

## Disability Awareness Activities

*Disability awareness activities are a fun way to promote understanding and compassion. Children are often afraid of what they do not understand, but once educated, they begin to view people with disabilities as individuals created in God's image.*

### Understanding Sign Language

- Teach sign language in a song or memory verse to facilitate understanding

### Understanding Learning Disabilities

- Create a lower case "b" out of construction paper. Hold the "b" up to the children and ask them to name the letter. Then show it as a "d" and again ask the children to name the letter. Continue by holding it as the letter "p" and "q". Explain that for some people with learning disabilities, the brain twists around what the eyes see, which creates difficulty in reading and writing.

### Understanding Wheelchair Use

- Provide a wheelchair for your class to use, and let them discover how accessible your facilities are. Make sure they check out doorways, table heights, sidewalks, entryways, drinking fountains and bathrooms.

### Understanding Blindness

- Pairs students with partners and blindfold one of them. Go on a trust walk with the blindfolded student following the verbal directions and physical cues of their partner.

