

WorldCrafts for Kids

Helping children learn about poverty, fair trade, and the work of WorldCraftsSM can be a daunting challenge. But we don't want children to be left out of our efforts—they are the world's future leaders, artisans, consumers, and advocates for the poor. We want them early on to embrace the WorldCrafts vision of offering an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth.

Even right now, while they're young, children can be a compelling voice of support for our artisans across the globe. So we offer these activities for girls and boys in grades 1–6. We hope they will have a lot of fun and learn more about the role WorldCrafts plays in bringing change to impoverished families on five continents.

If possible, we recommend that you explore the WorldCrafts Web site with children in your class or with your own children: www.worldcrafts.org.

Begun in 1996, WorldCrafts is a division of WMU[®] and a member of the Fair Trade Federation.

Here is a brief introduction to WorldCrafts, appropriate for children:

Through WorldCrafts, families around the world make gifts by hand that are then sold in the United States. The money these families earn from selling their crafts helps them pay for food, clothing, housing, and children's schooling.

These families are poor. If they did not have the help of WorldCrafts, they would have to do without some of these things.

WorldCrafts makes sure our artisans are treated fairly.

When you buy handmade WorldCrafts products, you give artisans hope for a better life. You can encourage your family and friends to buy WorldCrafts. You can also pray for WorldCrafts families in many different countries.

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Answers to the activities are given below. Please print the spreads on 11-by-17 paper.

What in the World Is WorldCrafts?

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. c
6. a
7. c
8. d

Match a Craft

Finger puppets—Indonesia
Picnic basket—Bangladesh
GA tote bag—India
Cosmetics bag—Pakistan
Circle purse—South Africa
Necklace—Nepal
Greeting card set—Mauritius
Zoo keychain set—Cambodia
Cross earrings—West Bank
Christmas ornament set—Thailand