



#17 - FIX IT UP AND MAKE IT DO

*The greatest use of a life is to spend it
on something that outlasts it.*

William James

PURPOSE: Teach children how to take care of their things and to make small repairs to a toy that is important to them.

PREPARATION:

Have children find a toy or book that is in need of repair.

Gather materials you will need to make repairs, such as:

hot glue gun

scraps of fabric

super glue

buttons

soapy washcloth

clear strapping tape

needle and thread

new batteries

laminating paper

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LESSON: Explain to your family that tonight you are going to take something old and make it like new again. Sometimes when a toy breaks or things become worn and dirty, we are tempted to throw them away and get new ones rather than fix them up. Maybe all it takes is a little soap and water or new batteries to make what we thought was of no worth one of our favorite toys again.

Spend time as a family making repairs on at least one item for every member of the family. Books can be recovered to preserve their lives, buttons can be used for missing board game pieces, and super glue can be like magic on almost anything.

Start a file where warranties can be kept in case something breaks that cannot be easily fixed. Manufacturers should be responsible for faulty products that do not wear reasonably.

Discuss the value of taking care of the things we have. Teach your children the old saying: **Fix it up, Wear it out, Make it do, or Do without.**