

HANDS ON!

Make a Tzedakah Box



With Uncle Bill's help, the child in this story drops coins in a *tzedakah* box, a collection box for charity. It's traditional to avoid carrying money on Shabbat, so on Friday afternoons, many people empty their pockets by putting some money aside for those in need. Creating a special box for tzedakah is another example of *hiddur mitzvah*, enhancing the commandment.

Supplies

Empty tissue box (square is ideal)

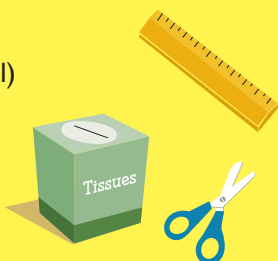
Ruler

Construction paper

Scissors

Glue

Crayons, markers, stickers



- 1 Measure the sides of your tissue box, and cut down the construction paper accordingly.
- 2 Glue the construction paper to the sides of the box. (Don't cover the opening on top.)
- 3 Decorate the construction paper however you like.

In the hours leading up to Shabbat, put a little money in the tzedakah box with your child. Take the opportunity to discuss who this money is for. Will you donate it to an animal shelter? People who are hungry? When your tzedakah box is full, let your child help deliver or mail the money to its intended recipients.



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