

SPARKLE TIME IDEAS

I SPY BAGS Fill a strong clear sandwich size plastic bag with rice (beans, popcorn or other small sized filler works.) Add a few trinkets and seal. You can place inside a decorative cover with a window or use as is. The object is for the kiddos to squish around the "rice" to "spy" what is inside. Provides tactical and visual stimulation to combat wiggles. **TRINKETS:** rubber band, button, safety pin, ABC beads, charms, mini toys. Stay away from sharp objects that will rip the plastic. Kids are rough, so the bag may need to be replaced periodically.

SPARKY ORNAMENT Start with satin white Christmas ball. Cut a circle of red felt, diameter a bit larger than ornament. Cut a slit from edge to center point of circle of felt. Glue 2 wiggle eyes to ornament. wrap felt square around top and overlap slightly to form Sparky's hat. Ornament ring must be exposed. Glue in place. Felt color can be changed based on book clubber is in. Glue dots work great for this and are not messy.

COLORING SHEETS are always a good time filler. Every once in awhile you may ask the clubbers to leave them behind to be sent to homebound church members or a nursing home. Select a winner from each team every week and reward with bucks/candy. Make sure every clubber wins at least once.

TRAY FAVORS Many nursing homes or inpatient facilities like to add tray favors to the clients meal trays. Fun Foam decorations, paper flowers, Hershey Kiss flowers, and napkin rings are just a few suggestions.

GROW LEADERS Encourage older/reading clubbers to work with younger clubbers on their verses.

CDs/TAPES Have a couple of portable CD/TAPE players with headphones and assist clubbers to listen to the audio that accompanies the section they are doing. Great for those clubbers who don't get much help at home.

A FEW OF THE WEB SITES WITH IDEAS

<http://www.joann.com/joann/catalog.jsp?CATID=cat1023844>

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/craft-index.htm>

http://www.makingfriends.com/bible_stories.htm

<http://www.michaels.com/art/online/static?page=kids>