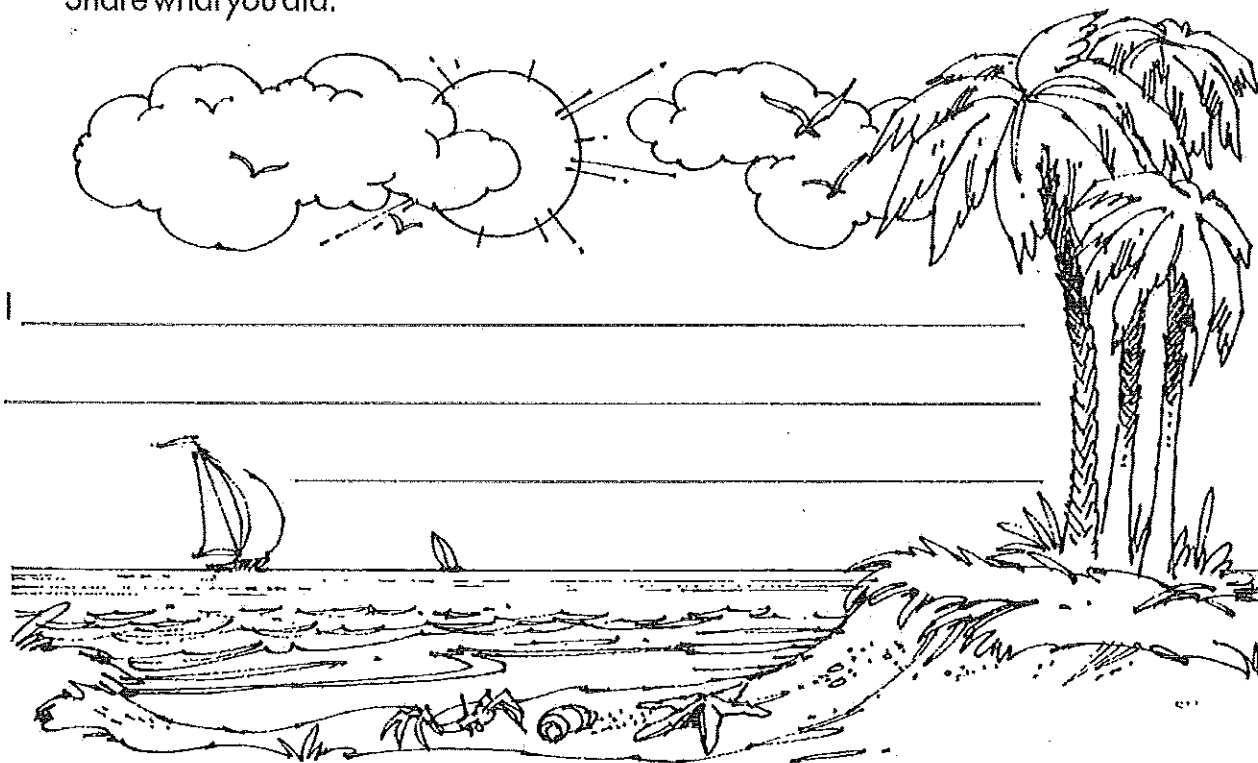


B. From your list, choose ways and spend time making your neighborhood better.

Share what you did.



Suggestions for Parents or Leaders

To prepare children for this activity, review Jesus' special trip to our earth to help us, and point out some of the many places in the Bible where He asks us to help our neighbors.

The children's walking tour should be leisurely and not more than an hour and should not try to cover a whole neighborhood but rather see some of the representative parts. Part of the tour may be completed by car or bus.

Children's lists might include: community services, such as a fire or police station or grocery store; a special landmark, such as a park, river, or special building; a particularly nicely kept home or garden (not expensive, but orderly). Help the children to find as many of these things as possible on their own so they can enjoy a sense of exploration and discovery.

The children can list a number of different projects to help the needs they have seen. Then lead them to decide upon an activity or project they can do well and feel a sense of accomplishment in completing. A few possibilities include:

- **Beautification:** Clean up a road, park, or vacant lot; plant flowers or trees.
- **Visit shut-ins:** Present programs for nursing homes or children's wards; adopt a grandparent; do yard work; wash windows; read letters and cards; make phone calls; create May baskets.
- **Help those in need:** Collect clothing or food; raise funds for a special project; tutor first graders.
- **Spiritual assistance:** Form special prayer bands; help with VBS, fair booth, neighborhood Bible club; literature distribution.