

## **Light Shine Craft Activities: “At Your Service” Towels**

*This craft may be used as a gathering activity for the Light Shine Rally Day program. It is designed to be one of the seven craft stations or learning centers known as the **Light Shine Factory**, but it may also be used as a separate devotional activity to develop the theme on other occasions. The activities are intended intended to help children three years old through sixth grade and their families conceptualize faith as a flame that glows for all the world to see. The seven faith practices identified in the ELCA Call for Discipleship are highlighted in the craft activities as we “fan the flames of discipleship” and nurture ways people of all ages can shine for Jesus.*

*The complete instructions for this activity follow, along with needed supplies and specific Bible texts.*

### **Necessary Supplies:**

Plain white paper towel for each participant, markers or heart-shaped sponges and acrylic paint (Pie tins and place mats or plastic table cloths would need to accompany this option).

### **Preparations:**

Make a sample towel by defining the folds for hanging it. Fold a paper towel into thirds and then fold the length in half. To illustrate a design, open the towel and draw or stamp a heart in the lower half of the center section. Along the bottom, write “Lend-A-Hand” or “At Your Service!”

Summarize the story of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet in John 13. Highlight verse 14 as an invitation for children and their families to think of ways they might serve the needs of others. Ask them to identify ways we can serve each other and people in need. Guide them through the process of making a towel to display at home or share with others as a reminder to serve.