

ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

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Dear Zoo-Friends,

This week's playful lessons will help you to celebrate our theme, "**Helping Hands!**" During hard times, children need to learn that there are always kind people that help others, even if it costs them time and money. You all can help, too!

S.T.R.E.A.M.S.:

- 1) **Technology/Social:** Today, go online and find more **young heroes** who have unselfishly helped others recently. This can shape your child's way of looking at his/her part in the world as your child(ren) becomes more cognizant of what s/he can do to help others, even at a young age.
- 2) **Math & Recreation:** So, let's pretend we are Steven Burgess, the 7 year-old-boy who ran a backyard mini-marathon to raise money for his community. **Let's run laps and make money!** We will combine movement and math for this lesson. *You'll need:* 25 pennies and some pretend \$1 bills. (You can use beans or poker chips for pennies.)
 - a) Do "*one-to-one*" *correspondence and counting*: One lap around the track = 1 penny or "dollar." Use our race track and the stick-figures (below). Every time someone goes around the "track," s/he gets a penny (or a dollar). Count as you go. *Do addition:* 1 lap + 1 lap = 2 laps and 2 pennies (or dollars); 10 laps + 1 more lap = 11 laps and 11 cents (or \$11.00!). Once your "mini-marathon" is over, count your "money." Count the laps of each family member. **Extra Credit!** Teach children how to tally. One tally marks = 1 lap! $\text{||||} = 5$
 - b) If you do a REAL mini-marathon (see box below), make it concrete so your child will understand. People don't pay until it is over, so put a penny in the jar for each lap. When you are done, notify your friends and family and see the money roll in! If more than one person runs, tally their individual laps.



Let's Move and Earn Money for Others Like Steven Burgess! Do your own mini-marathon! See if family and close friends (Facebook friends?) will sponsor your "laps." Charge a small fee (25 cents to \$1.00 per lap) and see how many laps the **WHOLE FAMILY** can run. Have your dog participate! If you cannot do laps in a yard, set a timer and do it by minutes throughout the day! **Giving something based on heart and hard work is the truest sense of giving.** Send Zoophonias (char@zoo-phonics.com) a picture or video of your mini-marathon so we can post it on our Zoo-phonics website!



