

NATIVE AMERICAN BRACELETS

Lesson of the Day:

Long before most of our families came to this country, long before it even was a country, there were people living here. We call them Native Americans. They contributed a lot to this country, including the help they gave to early settlers who came here from Europe and teaching others what kinds of food to grow and how to grow it. We want to celebrate that empathy, that help and generosity they gave. That is how we want to be.



Materials:

- Beads
- Charms

• Elastic string



Instructions:

- 1. Discuss the lesson of the day with your students. Talk about what it means to them.
- 2. Put out bowls filled with beads in the center of each table. The colors should be typical for many Native American crafts, specifically turquoise, yellow, orange, red, black, and white.
- 3. Give students one to two charms each. These can also just be larger clay beads or some other style of beads that the majority.
- 4. Have students tie one bead to the end of their string to keep the beads from falling off the end. Help them if they need it.
- 5. Have students complete their bracelet by adding beads and tying a knot when it's done.