Needs and Wants Sort

1st Grade · Social Studies

Cut and Sort · Give-Back Season

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Cut out the picture cards on the next page. Glue each card under **Needs** or **Wants**.

Needs are things we must have to live and stay healthy. **Wants** are things that are fun or nice to have, but we can live without them.

Needs	Wants

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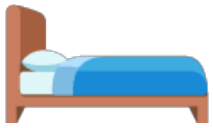
Picture Cards

Cut on the dashed lines.

 **a video game**	 **ice cream**	 **a warm coat**
 **a skateboard**	 **candy**	 **a bed**
 **a balloon**	 **healthy food**	 **water**
 **a teddy bear**	 **a home**	 **soap**

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Think and Give

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1. Some families need help getting their needs. Circle the needs you could help collect for a food or coat drive.



canned food



teddy bear



warm scarf



video game

2. Draw one way your family could help a neighbor this season.

I can help by _____

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Answer Key

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Needs water, healthy food, a home, a warm coat, a bed, soap

Wants a teddy bear, a video game, candy, a balloon, a skateboard, ice cream

1. canned food and warm scarf (needs). Teddy bear and video game are wants.

2. Drawings will vary.

Talk about it: some items, like a bed, can spark a great discussion. Accept thoughtful reasoning — the goal is understanding why we need some things to stay safe and healthy.

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