



## CRAFT

### Welcome Home Wreaths

[20 min]

#### Supplies

- chenille wires (2 per child)
- tissue paper (in a variety of colors)
- glue sticks
- 8½x11 sheets of card stock
- scissors
- markers

#### Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



#### Make Wreaths

Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make wreaths.

- Twist the ends of two chenille wires together to make a large circle, then bend the circle into a heart shape.
- Trace the heart onto a piece of card stock and cut it out. Set the card-stock heart aside for later.
- Tear small pieces of tissue paper. Ball them up and glue them onto the wire, all the way around the heart. You can choose just one color or make a fun color pattern.
- When you finish your wreath, glue the card-stock heart to the back of it.
- On the card stock, write "Welcome Home."

#### Talk About It

Have small groups discuss these questions.

Ask: • **What's welcoming or comforting about walking into your own home?**

• **What do you think was the best part of coming home for the son in the story?**

Say: **Jesus told the story of the lost son to show how much God loves us. No matter what we do or how far we run away from him, God is always ready to welcome us back home. When you get home, hang your wreath inside the door your family usually enters through so it's the first thing you see. Let it remind you that God's love is always ready to welcome you home, and he wants to help you love others because love is a fruit of the Spirit.**

Have kids take their wreaths home and show them to their friends and families as they share about God's welcoming love.