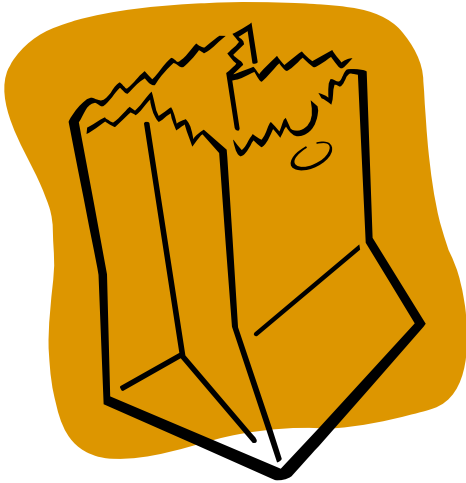


## St. Nicholas Golden Collection Bags

To collect your St. Nicholas offerings for the Children of the Holy Land use this craft project with your Sunday School or as a family activity at coffee hour on the First Sunday of Advent. The please send donations to AFEDJ, 25 Old King's Highway No. Suite 13, Darien CT 06820. The children of the Holy Land will be grateful.



Purchase as many white lunch-size bags\* as you have church pews. Decorate the bags to approximate the golden bags that St. Nicholas threw through the window of the three poor girls.

Consider the following ideas.

1. Color the bags yellow/gold or cover with gold paper.
2. Download the color image of St. Nicholas with the Episcopal shield on his vestment on each bag.
3. Or, transfer the line drawing of St. Nicholas onto the bags and color.

The bags can be put in the pews before the appearance of St. Nicholas and used for the collection.

An alternative is to sew three large golden-colored bags with draw stings. The bags should be no larger than a soccer ball.

