

Kindness Reef

You will need:

- Printouts of Kindness Reef and Fish templates (one set for each child)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Tape
- Long sheet of blue craft paper (optional)

How to build a Kindness Reef:

- 1. Give a copy of the Kindness Reef template to each child. Provide markers or crayons and encourage them to decorate the reefs with bright colors. Remind them to color the backgrounds **blue** or **green**, to represent the ocean waters that support coral reefs.*
- 2. Tape the completed templates, end to end, along one wall. Use cutout letters to label the wall: **KINDNESS REEF**. You might want to construct the reef on a long sheet of **blue** craft paper.*
- 3. Give a copy of the Fish template to each child. Ask them to think about kind actions. These could be things someone does for them or things they do for others. Ideas include making a meal, picking up toys, giving a hug, etc.*
- 4. Encourage each child to write or draw one kind action on each fish. Have them color the fish and tape them to the Kindness Reef.*
- 5. Watch the reef fill with kind ideas, inspiring all who see it.*



Want to give your Kindness Reef even more pizzazz? Check out tutorials online describing how to make coral reef decorations using pool noodles. (Image courtesy Pinterest)



Another option for the Kindness Reef is a large space that attracts shoppers and children. We suggest that you bring in a group such as a local Girl Scout troop or representatives of an organization with which you have an established relationship. You could give them recognition via a sign or small temporary plaque near the reef or partner with an applicable retailer for advertising trade. A 10 ft x 10 ft area is the suggested size, but it can be adjusted based on available space. Resources are available for ideas via social media and Pinterest.