

JESUS' C.I.A AGENTS

(Children In Action)

10 Ways to Love My Neighbor

1 **Fundraiser** - Do a bake sale or buy a box of chocolates (you can bake your own cookies, brownies, chocolate pretzels) - Donate the money to The Harvest Center of Charlotte NC -

<http://www.theharvestcenter.org/>

2 **Write a Letter to a Soldier** - Spend a family afternoon or invite a group of friends over to write encouraging letters, drawing encouraging pictures for soldiers. Bring these to Church @ the Ranch - we have a connection with a person in the military that will make sure the letters get to active soldiers. Helpful website below..

<http://www.operationwearehere.com/CaringInsightsMilitaryPersonnelLetters.html>

3 **Give Toys** - Ask your family to go through their toys and board games - chose some that are in good condition and you don't use much - then give them to TurnAround Toys in Monroe NC -

<http://www.turnaround-toys.com/>

4 **Make Treat Bags for homeless children** - visit the Bright Blessings USA website for instructions- this organization is located in Matthews NC - Have a "Make a Treat Bag" friends gathering, share snacks with friends as you put together treat bags for this great organization.

<http://www.brightblessingsusa.org>

5 **Food Drive** - Go through your food cabinets (with your parents permission) gather some cans, then take a bag and ask your neighbors to donate cans and dry goods - whatever you gather then give it to the Matthews Help Center, in Matthews NC.

<http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org/foodpantry.html>

6 **Give gently used clothing** - They accept new and gently used clothing for men, women and children, as well as household items such as blankets, kitchenware and personal care products. To give to families in need in the Charlotte area.

<http://www.crisisassistance.org/ways-to-give/donate-material-goods/>

7 **Everyone needs a prayer and a blankie** - Make a blankie for children in your community hospital. Gather your friends, some fleece fabric and follow the link below for easy instructions on how to make blankies with no sewing required. Once done, pray for healing over the blankies and take them to your community hospital. You can also distribute these in nursing homes.

<http://www.projectlinus.org/patterns/pdf/NoSewFB.pdf>

8 **Shine your light and give a light** - Collect flashlights from your friends, family and neighbors. At your birthday party ask those coming to bring a dollar flashlight - give the flashlights to the Salvation Army Family shelter in Charlotte NC. Flashlights bring security to children that are afraid of the dark.

9 **Give a smile** - Visit the Monroe Nursing Home with Mr. Chris Sawyer on a Saturday. Mr. Chris and his family have a Nursing Home ministry where they share the love of Christ with the residents, reading God's Word, coloring pages with them, hearing their stories, sing songs or do a craft together. You and your family can be part - contact Mr. Chris at 704 780 8254

10 **Operation Sandwich** - The Urban Ministry in Charlotte NC serves about 800 sandwiches each day of the year to the homeless! Follow the link below and check out how you, your family and friends can be a blessing and have lots of fun making sandwiches.

<http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/helping-the-homeless/operation-sandwich/>