

Thank you for supporting earthquake relief efforts in Ecuador through the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! We know talking about natural disasters with children can be difficult. It can also be challenging to help them feel they are able to make a difference and show God's love to people so far away. These materials can be used during your children's programming to help you talk about the Ecuador earthquake.

#### IDEAS TO USE WITH



- Instead of showing one of the Kid Vid Cinema videos, show some [pictures](#) from the earthquake. Imagine together what an earthquake would feel like. Talk about how the church helped people get water and medicine and is helping people rebuild their houses. By doing that, we are sharing the light of Christ.
- Have Cave Crews make "cave banks" out of empty tissue boxes. Invite them to fill the boxes with coins as an offering for earthquake relief.

FOR INFO ON HOW WE ARE HELPING:

[www.Globalministries.org/Ecuador\\_earthquake\\_update\\_from\\_FEDICE](http://www.Globalministries.org/Ecuador_earthquake_update_from_FEDICE)

[www.ucc.org/disaster\\_ucc\\_ecuador\\_earthquake\\_response](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_ucc_ecuador_earthquake_response)

[www.weekofcompassion.org/our-impact/2016/4/22/join-appeal-for-ecuador-earthquake-relief](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/our-impact/2016/4/22/join-appeal-for-ecuador-earthquake-relief)

- Be honest with children about what happens in a disaster, but avoid unnecessary or graphic details.
- Children may become concerned for their own safety. Again, honesty is best. Let them know major disasters are rare, but we practice things like fire drills to stay safe. Some children may feel more secure if they create an [emergency kit](#) for the most likely disaster in your area.

#### ECUDAORIAN NURSERY RHYME:

Teach your children this rhyme and talk about how we show love to our friends in Ecuador with our gifts to the church. Give children the bookmarks below to color and give away. When they pass along the bookmark, they can also share the rhyme and what they learned about how we can support earthquake recovery in Ecuador.

"Amigo, Amigo"  
(originally Papito, Papito)

Amigo, amigo	<i>Friend, friend</i>
Chiquita yo soy	<i>This tiny I am</i>
¡Pero grande...grande	<i>But big, so big</i>
Es por ti mi amor!	<i>Is my love for you</i>