

CREATIVE CLUB

Activity Plan 3
Early Years

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Creative Club - Facilitator Overview

Working Together: Wishing Tree (Early Years)

Session Title	Working Together: Wishing Tree
Session Summary	A short, creative after school care activity that introduces children to teamwork, kindness and the idea that everyone's contribution matters. Children hear a simple Make-A-Wish story, explore how people work together to make wishes come true, and create a shared Wishing Tree made from individual decorated leaves.
Suitable For	After school care groups, OSHC programs, particularly kindergarten and prep students. Facilitators can simplify discussion for younger children or extend sharing for older children.
Duration	35–45 minutes
Children Will	• Learn that working together can help create something bigger and more meaningful. • Hear a short Make-A-Wish story and reflect on how many people can help bring a wish to life. • Identify simple ways they can show kindness, help others and include friends. • Decorate a leaf and contribute it to a shared Wishing Tree.
What You'll Need	• Wishing Tree leaf templates, ideally pre-cut for younger children • Large paper, cardboard or noticeboard space with a simple tree trunk prepared • Markers, crayons, coloured pencils, stickers, paints or other craft materials • Glue, tape and scissors, with adult support as needed • Soft toy or object for the teamwork warm-up • Optional: device to play Adam's Make-A-Wish video Adam's 'DIG IT' Wish 
Facilitator Notes	• Keep the session light, warm and flexible for a mixed-age after school care environment. • Pre-cut leaves and prepare the tree trunk ahead of time to make the activity easier to run. • Check the optional video before showing it and decide whether it is suitable for your group. • Support children to share only what they feel comfortable sharing.

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1. Welcome & Teamwork Warm-Up (5 minutes)

Welcome children and explain that today they will explore how working together can create something special. Invite children to sit or stand in a circle and pass a soft toy or object around the group, making sure everyone has a turn. Briefly highlight that everyone helped and played a part.

2. Make-A-Wish Story Connection (5 minutes)

- Briefly explain that Make-A-Wish Australia helps grant special wishes for children with critical illnesses.
- Share Adam's wish in a simple way: Adam wished to visit Thunderbird Park, drive big machines, dig in the mud with a digger and go camping with his family.
- Optional: play Adam's video if appropriate for your group and setting. [Adam's 'DIG IT' Wish](#)



3. Creative Activity: Wishing Tree (20–25 minutes)

- Explain that children will each decorate a leaf and add it to one shared Wishing Tree.
- Hand out leaf templates and invite children to decorate them with colours, patterns, drawings or words that show their ideas, wishes or what makes them special.
- As children finish, help them place their leaves onto the prepared tree trunk or noticeboard.
- Support younger children with cutting, gluing, writing and decorating as needed.

4. Reflection & Pack-Up (5 minutes)

- Invite children to look at the finished Wishing Tree and notice how every leaf is different.
- Prompt ideas if needed: How did we work together? Why does every leaf matter? What is one kind thing we can do for someone else?
- Thank the group and remind children that, just like the tree, we are stronger and more beautiful when we support each other.