

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, _____

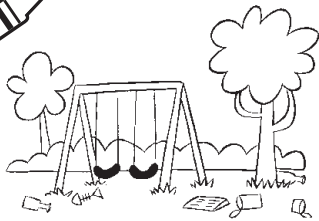


Help your child learn to care and share all year long.

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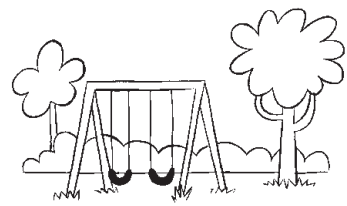
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Dear Parent or Caregiver,

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.



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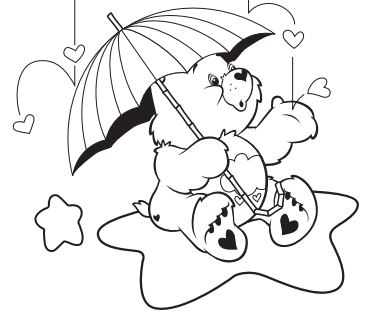
I Can Care and Share!



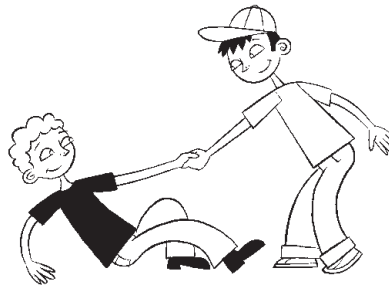
I can share with others.



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.**

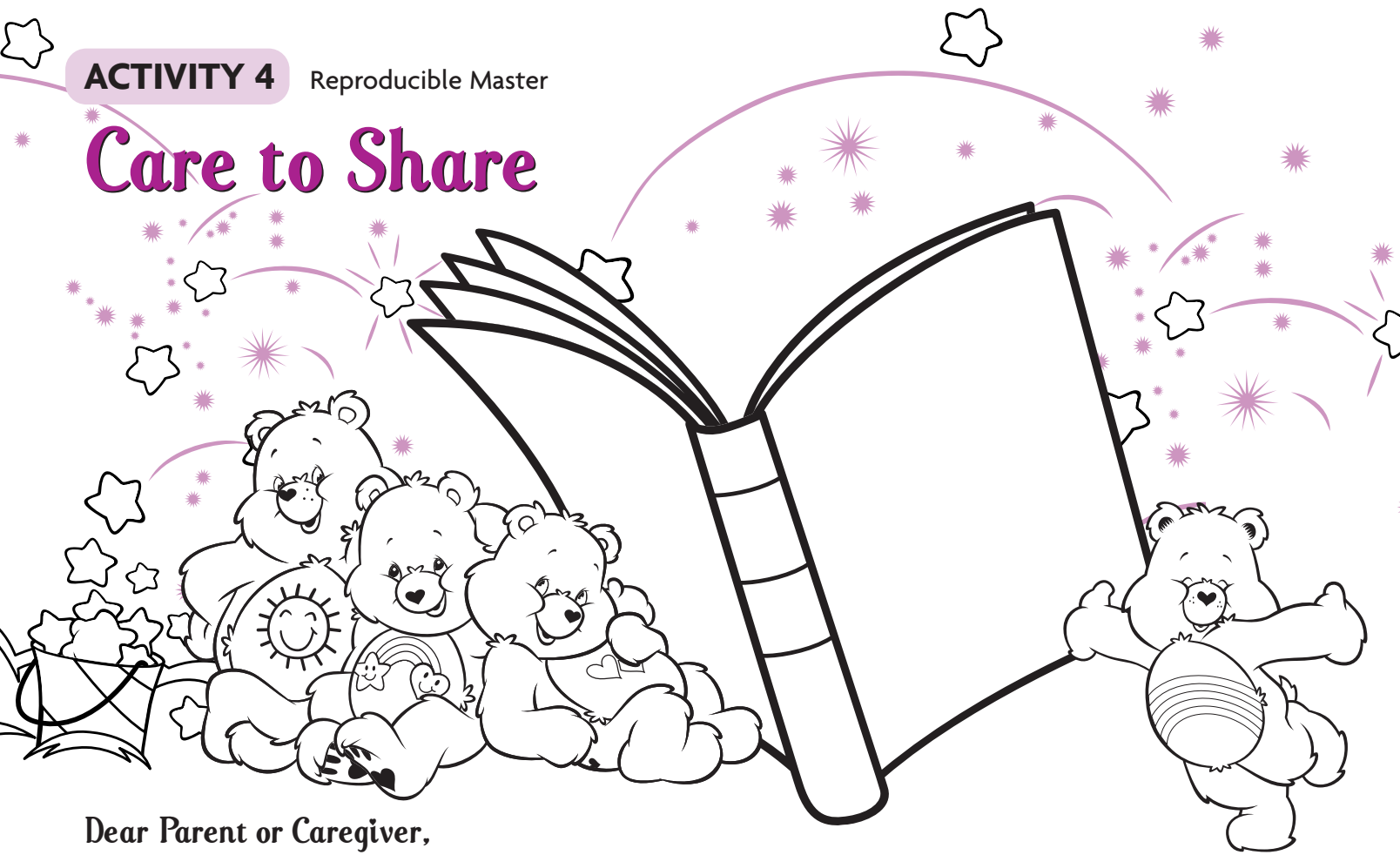
Encourage your child to show caring and sharing at home and in your community. Whether it is encouraging your child to share toys with another child, instructing your child on feeding a pet, or pointing out behaviors you do such as holding the door for a mom with a baby in a stroller, you can help your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

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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 _____