

MARDI GRAS BEADS

Lesson of the Day:

During Mardi Gras, people give away and share beads. It's important to share like that, especially when someone else doesn't have enough of something. You don't have to share things that are yours, but it's a kind thing to do. So when you have extra of something or when possible, share!

Materials:

- Purple, green, and yellow pony beads
- Elastic string

Instructions:

- 1. Discuss the lesson of the day with your students. Talk about what it means to them.
- 2. Give each student a long piece of elastic string and put some beads in the center of each table or on each desk.
- 3. Have the students tie a knot around a bead at the end of the elastic string. It will serve as an anchor, to keep the beads from falling off the end.
- 4. Have students put the beads onto the string in a pattern. They can decide the pattern, but they should use all three colors.
- 5. When they are finished and have covered the entire string, they should tie the opposite end around the same anchor bead. It should be in a tight knot.