Wish List
An Easter/Christmas Classroom Activity
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Virtue Link: Faith, Love
Catholic Character Themes: Community, Reverence, Solidarity, Stewardship

Instructions:

1. Discuss with the students what they like about Christmas/Easter/holidays etc. Brainstorm on blackboard.

2. Ask, "If you could only have one of these things, what would it be? Tell me why."

3. After a while, a trend develops. The children will indicate that love, family, safety, food, laughter (most things money cannot buy) are the most important things to them.

4. Leave all the ideas up on the board (even the initial brainstorm).

5. Give each child a Wish List Template (it will have the same number of entry spaces as there are children and teachers in the class –see template below)

6. Each person decorates their page and places their name on the top "_____________ 's Wish List"

7. Pass your Wish List to the person beside you. The person who has received your wish list now writes down a wish they have for you. After 30 seconds the list is passed on to the next person, until it makes its way back to you. The lists are rotated through the entire class, and every student is always writing something.

8. See the excitement on the students faces as they read the wishes their classmates have made for them.

Enjoy