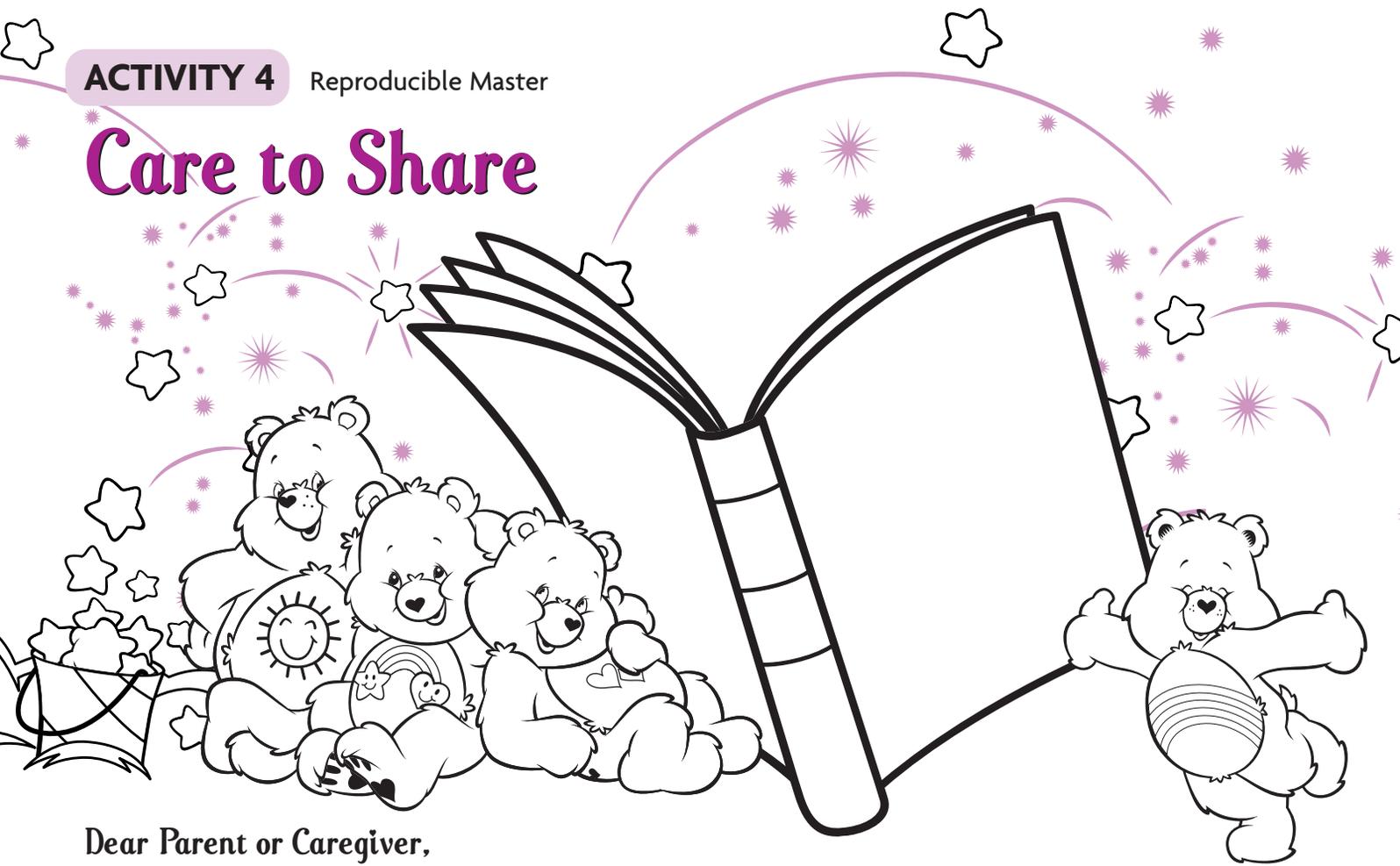
Encourage your child to show caring and sharing at home and in your community. Whether it is encouraging your child to share toys with another child, instructing your child on feeding a pet, or pointing out behaviors you do such as holding the door for a mom with a baby in a stroller, you can help your child learn how to care and share, because you’re never too young to care!

Help your child learn to care and share all year long.

Visit www.care-bears.com to download a Care Bears Caring Kit of parent-child ideas and to find out if a mall near you is participating in the **Share-a-Story™ Book Drive**. At the drive, your child can meet a Care Bear on November 5th or 6th (depending on your location) to help kick off National Care Week. If a mall event is not taking place near you, your child can participate by donating gently used books to their classroom.



Care to Share



Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Your child has been working on a special educational program called **You're Never Too Young to Care**, featuring the lovable Care Bears. The program promotes reading readiness skills while helping children practice caring and sharing at school, at home and in our community—all in honor of the third annual celebration of National Care Week (November 5-11). Children discussed how important it is to learn to read and how they can help share the joy of reading with others during National Care Week.

At selected malls throughout the country, National Care Week kicks off the weekend of **November 5th and 6th** (depending on your location) with a special **Share-a-Story™ Book Drive** that encourages children like yours to help needy people by sharing the love of reading. See at right for the name of the mall near you, if applicable, and be sure to visit www.care-bears.com for more information.

Have your child bring used books for readers of any ages to the mall. **They'll have a chance to meet a Care Bear, participate in fun activities, and enjoy a storytime. All books will be donated to the leading global charity, Gifts in Kind.**

If this event is not taking place at a mall near you, please help your child share one or more used books

by returning them to class on the date(s) indicated on this sheet. Books will be collected at school and donated to a worthy organization in your community.

Book collection will take place on this/these day(s):

Books may be dropped off at:

Our Book Donation Plan

Help your child write his or her name and the number of books you are donating on the lines provided inside this Care Bears card.

Then help your child cut it out and return it to school [along with the book(s) if donating via classroom] to display on a special classroom Wall of Caring and Sharing. Thank you for helping your child be part of National Care Week!

name _____

number of books _____

¡Aserrín, Aserrán, una Canasta Grande de los Care Bears!

Estimado Padre o Cuidador,

En esta actividad, su niño decoró una canasta de los Care Bears. Las canastas serán entregadas a una organización local que sirve a individuos o familias que carecen de alegría—por ejemplo, residentes de un hogar para ancianos o un asilo para familias.

Puede darle a la canasta un toque personal si ayuda a su niño a escribir una nota sobre sí mismo en las líneas proveídas. Anime a su niño para que piense de lo que quiere que la persona que recibe la canasta sepa acerca de sí mismo, tal como su juego favorito o su comida predilecta, entonces escríbalo en las líneas. Ayude a su niño a firmar su nombre en la nota y recorte la canasta para que pueda ser devuelta a la escuela.

¡Favor de devolver esta actividad completada a la escuela antes de

_____ (fecha)

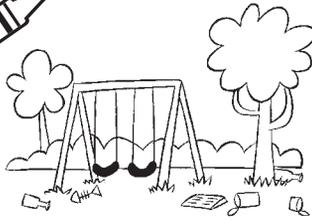
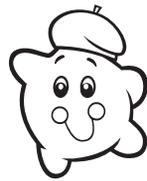
para que podamos extender nuestra alegría a los demás!

¡Ud. me importa! ¡Espero que esta canasta le haga sonreír!

Con cariño, _____



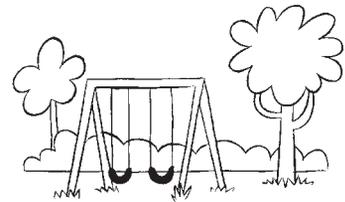
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Estimado Padre o Cuidador,

Harmony Bear, el Care Bear que ayuda a superar las diferencias entre personas y les anima para que trabajen juntos, ayudó a los niños a completar esta actividad. Hable con su niño de los crucigramas ilustrados del Harmony Bear que muestran cómo trabajando juntos podemos efectuar cambios en nuestra comunidad.

Le invitamos para que nos ayude a completar nuestro proyecto

de clase para la comunidad, que consta de _____

y se ha fijado para _____

Hable con su niño de maneras en que su familia puede dar ayuda a su comunidad. Aquí están algunas ideas:

- ✿ Prepare y lleve una cena a un vecino mayor de edad. Su niño puede preparar y decorar una tarjeta para acompañar la cena.
- ✿ Haga donaciones de artículos, incluyendo comida, juguetes, ropa, artículos de tocador, revistas, etc., a una organización local que sirve a los sin hogar o a familias necesitadas.
- ✿ Haga donaciones de regalos, incluyendo juguetes, para una familia necesitada durante la época de las fiestas. Para localizar a una familia, consulte su agencia de servicio local, su iglesia, su sinagoga, o su mezquita.
- ✿ Haga donaciones de comida o juguetes para los animales en su refugio local para animales.



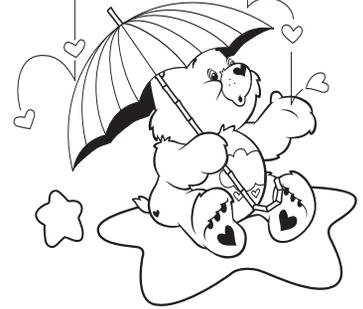
¡Puedo Ser Cariñoso y Compartir!



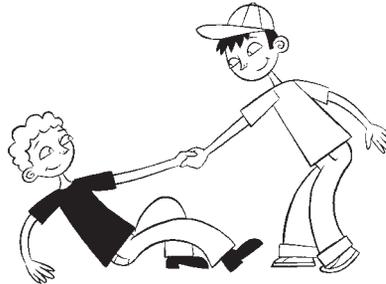
Puedo compartir con otros.



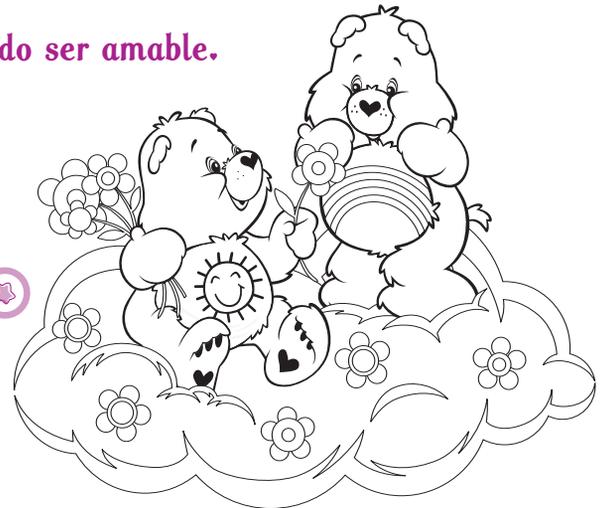
Puedo mantener todo limpio.



Puedo ser tierno.



Puedo ser amable.



Estimado Padre o Cuidador,

En esta actividad, hablamos de la manera en que los niños pueden demostrar que cada día son cariñosos y saben compartir. Los niños también aprendieron “La Canción de los Care Bears que Son Cariñosos y Comparten”. Ayude a su niño a cantar la canción que sigue con la melodía de “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

**Puedo ayudar a ser cariñoso y a compartir,
Cariñoso y compartir,
Cariñoso y compartir,
Puedo ayudar a ser cariñoso y a compartir,
Y hacer nuestro mundo mejor.**

Anime a su niño para que demuestre que puede ser cariñoso y compartir en casa y en su comunidad. Sea que le diga que comparta juguetes con otro niño, que le dé de comer a un animal doméstico, o que señale la conducta de Ud. al abrir la puerta para una madre con su bebé en el cochecito, Ud. puede ayudar a su niño a aprender las maneras de ser cariñoso y compartir, porque inunca eres demasiado joven para ser cariñoso!

Hay que Ser Cariñoso Para Compartir



Estimado Padre o Cuidador,

Su niño ha estado trabajando en un programa educacional especial llamado **Nunca Eres Demasiado Joven Para Ser Cariñoso**, presentando a los encantadores Care Bears. El programa promueve las destrezas necesarias para estar dispuesto a leer mientras ayuda a los niños a practicar a ser cariñoso y a compartir en la escuela, en casa y en nuestra comunidad. Los niños discutieron la importancia de aprender a leer y cómo pueden compartir la alegría de leer con otros.

La colección de libros se efectuará durante este(estos) día(s):

Se puede dejar los libros en:

Nuestro Plan Para la Donación de Libros

Ayude a su niño a escribir su nombre y el número de libros que está donando en las líneas proveídas dentro de esta tarjeta de los Care Bears. Entonces ayude a su niño a recortarla y devuélvala a la escuela [con el(los) libro(s) si está haciendo la donación vía el aula] para que se pueda exhibir en una Pared Especial de Ser Cariñoso y Compartir. ¡Le agradecemos por ayudar a su niño a ser cariñoso y a compartir.



nombre

número de libros

Let's Celebrate National Care Week!

November 5th-11th, 2005

Donate books to needy readers. Visit www.care-bears.com to find malls participating in the Share-a-Story™ Book Drive on November 5th or 6th, or bring books to school to donate!

Wish Bear

Bedtime Bear

Sat. or Sun.
Nov. 5th or 6th

National Care Week Begins!
Donate a gently used book to the Share-a-Story book drive!

Monday
November 7th

I care for my home and family.

Tuesday
November 8th

I care for the world around me.

Wednesday
November 9th

I care for my school community.

Thursday
November 10th

I care for my neighbors.

Friday
November 11th

I care for my friends.

We Care and Share All Year Long

October

National Popcorn Popping Month

Make a big batch of popcorn and share it with another class of friends at your school.



Daydream Bear

November

World Kindness Week (November 13-19)

Collect pennies all month and donate them to UNICEF or the International Red Cross to help children in other countries.



Secret Bear

December

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Donate gently used soft and cuddly toys to a local hospital.

January

National Thank-You Month

Remember to say "thank you" to someone every day.



Share Bear

February

Children's Dental Health Month

Donate new children's toothbrushes to a local family shelter.



Champ Care Bear

March

First Day of Spring (March 20)

Paint spring pictures. Send them to an assisted living home or hospice in your community.

April

Earth Day (April 22)

Water and hug a tree! Make an art project with things you can recycle.



Harmony Bear

May

Mother's Day (May 14)

Give your mom a great big Care Bears hug!

Ways to Show We Care All Year Long

For The Earth

- ★ Throw your trash in the trash can.
- ★ Recycle paper and plastic.
- ★ Be gentle with pets.

For Others

- ★ Give a friend or family member a hug.
- ★ Share toys at school and at home.
- ★ Cheer up a friend who is sad.
- ★ Treat others fairly.

For Your Community

- ★ Write thank-you notes to community helpers like firefighters, hospital workers and police officers.
- ★ Have your parents help you do something nice for your neighbors.
- ★ Get involved in community events like walk-a-thons, donations and bake sales.

Best Friend Bear

Love-a-Lot Bear

Good Luck Bear

Cheer Bear