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# **Bible Crafts eBook**



A collection of 120 crafts at all different levels of difficulty dedicated strictly to Bible themes. It is great for Sunday school crafts, homeschooling, or just to make at home. There are crafts of every kind to suit everyone in your house and help spread the Good News!

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## **BIBLE CRAFTS**

# "All Things are Possible" Wristband

Materials:

Construction paper

Stapler

Decorating materials

Marker

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Have the children cut construction paper into 2" strips.
- 2. Have the children write "With God All Things Are Possible!"
- 3. Decorate as desired.
- 4. Place the strips around wrist and cut extra construction paper. Staple together.
- 5. The children now have a wristband to wear home.

## **Aluminum Fish Craft**

Materials:

2 aluminum pie plates

Heavy poster paper

Pencil

Scissors

Stapler

Scrap wood pieces to create a base for the fish

Water-based paint

Paintbrushes

### **Instructions:**

- 1. First, place the 2 pie plates together (bottoms facing out) and secure with staples. You can always use masking tape instead but the staples work the best.
- 2. Next, take 2 pieces of poster paper and draw out the following shapes: a fish head, a top fin, a bottom fin and a tail.
- 3. Cut these shapes out both pieces of paper so you have 2 of everything.
- 4. Staple or glue or tape the fin, tail and head pieces together, but only along one side. You need to keep one of the sides open so that you can attach it to the pie plate.
- 5. Attach the fins, head and tail to the pie plates.
- 6. Create a stand for the fish. Fasten the fish to the stand using tape or glue. (Attaching the fish to the stand prior to painting makes decorating much easier).
- 7. Finally, your kinder artists can decorate the fish using colorful paints, construction paper or markers.

# **Baptism Keepsake**

Materials:

Construction paper

Writing paper

Glue or stapler

Miscellaneous decorating materials

Picture of baptism - optional

## **Instructions:**

1. After your child has been baptized let them write out the story explaining what it was like (nervous, exciting, special), and how they were saved and the reason they wanted to be baptized.

- 2. Glue or staple the story onto construction paper and let the child decorate as desired.
- 3. You may choose to frame this for a keepsake.

## **Basket of Bible Verses**

Materials:

Pink, blue, yellow green, and purple construction paper

Stickers

Glue

Scissors

Miscellaneous craft supplies

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Take a piece of pink construction paper and cut into shape of basket.
- 2. Draw lines to make basket design.
- 3. Cut eggs out of various colors of construction paper.
- 4. Write Bible verses on the eggs and glue to the basket.
- 5. Decorate as desired.

## **Beaded Cross Pin**

## Materials:

1 pipe cleaner

15 pony beads

1 safety pin

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut the pipe cleaner so that you have one piece that's 3" long and one that's 2" long.
- 2. Twist them together to form a cross.
- 3. Thread 3 pony beads on the top of cross pieces and 6 on to the bottom of the cross.

- 4. Bend over the extra pipe cleaner to secure.
- 5. Bend the end of the pipe cleaner at the top of the cross around the safety pin.

## **Bible Bookends**

Materials:

Shoebox

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Tape or glue

Markers

Wrapping paper (for Christmastime or any other Christian holiday)

Paint

Bible stickers

### **Instructions:**

- 1. You do not need the lid of the box to make this craft. Cut away one of the long sides of the box.
- 2. With the cut away side of the box facing you, mark the center of the opposite long side using the ruler.
- 3. Draw a line from the center mark straight towards you. Draw another line from the left top corner to your center mark and then one from the right top corner to your center mark.
- 4. Cut along the lines you have drawn. So that you have two bookends.
- 5. Tape or glue any loose edges.
- 6. You are now ready to decorate your bookends. Be as creative as you like using markers, wrapping paper, paint or Bible stickers.

## **Bible Verse Pillowcase**

Materials:

White pillowcase (or color of your choice)

Fabric crayons

## **Instructions:**

- 1. As your child memorizes her Bible verses, have her write each verse on the pillowcase with the fabric crayons.
- 2. When the case has as many verses as desired, set the crayon into the fabric according to manufacturer's directions.
- 3. You will find your child will want to learn more so that she can fill the case up.

# **Blessing Bag for Back to School**

Materials:

Paper lunch bags and the items listed below

Instructions:

Place the following items in the bag:

- ❖ A tissue to remind you to wipe away your tears or someone else's.
- Star stickers to remind you of the One who created them. (Gen.1:14-15)
- ❖ A toothpick to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. (Matt. 7:1)
- ❖ A rubber band to remind you to be flexible. (Romans 8:28)
- ❖ A Band-Aid to remind you to heal hurt feelings. (Col. 3:12-14)
- ❖ A pencil to remind you to list your blessings from God. (Ephesians 1:3)
- ❖ An eraser to remind you that everyone makes mistakes. (Genesis 50:15-21)
- ❖ Chewing gum to help you stick with it. You can accomplish anything. (Phil. 4:13)
- ❖ A mint to remind you that YOU are worth a mint to God. (John 3:16)
- ❖ A candy Hug to remind you that everyone needs a hug everyday. (1 John 4:7)
- ❖ A Bible verse bookmark to keep God's Word in your heart. (Psalm 119:11)

Make a small "Back to School Blessings Bag" tag to place on the outside of the bag. Type up the list above and include it in the bag. Or cut the list apart and tie the item name with the words and bible verse to each item separately.

# **Burning Bush Craft**

Materials:

Paper bowls

Glue

Water

Paintbrushes

White construction paper

Scissors

Red and yellow tissue paper

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Using the red and yellow tissue paper, cut into 2-inch teardrop patterns, and make several of each color per child.
- 2. Give each child a white piece of construction paper and a paintbrush.
- 3. Set out bowls containing a mixture of one part glue and one part water.
- 4. Have the children place red and yellow tissue flames on the paper at random, overlapping the yellow and red flames.
- 5. Have the children paint over the flames with the glue mixture using a paintbrush. The overlap of the yellow and red flames should produce orange flames.

## **Celebration Shaker**

Materials:

A paper plate

Plastic beads

Un-popped corn or dried beans

Multiple bright colors of curling ribbon

Crayons or markers

Scissors

Stapler

### Instructions:

- 1. Color the back of the paper plate with designs and colors that express joy and celebration. Fold in half.
- 2. Cut 4-6 strands of different colors of curling ribbon, each strand at least two feet in length. Knot the ribbon strands together at one end.

- 3. Staple the knot to the inside of the paper plate at one of the corner folds.
- 4. Staple the plate two-thirds shut, making sure the staples are side by side along the edge of the plate (this will keep the filling from falling out).
- 5. Put two small hands full of filling into the paper plate. Finish stapling shut.
- 6. Hold your Celebration Shaker on the opposite side of the ribbons to use as a maraca during song time and for waving the ribbons above your head as you sing praises to Jesus.

## **Chariot Craft**

Materials:

1 small milk carton

Straws or pipe cleaners

Plastic bottle tops or stiff cardboard

Split pins (optional)

String (optional)

Paint

Decorations for chariot

Glue

Picture of a horse

Pictures of appropriate Bible theme (i.e., Elijah and the fiery chariot or Phillip and the Ethiopian)

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut top and one side off milk carton.
- 2. Draw a curved shape along left and right sides to create chariot sides.
- 3. Paint and decorate as desired.
- 4. Print out both horse templates on stiff cardboard. Cut around and color as desired.

5. Fold bottom rectangles out to form a stand. Glue two sides of horses together.

- 6. Attach two straws or pipe cleaners between horses and either side of chariot. Attach string for reins if desired.
- 7. Use two plastic bottle tops as wheels and glue to sides or alternatively cut two circles out of stiff cardboard. These can be glued or attached with split pins.
- 8. Add appropriate for story. For the story of Elijah add red/orange cellophane for flames of fire.

## **Cheerful Cookie Box**

## Materials:

Two identical disposable plastic containers with lids Photos, drawings, and old greeting cards Scissors Sticky bow

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut a total of four different pictures to fit with the edges slightly overlapping, around the four sides of one of the containers.
- 2. Lightly set one container inside the other.
- 3. Slide the pictures down between the two containers to cover the four sides.
- 4. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between them.
- 5. Place a lid on the top container.
- 6. Stick a sticky bow on the center of the lid.
- 7. Fill the container with some yummy cookies and surprise someone who might be feeling sad or lonely.

Bible verse to read 1 Corinthians 9:22

## **Christian Survival Kit**

Materials:

Decorated small box

Candle

Rubber band

Lifesaver candy

Eraser

Cotton ball

Snickers Candy Bar

Hershey's Kisses Hug

Cross made from paper

### Instructions:

Place the following in your box or container:

Candle to remind you to share His light with others.

Rubber band-to remind us to be flexible to God's will for us.

Lifesaver to remind you of the many times others have needed your help and you theirs.

Eraser because God forgives our sins, we must do the same for ourselves and others.

Cotton ball to keep our hearts soft to God and others.

Snickers candy bar to remind you to laugh at yourself- laughter is good medicine.

Hug (Hershey Kiss) because we all need one from time to time.

Cross to remind you of the sacrifice He made because He loves you.

# **Clean Heart Apron**

Materials:

Paper

Paper Towels

Fabric Ribbon

Construction Paper

Crayons

Stapler

Scissors

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Tear off the paper towels leaving three sheets connected. Each child will need four to five sets of these.
- 2. Cut the paper into strips, and print Psalms 51:10 on them.
- 3. Have the children color the verse and cut it out.
- 4. Fold a piece of construction paper in half lengthwise and glue the picture so that the top of the picture is near the outside fold.
- 5. Measure the ribbon around the child's waist leaving some length for tying.
- 6. Stack five layers of paper towels face down on the table.
- 7. Place the ribbon across the center of the paper towels, and fold them in half so that the ribbon is in between the fold. Place the scripture over the paper towels, and staple the picture, towels, and ribbon together.

# **Clean the Temple Broom Craft**

Materials:

Construction paper or newspaper

Rubber band

### Instructions:

1. Stack six sheets of construction paper or newspaper and secure with small binder clip.

- 2. Make a series of cuts along the bottom edge cutting half way up.
- 3. Wrap rubber bands around the "handles."

4. Invite the children to sweep the floor with their brooms. King Josiah wanted God's temple clean and the helpers cleaned and found a surprise...the Bible!

# **Clothespin Angel**

## Materials:

- 1 Small Baby Clothes Pin (available from most craft supply stores)
- 2 Medium Tear Drop wooden shapes OR 1 medium heart shaped wood
- 1 Yellow circle about the size of a penny
- 1 pipe cleaner 2 ½ inches long
- 1 pipe cleaner 1 inch long
- 3 small pieces of lace cut into triangular shapes

### Instructions:

- 1. Draw two eyes and a mouth on the top of the clothespin.
- 2. Bend the tips of the pipe cleaner into small hands (a pair of flat tweezers is good for this)
- 3. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the body of the pin just above the legs.
- 4. Glue the pipe cleaner to the clothespin.
- 5. If you use teardrops, position the teardrops so that they form wings by placing the two points together and glue them. Skip this step if you are using hearts.
- 6. Take the yellow circle and glue it to the back of the clothespin at the top to form a halo.
- 7. Now glue the clothespin to the teardrop shapes or the heart so that they form wings.
- 8. Once the glue has dried, take the lace pieces and glue them to the legs to form a three-layer skirt.
- 9. Take the 1-inch pipe cleaner and form a small circle at one end. Glue this to the back to form a hanger.

## **Colors of Christ Cross**

## Materials:

6 Beads (Black, red, white, blue, green, gold or yellow) Thin cord or rawhide lace that will fit through your beads Clear glue

#### Instructions:

- 1. If you're making a necklace, start with three feet of cord. For a bookmark, bracelet, or key chain, use one foot of cord. Place the gold bead onto one end of the cord and place in the center.
- 2. Put the cord ends together and pull them through the green bead.
- 3. Put the red bead onto one side of the cord, and the blue bead onto the other side. Pull them tight.
- 4. Put the cord ends together again and pull them through the black bead.
- 5. Place a very small dot of clear drying glue onto the red and blue bead, at the center of the cross where they touch.

- 6. Wedge your white bead between the red and blue bead so that the white bead's holes touch the sides of the red and blue bead where the glue was placed. Pull the string tightly and tie a knot against the top of the black bead.
- 7. Tie the ends of the cord. Wrap the cord ends around your finger, and loop it through the hole, pull tight.
- 8. Share your 'Colors of Christ Cross' with a friend.

Each of the bead colors is intended to remind us of biblical truths:

**Black** = Sin – The black bead reminds us of our sin which separates us from God and dooms us to eternal darkness. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (see also Ephesians 2:11-13)

**Red** = Christ's blood – The red bead symbolizes Christ's' blood shed for you and me. Romans 5:8-9 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...we have been justified by his blood..."

White = Prayer of Repentance For Cleansing – The white bead represents the cleansing that occurs when a sinner repents and turns to God. Psalm 51:1-2 "Have mercy on me, Oh God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

**Blue** = Water/Spirit Baptism – The blue bead represents baptism. Ephesians 4:5 "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism." We are baptized with water to identify ourselves with Jesus. The Holy Spirit baptizes those who trust in Jesus and takes up residence in the believer's heart. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

Green = Christian Growth – The green bead represents growth in our faith. Colossians 1:10 "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."

Gold = Eternal life – The gold bead represents eternal life with Jesus in Heaven. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

# **Comforting Arms Craft**

Materials:

2 pieces of construction paper

Glue

Markers

Glitter

Stickers

Miscellaneous craft supplies

## Instructions:

- 1. Have each child trace her arm and hand on each piece of construction paper.
- 2. Glue the end of each arm together.
- 3. Write "God Will Comfort You" on arms.
- 4. Let children decorate as desired.
- 5. Have the children roll craft together, then unroll to make it wrap around waist as if you were being hugged.

# **Cooperation Braid**

#### Materials:

Three strips of cloth long enough to make a belt

### Instructions:

- 1. Form pairs of children to work together.
- 2. Have one child hold one end of the three strips.
- 3. Show the other child how to braid the three strips and tie each end.
- 4. Have each pair of children switch rolls.
- 5. Have the children tie the belts around their waist.

This is a great lesson in friendship, sharing and cooperation.

# **Cotton Ball Sheep Picture**

## Materials:

Construction paper

Markers or crayons

Cotton balls (small)

Glue

Moveable eyes

### Instructions:

- 1. Draw a large sheep on a piece of white paper. Make enough copies for each child.
- 2. Have the children color the sheep's face and feet.
- 3. Glue on cotton balls to cover the sheep's body. If the cotton balls are large you may have to cut them in half or thirds before class.

## **Creation Dice**

## Materials:

2 liter Juice carton (or milk carton for slightly smaller dice)

Paper

Round stickers/labels

Pictures from magazines or various nature stickers

### Instructions:

- 1. Measure the width of the carton and cut three of the four sides down to this size (each side should be a perfect square). For a 2l carton this is approximately 9.5 cm, a 1l carton, 7 cm.
- 2. Fold down the fourth side to form a lid that fits inside. Glue or tape down.
- 3. Cover carton with white paper.
- 4. Seal edges/corners of carton with masking tape.
- 5. Give each child six round stickers with the number 1-6 on them. Have them stick one sticker per side. Alternatively, use the numbers from the templates given above.
- 6. For each number put pictures or stickers of the things created on that day.
- 7. Have older children draw pictures of the things created on each day.

## **Creation Wheel**

Materials:

Scissors

Pencil Ruler

Corrugated cardboard

Lightweight cardboard

Markers

White glue

Cotton ball

Paper fastener

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut a 12- inch circle from the corrugated cardboard. Cut an identical circle from he lightweight cardboard.
- 2. Use the ruler to divide the corrugated cardboard circle into eight equal wedge-shaped segments.
- 3. Cut a segment from the lightweight cardboard that is slightly smaller than one segment of the corrugated cardboard circle. Make sure it does not go all the way to the center of the lightweight cardboard circle.
- 4. Use the markers to decorate each segment on the corrugated cardboard to tell about the seven days of creation.
- 5. In the first segment write "The Story of Creation" and decorate the segment.
- 6. The next segment will be the first day of creation, when God separated the light from the dark. On the second day He made the sky. You can glue a bit of cotton in the sky to look like clouds. On the third day He separated the lands from the seas, and on the fourth day God put the sun, the moon, and the stars in the sky. On the fifth day He filled the seas with fish and the sky with birds. On the sixth day He created all the animals and He created man. On the seventh day God rested from his work.
- 7. Attach the lightweight cardboard circle to the top of the corrugated cardboard circle by putting the paper fastener through the center of both circles.

- 8. Arrange the top circle so that the title segment, "The Story of Creation," shows through.
- 9. Use the creation wheel to tell the story of creation, turning the top wheel to expose the picture of each of the seven days.

## **Creative Bible Verses**

Materials:

Construction paper

Crayons

Glue

Bible

### Instructions:

- 1. Pick a Bible verse to read, read it aloud, and then have the child read it back to you.
- 2. Have construction paper, colors, glue, etc. on hand.
- 3. After getting them to understand verse a little, ask them what it means to them.
- 4. Help child to create a picture, collage, or whatever helps them remember that verse.
- 5. Hang on walls, give to loved ones, or just save in a folder for future bible study fun.

## **Crown Craft**

Materials:

10" Paper Plate

Hard Candy

Scissors Glue

## Instructions:

- 1. Pre-cut the center of the plates to make the points of the crown. Cut the plate into eighths.
- 2. Fold the points upward, crease the fold, and then flatten them again.
- 3. Give each child a prepared plate.
- 4. Show the children how to glue a piece of candy on each point of the crown. Candy can also be glued on the edge of the plate.

5. After the crown dries fold the points upward.

# **Cups of Kindness**

Materials:

Wrapping Paper in several different colors

Ruler

Scissors

Clear Tape

Dry Cereal

Sandwich Bags

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the wrapping paper into 10-inch squares.
- 2. Give each child a square of wrapping paper and have them place it design side down on the table.

- 3. Have the children fold the squares in half to form a large triangle.
- 4. Fold one corner of the triangle over to the side. Then fold the opposite corner of the triangle over to the other side.
- 5. Fold the front flap of the triangle down over the front.
- 6. Fold the back flap of the triangle down over the back. Tape if needed.
- 7. Have the children fill a sandwich bag with cereal. Tape them closed.
- 8. Place the bags of cereal in the cups.
- 9. Have the children give the cup to someone as an act of kindness.

## **Daniel in the Lion's Den Craft**

Materials:

Paper plate

Yellow construction paper

Crayons

## **Instructions:**

Using paper plates make a mask of a lion's face use strips of yellow paper and glue all around plate to make main.

# **Different People Envelope Puzzle**

## Materials:

Eight or more used white envelopes with nothing written on the back

## Instructions:

- 1. Line up four different envelopes, unwritten-on side up, one below the other.
- 2. Draw a head on the top envelope.
- 3. On the second envelope draw the upper body as a continuation of the first drawing.

4. On the third envelope draw the lower body portion in pants or a skirt.

- - 6. Remove the head envelope and replace it with a fresh one.
  - 7. Draw a different head on this one, but make it line up with the upper body below it. Do the same thing with each of the other envelopes.
  - 8. Add details and color all the different parts with markers.

You can make as many different envelope pieces as you want, making sure each piece lines up with the original drawing.

## **Dorcas/Tabitha Garment Craft**

5. On the last envelope draw the legs and feet.

Materials:

Construction paper Yarn

Masking tape

Hole punch

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- Instructions:1. Cut a coat or jacket shape out of construction paper.
- 2. Punch a series of holes around the perimeter spaced about 1 inch apart to allow the child room to sew.
- 3. Cut a length of yarn and tie a knot at one end, and wrap a piece of masking tape around the other.
- 4. Have the child sew the string through the holes.
- 5. They can also decorate the garment with colorful markers or crayons.

You can use this craft when doing the story about Dorcas.

*Tip:* To prevent tears while "sewing" you may want to laminate the construction paper coats ahead of time, before you punch the holes; or use tag board.

## **Dove Craft**

Materials:

Paper

1 clothespin

Feathers

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. On the paper draw a bird for each child. Let each child have a bird to color and cut out.
- 2. Have the children decorate their birds with feathers.
- 3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each bird with the opening facing the top.

# **Egyptian Costume**

Materials:

White material that doesn't fray too much

Scissors

Shiny material for belt

Black wig

Black eyeliner

See below for other material for the headband, bracelets, etc.

### **Instructions:**

1. To measure the amount of material you will need measure your child from floor to neck and double the length. Have your child raise his or her arms out parallel to the floor. Measure from elbow to elbow. That is how wide you will need the material.

- 2. Fold the material in half lengthwise.
- 3. Cut a small half circle in the middle of the fold just big enough for the neck.
- 4. Cut a slit about 3 inches down from the neck toward the back of the costume. Check that it fits over your child's head. If it doesn't, make the slit longer.
- 5. You can hem the costume if you would like, but it isn't necessary.
- 6. Cut a shiny piece of material for a belt and tie the costume closed with the belt.
- 7. Have your child wear white clothes underneath the costume.
- 8. Add a black wig and the other accessories.

Your child will love helping you color them and decorate them. For any extra touch use glow in the dark paint.

# **Egyptian Straw Bracelet**

Materials:

Straws

Yarn

Gold paint

Needles

Scissors

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the straws up into  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " pieces or whatever size you would like.
- 2. Cut a long piece of yarn. Place a needle on each end of the yarn.
- 3. Insert one end of the yarn through one of the straw pieces and pull the yarn through so that the straw is at the halfway point of the yarn.
- 4. Insert one end of the yarn through another straw piece and push the straw down so that it touches the other piece. Insert the other end of the yarn through the opposite end of the straw piece that you just put on and pull the yarn tight.
- 5. Keep going like this until you have enough pieces of straws on your bracelet to fit around your arm.

- 6. When you are finished tie the ends of the yarn together.
- 7. Cut a short piece of yarn and thread it through the first piece of straw you put on. Tie the ends together.
- 8. Spray paint the bracelet gold.

# **Empty Tomb**

Materials:

A thick paper plate

Silk flowers

Glue

Sponge paintbrush

Sand

Craft sticks

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut paper plate in half.
- 2. On one side of plate cut out a half circle.
- 3. On the other plate write, "He Is Risen."
- 4. Glue, or hot gun glue, your craft sticks together to form a cross and stick between the plates. Staple or glue shut.
- 5. Brush glue onto paper plate.
- 6. Rub sand onto glue.
- 7. Glue on silk flowers.

# **Encouraging Heart**

Materials:

Construction paper

Old magazines

Scissors

Yarn

Glue

Hole puncher

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Fold a piece of construction paper in half long ways.
- 2. Draw a half of heart on one side and then cut it out. It will be the shape of a whole heart
- 3. Have the kids look through old magazines and find pictures of ways they can encourage someone or how someone is encouraging others. (ex. A picture of a man and his daughter fishing together.)
- 4. Glue about three or four pictures in the heart.
- 5. Write the word ENCOURAGE down the center of the heart and the verse, "KEEP YOUR TONGUE FROM EVIL," PSALMS 34:13.

- 6. Punch holes at the top of the heart on both sides. String the yarn thru the holes long enough for them to put it around the neck as a necklace.
- 7. Tie knots at the end of the string and let them encourage others with their heart.

## **Faith Seeds**

This craft goes great with the parable of the Sower.

Materials:

1 pot of rocks Small Styrofoam cup of soil Flower seeds Water

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Let your class look at the pot full of rocks and ask them if they think flowers could grow in the rocks.
- 2. Give each child a small Styrofoam cup of dirt and two flower seeds.
- 3. Let the children plant their seed and let them watch you give it some water.
- 4. Write each child's name and Mark 4:1-20 on the cup with permanent marker and tell them that you will see what they look like next week.
- 5. Tell the children to have faith that they will grow.
- 6. After your flowers have grown let the children take them home and share with their friends and family the Parable of the Sower.

# "FALL-ing in Love with Jesus" Poster

Materials:

Poster board

Camera

Film

Leaf template

Scissors

Tape

Glue

Construction paper

Markers

### Instructions:

1. Take a picture of the child and use a leaf template to cut out the shape of their picture like a leaf.

- 2. Place the picture on poster board with a tree trunk that is made from brown construction paper.
- 3. Make some leaves out of construction paper, just to add some color.
- 4. The caption should say, "FALL-ing in love with Jesus."

## Added Bonus:

The best part about this poster is that a few months later, for Christmas, you can cut their pictures down to look like flames, place their flame-faces on top of construction paper candles, and now the caption reads, "Shining our lights for Jesus."

# **Feeding the Multitudes Craft**

## Materials:

White or off white construction paper Glitter Pens of different colors Glue/scissors Wiggly eyes Self-adhesive magnets Fish shaped cookie cutter

### Instructions:

- 1. Using the cookie cutter, trace the shape of the fish onto the construction paper.
- 2. Next, peel off the backing and place a magnet on the back of the fish.
- 3. Flip the fish over and glue on one wiggly eye.
- 4. Now use the glitter pens to draw designs on the front of the fish.
- 5. Let dry, and the children have a beautiful magnet to stick on the fridge as a wonderful reminder that Jesus provides.

## Fish Beach Towel

## Materials:

Plastic tablecloth or old sheet
Solid-colored cotton beach towel
Safety scissors
4 household sponges
Plastic plates
Nontoxic fabric paints in assorted colors
Paintbrush

### Instructions:

- 1. To prevent spills and the paint from bleeding through the towels, spread a plastic tablecloth or an old sheet over a floor surface. Lay the towel on top.
- 2. Help your child to cut the household sponges (thin ones are easier) into goldfish shapes. Show her a picture of a real goldfish so she can see how it looks. Point out its fins and V-shaped tail. It's OK if the cutout shapes aren't perfect—that's part of their charm.
- 3. Set out the plastic plates and put 4 to 5 tablespoons of paint in each one. (It's up to you to decide how many different colors to use.)

4. Add a tablespoon of water to each plate and mix together thoroughly, using the paintbrush.

5. Dip one side of each goldfish-shaped sponge into one color of paint and press it around the edges of the towel. Let your child hold it down firmly and have her count to ten before removing the sponge. Repeat with different colors.

- 6. To make your child feel a part of the decision making in this craft, let her use whatever paint colors in whatever order she wishes. And don't limit yourselves to decorating just the edges of the towel.
- 7. Hang the sponged towel on a clothesline or spread it out on a flat, covered surface to let it dry for several hours (preferably overnight).
- 8. Once the paint has thoroughly dried, wash and dry the towel.

## Foam Fish

### Materials:

Multi-colored foam or multi-colored construction paper White glue

2 small self-stick magnets for each child

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Before class cut out a fish (Christian symbol) for each child from foam.
- 2. Cut out letters to spell J-e-s-u-s out of different colored foam. The letters should conform to the shape of the fish, notice that the last S flows into the tail of the fish.
- 3. Each child will glue the multi-colored letters onto the fish. Instruct the children that the letters will only fit one way.
- 4. Have the class "dry fit" the letters on top of the fish before gluing the letters in place.
- 5. Once the glue has dried have the students attach the two magnets on the back of the fish. The magnets should be placed in the middle of the fish, with one magnet at the head and the other at the tail. Makes the perfect refrigerator magnet.

# **Following Jesus' Footsteps**

Materials:

Construction paper Scissors

Markers

Contact paper

Tape

### Instructions:

- 1. Trace each child's footsteps and have them write their names on their feet and cut them out. (You can use a different color for each child.)
- 2. Cover each footprint with contact paper, and tape them to the wall so it looks like the footsteps are in a walking pattern.
- 3. Make a cross and cover it with contact paper. Tape the cross to the wall so it looked like the footprints are walking towards it.

4. Make a banner across the top that reads, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus," but you could make up other sayings like, "I Have Decided To Honor Jesus" "Following In His Steps," "Walking with Jesus," etc.

## Freedom Pin

Materials:

One: 1-1/2" safety pin Nine: 1" safety pins 35 tiny red beads 26 white beads 20 blue beads

### Instructions:

- 1. Place the 1" safety pins onto the larger pin so that the smaller pins pass through the loop at the end of the larger pin and are unable to fall off.
- 2. Begin by placing four blue beads onto the first pin on the left. Followed by alternating 1 red bead, 1 white bead, 1 red bead, and 1 white bead. Then close the pin. Follow 'Step One' for the next 4 safety pins.
- 3. For the remaining four safety pins alternate red and white beads. (5 red and 4 white per pin.)

## Fruit of the Spirit Craft

Materials:

Large piece of white paper

Various colors of paint (colors of fruit)

Pieces of fruit: Oranges, apples, grapes, strawberries, lemons, and/or pears

## Instructions:

- 1. For bulletin board, use a large white piece of bulletin board paper.
- 2. Draw or make a large brown fruit basket in the middle. Write the title "Fruit of the Spirit" on top.
- 3. Have the children print with the various pieces of fruit in and around the basket.

4. Write the words "patience, goodness, peace, joy, kindness, self-control, gentleness, love, & faithfulness" on the pieces of fruit or around the basket.

## Gideon's Torch

Materials:

Small flashlight (should fit in toilet paper tube)
Paper lunch bag
Toilet paper tube
Small strip of tag board
Tissue paper
Tacky glue

## **Instructions:**

Rubber band

1. Cut the top off the paper lunch bag about 1 inch higher than the tube. (about 3 inches) Save the top.

- 2. Cut the top to form a long strip. Cut the strip in half to form two shorter strips. Cut one on these in half. Fold all strips in half lengthwise. Fold again.
- 3. Place the tube in the lunch bag. If needed add part of a crumpled newspaper around the tube to give the bag a rounded shape. Put glue on the top 1/2 inch of the tube then press the top of the bag around the tube. Use a rubber band to hold. Once glue has set, take the longest strip made from the bag top and glue this around to cover the raw bag edges. Use rubber band to hold.
- 4. Take the shorter strips and form in "C" shapes. Glue to either side of bag for "pot" handles. Hold to set.
- 5. Take a 1/2 inch strip of tag board and wrap around top of flashlight. Allow enough overlap to glue easily. Don't glue yet.
- 6. Choose at least 3 colors yellow, red, orange to represent fire. Cut large and small flame shapes from all three colors of tissue and glue onto the strip of tag board. Layer and overlap some for a full effect. Allow to dry.
- 7. Glue the flame strip around the top of the flashlight. Use the rubber band to hold.

## **Glue Hanging Bible Verses**

Materials:

Glue

Food coloring (or paint)

Wax paper

Tissue paper or cellophane

Yarn

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Color white glue with paint or food coloring (or paint), and put in squeeze bottle.
- 2. Give each child a pattern, and place under wax paper. Squeeze glue onto wax paper, following lines of pattern.
- 3. Allow to dry 24-48 hours then gently remove design from wax paper.
- 4. Trace around design on tissue paper or cellophane. Cut the shape and glue to design.

5. Attach yarn and hang in a window.

*Variation:* Can write bible verse on tissue before attaching, or on a tag, which can be attached).

# God "Changes" Us

Materials:

2 pieces of construction paper

Scissors

Marker

Coins and/or coin stickers

Glue or tape

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Choose one piece of construction paper for the background. Cut a wavy line border around the other sheet of paper and glue onto the background paper.
- 2. Have the child write "God Changes Us!" in the middle with marker.
- 3. Then have the child either glue (or tape) real coins on, or put coin stickers all around the paper.

*Variation:* You can have the child write, "God Changes our Hearts," and also add heart stickers along with the coins.

# "God is Love" Wristband

Materials:

Construction paper

Markers

Stapler

## Instructions:

- 1. Have the children cut construction paper into 2" strips.
- 2. Have the children write, "God is Love!" Decorate as desired.
- 3. Place the strips around wrist and cut extra construction paper. Staple together.

4. The children now have a wristband to wear home.

## **God Loves You Craft**

Materials:

Fruit Loop type cereal

String

Paper

Crayons

## Instructions:

- 1. Make fruit loop necklaces.
- 2. Add a circle tag that says "Smile, God Loves You" and has a smiley face drawn by child.

# **God Strengthens Me Dumbbell**

### Materials:

Four Paper Bowls

1 Cardboard Paper Towel Tube

Stickers

Markers

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

#### Instructions:

- 1. Cut a hole in the center of two of the bowls for each child.
- 2. Give each child four bowls and let them decorate them.
- 3. Help the children poke the cardboard tube through the holes in the bowls.
- 4. Spread glue around the rim of the other two bowls and attach them to the bowls on the cardboard tube.

# **God's Beauty Craft**

## Materials:

2 White paper plates

Paint

Different color feathers

2 black pipe cleaners cut into 2 inches each

1 large craft stick

2 tiny eyes

## Instructions:

- 1. To make less time of your work, draw a butterfly design on the paper plate and cut out enough of them so that each child has two shaped butterflies.
- 2. Have each child paint or feather both of their butterfly plates (one side each) leaving the middle clear for the stick.

- 3. Next put drops of hot glue down the clear strip of one butterfly.
- 4. Press the other butterfly to the bottom butterfly.
- 5. Gently fold in the top butterfly's wings slightly.
- 6. Glue the stick down the middle of the top butterfly.
- 7. Glue on the eyes and the pipe cleaners at one end.
- 8. You can also put magnets on the back for the refrigerator.

## God's Toolbox

Materials:

Empty mini cereal box

Construction paper

Scissors

Glue

Glitter

Stickers and miscellaneous craft supplies

Printed memory verse

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Have children cover box with construction paper and decorate as desired.
- 2. Write: "God's Tool Box" on front.
- 3. Have the children cut a small square out of construction paper.
- 4. Write "Holy Bible" on front.
- 5. Have children cut out a cross and write "Sins Paid" on front.
- 6. Give each child a print out of the memory verse. Have the children put the verse, the cross and the Bible in their box.

The Bible and verse represent our tool from God to learn about Him. The cross represents God's tool to pay for our sins so that we may go to Heaven if we believe in Him.

## **God's Treasures Craft**

Materials:

Large manila envelope

Poster board

Colored construction paper

Scissors

Glue

Markers

Paper plate

Cotton swabs

### Instructions:

- 1. Pre-cut squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, diamonds and stars from poster board.
- 2. Write each child's name on poster board shapes, using one shape per letter and as many different shapes as possible.
- 3. For each child, also make an identical set of lettered shapes out of colored construction paper. You will now have a set of poster board shapes and construction paper shapes that spell each child's name.
- 4. Hide all the poster board shapes for playing the game.
- 5. Set out large manila envelopes and markers.
- 6. Mix up the construction paper shapes and set them out. Pour glue on a paper plate.

7. Lay out cotton swabs for the children to apply glue to the construction paper shapes.

- 8. Help the children select the letters that spell his or her name.
- 9. Help the children glue the construction paper shapes to their manila envelope in the correct order to spell their names.

- 10. Encourage the children to decorate the manila envelope with the markers.
- 11. Identify the shapes and letters with the children while creating the craft.
- 12. Ask the children what they think could go inside the envelope. Tell the children that important things "treasures" could be put inside the envelope.
- 13. Share with the children that they are a treasure to God and that they are so important to God that he sent his Son to earth for them.
- 14. Have the children hunt for the poster board letters that match the shapes on the outside of the envelopes.
- 15. After the children have found all the shapes and letters to match their names, have them place the shapes and letters in the envelope to be taken home.

# **Great Things**

Materials:

Large paper

Paint

Collage material

Crayons

### Instructions:

- 1. Have the child lie on large sheet of paper. Trace around him.
- 2. Allow him to paint and place collage materials.
- 3. Add lettering: Make the child's name big enough to tell great things the Lord has done.

## **Hand Bells Craft**

Materials:

2 paper towel rolls Hole punch 4 jingle bells String

### Instructions:

Punch a hole in each end of the paper towel rolls. Tie two jingle bells to each side of the paper towel rolls by running string through the holes and tying off.

# **Happy Birthday Jesus!**

Materials:

Shoebox or cracker box

Scissors

Tape

Assorted craft items (stickers, markers, paints etc.) - optional

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Put lid on shoebox or close cracker box and place slit opening on top.
- 2. Have each child wrap box and secure with tape (younger children will need help) or decorate box with materials of child's choosing. Adult should cut slit in top of box after wrapped and decorated.

3. Explain to children that this is the box for Jesus' birthday gift. Each time they do something that Jesus would like, ask them to write it on a slip of paper or have an adult write it out (ex- sharing a favorite toy with a sibling, helping Mom, etc.).

Tell the children that this box should be opened 1st on Christmas morning and that all of the wonderful things that they did for Jesus should be read.

# **Happy Helper Craft**

Materials:

Paper

Paper fasteners

Crayons

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut five 1" x 4-1/2" strips of paper and a circle that measures 31/2" in diameter from sturdy paper.
- 2. Assemble pieces to make person, and fasten together with 2 paper fasteners.

3. Add features and lettering that say: (Child's name) is a Helper.

## "He is Risen" Craft

Materials:

Sheet of heavy paper Large paper plate Small paper plate Black construction paper Yellow construction paper Markers Glue Stapler Brads

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Ahead of time, cut 1/3 off the bottom of the large plate.
- 2. Have the child color both plates brown.
- 3. Staple the large plate onto the heavy sheet of paper. Make sure that the cut part lines up with the bottom of the paper.

- 4. Next, cut a "tomb opening" out of black construction paper and glue to the plate.
- 5. Cut a small square out of white paper and write "He Is Risen!" with a marker.
- 6. Now glue to the tomb opening.
- 7. Attach the small plate (stone in front of the tomb) to the paper by putting the paper fastener through both pieces.
- 8. Finish off the project by adding a sun, spring flowers and clouds.

## He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

### Materials:

Blue, green and tan construction paper Scissors Crayons

Glue

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Trace each child's hands on tan construction paper and cut out.
- 2. Cut out saucer size circles out of blue paper to make the world.
- 3. Use the green paper to make land masses to glue onto the world and the glue the hands under the world.

# **Helping Hands**

### Materials:

1 White washcloth or a dusting clothAcrylic paint, your choice of color1 fabric marker1 Pie tin

## Instructions:

- 1. Make sure child's clothes are protected from paint. You can use an old t-shirt.
- 2. Pour small amount of paint into pie tin.
- 3. As you do the activity encourage children to use these cloths at home to be helpers. They can use their cloths to dust or wash tables.



- 5. Now have the child press their hands onto the cloth.
- 6. Allow to dry and then write, "We are helpers" at the top.
- 7. Underneath hands write "2 Corinthians 1:24".

## **Homemade Sandals**

### Materials:

Large sheets of cardboard

### Instructions:

- 1. Have the kids take off their shoes and place them on the cardboard.
- 2. Then have them trace their shoe's soles on the cardboard.
- 3. Cut out the cardboard, so you have the sole of a sandal.
- 4. Have the kids place their feet on the sandals.
- 5. Next take a pen and mark 8 holes in the following places: one hole on both sides of the big toe, one hole on both sides of the widest part of the foot, one hole on both sides of the foot just forward of the ankle, and one hole on both sides of the foot just a little forward of the heel.
- 6. Cut two 36-inch pieces of twine for each child.

## How to Lace the Sandals:

To lace the sandals, start at the big toe; insert one end of twine on one side of big toe, and the other end on the other side of the big toe. Next bring the twine back up through the sandal next to the widest part of the foot, and cross the twine across the top of the foot. Insert the ends of the twine back through the sole and cross under the heel. Finally bring the twine back up through the holes on either side of the heels and wrap twice around the students ankles. Tie in a bow.

# "I Will Follow Jesus" Door Stopper

Materials:

Paper

Plastic Liter Soda Bottle and Lid

Sand or Tiny Pebbles

Funnel

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

## Instructions:

- 1. On the paper print the words "I Will Follow Jesus."
- 2. Wash the bottles out and remove the labels.
- 3. Fill the bottles with sand or gravel and glue the lid on.

- 4. Give each child a paper with "I Will Follow Jesus" printed on it and have them color it
- 5. Have the children glue it to the bottle. The bottle will serve as a doorstop.

## **Invite a Friend to Church Craft**

Materials:

Wrapping Paper

Church Bulletin

Crayons

Markers

Scissors

Clear Tape

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the wrapping paper into 12-inch squares.
- 2. Place the wrapping paper face down on the table.
- 3. Fold the top third of the paper over to form a 4" fold.
- 4. Turn the paper over to where the design is facing you.
- 5. Fold the paper in half and then open it flat again.
- 6. Fold the two top corners down toward the center.
- 7. Make a one and one-half inch cut on each side.
- 8. Fold in both sides and tape them in place.
- 9. Turn the paper over and draw a church on the front. Write "Join Us" on the front.

Have the children give their invitation, and the church bulletin to a friend or neighbor.

## **Jacob's Dream Craft**

Materials:

**Rocks** 

Toothpicks or Popsicle sticks

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Esau is angry for Jacob getting the blessing. Jacob sleeps on a rock as a pillow. Go on nature walk to find rocks.
- 2. Also in Jacob's dream there is a ladder with angels going up and down form heaven to earth. God said, "I will take care of you."

3. Make ladder out of toothpicks or Popsicle sticks.

# Jehoshaphat's Shield

Materials:

2 Large Paper Plates

Yarn

Construction Paper

**Feathers** 

Stickers

Hole Punch

Clear Tape

Scissors

Crayons

Glue

Stapler

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut a strip from the middle of one of the paper plates. Staple this strip to the back of the other paper plate. This will form the handle for the shield.
- 2. Punch evenly spaced holes around the edge of the plate.
- 3. Cut strips of yarn about 4" long. Tie one end of the yarn to one of the holes.
- 4. Have the children lace the yarn through the holes.
- 5. After they are finished, tie a knot at the end to hold the yarn in place. Trim any excess.
- 6. Let the children decorate their shields with the stickers or feathers.

# **Jesus Baptized Craft**

Materials:

Blue plastic Solo cup

Popsicle stick

Paper

Markers

Scissors

### Instructions:

- 1. Have the children draw a descending dove (1" x 1") and cut out. Glue on the top of the Popsicle stick.
- 2. Draw Jesus and John the Baptist and cut them out.
- 3. Have an adult cut a slit in the bottom of the cup. Slide the Popsicle stick in the slit so that the dove is hidden inside the cup.
- 4. Glue Jesus and John the Baptist on the outside of the blue cup (John might be a little higher so that it looks like he is baptizing Jesus).

5. Then the children push up the Popsicle stick and the dove is above them.

## **Jesus is Alive! Cross**

Materials:

Card stock

Decorating tools (crayons, paints, markers, etc.)

### **Instructions:**

- 1. On a piece of card stock make a cross to cover most of the page.
- 2. Using another piece of card stock, make a smaller cross that can fit into the larger cross

- 3. On the smaller cross write the scripture "Jesus Is Alive! Luke 24:23".
- 4. Tape the large cross on a piece of card stock.
- 5. Have the children decorate the paper. It doesn't matter if they get the paint, crayon or marker on the cross.
- 6. After the children are done decorating, take the cross off of the card stock.
- 7. Glue the smaller cross in the middle of the space left on the card stock when you removed the large cross.

*Variation:* You can cut around the cross and put a magnet on the back to hang it on the refrigerator.

Tell the children that the paint on the cross represents our sin (our bad choices), but when Christ died on the cross, he died so that our sins could be forgiven. At this point, peel the cross off the page to reveal the white card stock (the undecorated under the cross) and say...Now we are as white as snow. Our sins are forgiven. Jesus died to take away our sins.

# Jesus is the Rock Paperweight

Materials:

Plaster

Sturdy plastic bag

Sandpaper

Paint

Markers

Acrylic spray

### Instructions:

- 1. Mix up plaster and pour into sturdy plastic bags (one for each child).
- 2. Children squeeze it to create an interesting shape (do not twist-tie bag, simply hold it closed).

- 3. Hold the in place until it begins to harden.
- 4. When set remove from bag.
- 5. Sandpaper to remove any rough edges.
- 6. Use paints to decorate.
- 7. Write on it "Jesus is the Rock". Spray with acrylic spray.

## **Jesus License Plate**

Materials:

Construction paper

Cardboard

Decorating materials

Markers

Laminate sheets - optional

### Instructions:

1. Cut out the shape of a license plate from the cardboard and the construction paper for each child.

- 2. Write on the construction paper "R-U-Ready for Jesus" and their name.
- 3. Let each child decorate as desired.
- 4. Have each child glue the construction paper to the cardboard.

Variation: You may laminate this for a keepsake.

# "Jesus Loves Me" Picture Frame

Materials:

Paint

Tongue depressors

Glue

Candy hearts

Glitter pen

## Instructions:

- 1. Paint tongue depressors and glue together to form a frame.
- 2. Glue candy hearts onto frame and write "Jesus Loves Me" using a glitter pen on the bottom.

3. Glue photo of child to back and you're done.

# "Jesus Loves Me" Plate

Materials:

Paper plates

Markers or crayons

Paper punch

Yarn

#### Instructions:

1. Give each child a paper plate on which you have written the words "Jesus Loves" at the top.

- 2. Have each child write her name at the bottom of the plate.
- 3. Then have them draw pictures of themselves above the name and decorate the plate using the crayons or markers (glitter is a good variation).
- 4. Punch a hole in the center top of each plate add a piece of yarn to hang.

## Jonah and the Whale Craft

Materials:

Large paper

Paint

Sandwich bag

Fish shaped lollipops

Pipe cleaners

Tissue paper

Rubber band

Markers

### **Instructions:**

1. Give children a Large piece of paper and let them paint or color with gray to make a whale.

- 2. Inside a clear plastic sandwich bag put a couple of fish shaped lollipops, a pipe cleaner person, and pieces of colored tissue paper the kids have ripped up.
- 3. Put a rubber band around end to make whales tail.
- 4. Use markers to draw eyes and mouth.

## Jonah Into the Whale

Materials:

Medium size paper cup

Adult size black sock

Wiggly eyes

Hole punch

Clothespin

Glue

Scissors

Yarn

Markers

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut the cuff off the black sock.
- 2. Cover the cup with the cuff of the sock.

- 3. Pull the top of the sock about 1 in. over the opening of the cut so that it forms the mouth of the whale. There will be an opening.
- 4. Cut the excess sock hanging down from the bottom of the cup into a forked shape to make the tail of the whale.
- 5. Glue the top and bottom layers of the sock tail together.
- 6. Glue wiggly eyes to the head of the whale above the mouth.
- 7. Drawn the figure of Jonah on one side of the clothespin with markers.
- 8. Cut an 18-in. piece of yarn. Tie one end around one clamp of the clothespin.
- 9. Now glue the clothespin shut.
- 10. Punch a hole in the rim of the cup inside the sock covering and on one side of the mouth of the whale.
- 11. Tie the other end of the yarn through the hole in the cup.

Now see if you can make Jonah jump into the mouth of the whale.

# Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Craft

Materials:

Construction paper

Glue

Lace

Miscellaneous materials (buttons, felt shapes, Ric Rac, etc.)

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Make a construction paper coat. Cut out a coat shape from a piece of construction paper.
- 2. Have the children glue on lace, pieces of material, buttons, felt shapes, etc.

### OR

- 1. Cut out a coat shape from foam (thick foam works best).
- 2. Cut out circles for buttons, pockets, or other decorative shapes.
- 3. Mark dots on the fun foam around the edge of the coat about half an inch apart with a black sharpie.
- 4. Punch tiny holes through the fun foam at the dots using a sharp upholstery needle.
- 5. Turn the coat over and mark dots on the other side of the coat where you can see the holes
- 6. Have the children sew from dot to dot using plastic needles and embroidery floss or yarn.

Ages 5 and up should be able to do this project with some help. Younger children will enjoy the project, but will need a lot of help.

# Junior Asparagus Hat Holder (Veggie Tales)

Materials:

Paint stick

Small wooden block not wider than the paint stick

2 wooden eye shapes

1 round wooden nose shape

Green, black, and white paint

Paper

Green crepe paper

Glue gun

### Instructions:

1. Paint the entire paint stick, the small wooden block and the small round nose green.

- 2. Paint the eye shapes white with a black dot for the irises.
- 3. When the green paint is dry glue the eyes and nose onto the green stick.
- 4. Paint on Junior's mouth using white and black paint.
- 5. Cut pieces of crepe paper into 3-inch squares. Wade them up into balls. Glue on the crepe paper balls to form Junior's hair.
- 6. Glue the block onto the back of the paint stick and drill a hole in the block at an angle so that you can hang the hat holder on a nail on your wall.

# King Hezakiah Doll

Materials:

Paper

1 large oatmeal container

Construction paper

Crayons

Scissors

Clear tape

Glue

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw three and one-fourth inch circles.
- 2. Draw a face on each circle.
- 3. Cut construction paper in the shape of crowns.
- 4. Cut long strips and small half circles out of construction paper for belts and shoes.

- 5. Have each child glue a piece of construction paper around the empty oatmeal container. Tape if needed.
- 6. Glue on the crown, face, belt, and shoes.

## **Know God's Word Craft**

Materials: Heavyweight light-colored Construction paper Markers Scissors

#### **Instructions:**

1. First give each child a piece construction paper, large enough for them to be able to trace around their hand.

- 2. Without spreading fingers too far apart, have the children trace around their hand and then cut out the shape.
- 3. After they are finished with the hand, have a volunteer read each the verses shown below and as a class discuss each one.
- 4. As the verses are covered, have the children write the corresponding words: Hear, Read, Study, Memorize and Meditate on the fingers as illustrated above.

- 5. On the other side of the hand, write the verse references.
- 6. When finished, suggest the children keep this in their Bible to use as a bookmark and a reminder to do all five steps to fully understand the Bible, and to have the Word of God richly indwell in them.

### Verses to use:

Romans 10:17 (Hear) Revelation 1:3a (Read) Acts 17:11 (Study) Psalm 119:11,13 (Memorize) Psalm 119:15 (Meditate)

## Lamb Hand

Materials:
White crayon
Black, brown, and pink construction paper
Scissors
White glue
Styrofoam tray to work on
Cotton balls
Hole punch
Black sharp-pointed marker
Thin ribbon

#### Instructions:

- 1. Use the white crayon to trace around your hand on the black paper.
- 2. Cut the hand shape out.
- 3. Cover the palm of the hand and the base of the thumb and fingers with glue.
- 4. Then attach cotton balls to make a sheep.
- 5. Punch an eye for the sheep from the brown paper.
- 6. Use the black marker to draw a dot in the center of the eye for a pupil.
- 7. Glue the eye to the middle of the thumb.
- 8. Tie a piece of thin ribbon around the base of the thumb to form a neck for the sheep.
- 9. Tie the ribbon in a bow.
- 10. Cut a heart shape from the pink paper small enough to fit on the back of the sheep.
- 11. Write "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "23 Psalm" on the heart with the marker.
- 12. Glue the heart to the reverse side of the sheep.

## **Lion Photo Frame**

Materials:

Photograph (rectangular picture is best)

Plain paper

Pencil

Ruler

Scissors

Craft knife

Strong card stock

Poster paints

Paintbrushes

Clear varnish and brush

Strong glue

Masking tape

### Instructions:

- 1. Place photograph in center of a sheet of paper and draw around it (outline it).
- 2. Draw a second line (1/4 inch) inside the first. This will be the area of your photograph when the frame is completed.
- 3. Draw a lion-shaped frame around the inner line. It doesn't matter if part of the lion overlaps a little into the area where your photo will be.
- 4. When you are happy with your drawing, cut it out around the outside.
- 5. Then cut out the inner shape, remembering not to cut off any overlapping mane or tail.
- 6. To make the base of the frame: place the paper lion shape onto a piece of card.
- 7. Draw around the outside with a pencil. Cut it out.
- 8. To make the front of the frame: place the paper lion shape onto another piece of card.
- 9. Draw around the outside and then around the inner hole.
- 10. Cut out around the outside, and then ask an adult to help you cut out the inner shape with a craft knife.

- 11. Paint the front of the frame to look like a lion.
- 12. Add some features, like a bushy tail and mane, claws, eyes, nose, and a mouth. Leave to dry.
- 13. Brush on a coat of varnish to stop the frame from chipping. Allow that to dry.
- 14. Glue the photograph into position on the base of the frame.
- 15. Dab more glue around the outer edges, taking care not to get glue on the photograph itself.
- 16. Then stick the painted frame on top, making sure that the top and bottom shapes match up exactly. Leave to dry.
- 17. To make a flap for the back of the frame, cut out a piece of card about 3/4 of the height and 1/3 of the width of the frame.
- 18. Line up one of the short edges of the flap with the bottom edge of the frame.
- 19. Tape the flap at the top with a strip of masking tape.
- 20. Open the flap slightly to allow the picture to stand up.

## "Love Grows" Wall Decoration

Materials:

Construction paper

Cardboard

Flowered fabric

Canvas

Felt

Pipe cleaner

Paint

Glue

Fabric paint

Yarn

Stapler

### **Instructions:**

- 1. This craft takes some preparation before hand, but it is something that the children's parents will want to save.
- 2. Cover front of cardboard with glue and then cover with flowered fabric.
- 3. Staple onto a larger piece of construction paper.
- 4. Staple yarn onto the top of the construction paper to make a hanger.
- 5. Cut flower pots from felt and write "Love Grows" with fabric paint on them.
- 6. Cut petal shapes from a different color of felt.
- 7. The middle of the flower can be done two ways: Either use a picture of the child cut into a circle, or dip their hands in paint and press onto canvas, let dry and cut into circle.
- 8. The children can then glue the flowerpot onto the bottom of the material-covered cardboard.

- 9. Then they glue a pipe cleaner for a stem.
- 10. Then they glue the picture or handprint, and then the petals around it.

## Mail a Message

Materials:

Paper

1 envelope with a postage stamp

Crayons

Scissors

### Instructions:

- 1. Print the words "Jesus Is The Son Of God" on a sheet of paper.
- 2. Use a ruler and a pencil to divide the paper into a grid.
- 3. Make a photocopy for each child.
- 4. Give each child a photocopy of the paper you made before class.
- 5. Have the children draw a picture from the Bible story in Acts 9:22 on the back of the paper. Have them sign their names.

- 6. Help the children cut their message into puzzle pieces by cutting along the lines of the grid.
- 7. Put the pieces in the envelope.
- 8. Have the parents mail the message to someone to put together and read.

# **Megaphone Craft**

Materials:

Colored Poster Board

Markers

Stapler

Scissors

Clear Tape

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut out a piece of poster board that can be rolled into the shape of a megaphone.
- 2. Give each child a piece of poster board to decorate with markers.
- 3. Roll the edges together to form a megaphone.
- 4. Staple and tape it in place.

# **Memory Verse Pennant**

### Materials:

A piece of ribbon 3/4" - 1" wide by 12 3/4" long A piece of white felt 12 3/4" wide by 31" long Multicolored markers

### Instructions:

1. Before class cut a piece of felt into a pennant shape, 12 3/4" wide & 31" long.

2. Glue or staple the ribbon onto the felt at the wide end.

3. In bubble letters write out the verse reference. This should take up most of the space.

- 4. Let them color in the bubble letters that you had previously outlined.
- 5. If the children are old enough you can let them cut out the felt and also attach the ribbon. Select a verse on friendship, then let them sign each other's pennants. It reminds them to pray for their friends. This makes a wonderful memory.

Children can also customize the pennant by using their favorite team colors or their room colors.

# **Messages Made with Chalk**

Materials:

White paper

Construction paper

2 jumbo craft sticks

2 regular craft sticks

2 clothespins

Scissors

Cravons

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Write "Jesus Loves You," or "Jesus Forgives You" on a rectangle of white paper.
- 2. Cut the black construction paper into a larger rectangle.
- 3. Give each child two jumbo craft sticks, two craft sticks, and a piece of black construction paper.
- 4. Glue the craft sticks to the edge of the paper.
- 5. Give each child a piece of the white paper with "Jesus Loves You," on it.
- 6. Have them color it and glue it to the black construction paper.
- 7. After the chalkboard has dried, clip two clothespins to the bottom of the paper to serve as legs.

## **Mirror Plate**

Materials:

Aluminum foil

Paper plate

Glue

Ribbon

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Glue piece of aluminum foil in center of paper plate.
- 2. Add the words "God loves (Child's name)."
- 3. Attach ribbon to hang.

# **Moses Cross on Dry Land**

### Materials:

2 pieces of tan construction paper 4 pieces of blue construction paper Glue sticks Pencils with erasers Markers or crayons

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the tan paper, the long way, in half.
- 2. Have the children trace their foot in the middle of the tan paper.

- 3. Then have them trace the foot on the paper in marker or crayon.
- 4. Glue the paper lengthwise in the middle of the blue paper.
- 5. At the top of the paper, write "Moses' Dry Feet."

Tell the story about the crossing of the red sea.

# **My Offering Can**

Materials:

White paper

Can

Construction paper

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

#### **Instructions:**

1. Draw a simple church shape on construction paper and duplicate it for each child.

- 2. Give each child a church to color and cut out.
- 3. Glue a piece of construction paper around the can to cover it.
- 4. Glue the picture of the church to the can.

## **Noah Thaumatrope**

Materials:

Cardboard

Small, round container lid

Knitting needle

String

Pencil

Scissors

Glue

Paints

Paintbrush Scraps of construction paper Colored pens

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw two circles the same size on the cardboard. You can make the circles by tracing the top of a small container lid.
- 2. Cut the circles out.
- 3. Paint, draw, or find pictures of Noah that you can cut and make fit on your circles that tell the story of Noah's ark.

- 4. Glue the circles together with the pictures facing out.
- 5. Make two holes 1/4 in from the edge of the circle so your picture story is facing upright and the holes on the sides of the picture.
- 6. Thread a piece of string through each hole and knot it tightly at the ends.
- 7. To spin the thaumatrope, hold each end of the string and loosely flip the circle over and over itself so that the string is wound up tight.
- 8. Now hold the string taut and watch your pictures appear to combine.

## Noah's Ark Envelope

Materials:

Paper

Crayons or markers

Glue

Contact paper

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw a picture of Noah's Ark and make two copies for each ark you need.
- 2. Color the Arks.
- 3. Glue the Arks together to form an envelope leaving the top of the ark open so the cards will fit in it.
- 4. Cover the envelopes with contact paper.
- 5. You could also have the children make their own arks and animals to fit in the arks.

## Noah's Rainbow

Materials:

1 1/2 paper plates per ark

Scissors

Glue

Paint or crayons

At least one beanie baby to put in ark

#### Instructions:

1. Before class cut one paper plate in half and use one half to form the front of the ark.

2. Save the other half to use as the front of another ark.

- 3. Cut a half a circle out of the top center half of the second paper plate leaving the rainbow shape at the top.
- 4. Glue half paper plate onto the paper plate with the rainbow cut out so that a pocket is formed below the rainbow to form the ark.
- 5. Have the children paint the rainbow and ark.

## Paper Emu

Materials:

Large brown pompom or Styrofoam ball (approximately 4cm diameter)

Black construction paper

Wiggly eyes

Black pipe cleaners

Small paper plates

Brown paper bags

Glue

Tape

Stapler

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut an elongated diamond out of black paper and fold in half for emu's beak.
- 2. Attach to brown pompom (or Styrofoam ball colored black with felt pen or paint).
- 3. Glue on wiggly eyes and attach one black pipe cleaner for neck. Set aside to dry.
- 4. Cut a small paper plate in half.
- 5. Tear brown bag into smallish pieces for feathers and glue to the bottom of each half of the plate.
- 6. Use one pipe cleaner for each leg, bending to form a foot, and attach one to each half of the plate in the middle of the long, wave edge.
- 7. Attach neck and head to one half of the plate just above one end of the long edge.

- 8. Staple both sides of the plate together at rounded edges.
- 9. Attach string to hang emu, if desired.

# **Philippians 4:13 Banner**

Materials:

Paper

Felt

Fabric Flowers

Jumbo Craft Sticks

Chenille Wire

Scissors

Craft Glue

Crayons

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut the paper into pieces and print Philippians 4:13 on them.
- 2. Cut the felt into 4"x12" pieces.
- 3. Cut flower stems about 4" long.
- 4. Have each child color her verse, and glue it to the bottom of the banner.
- 5. Snip three small slits at the top of the banner about three inches above the picture.

- 6. Help the children slide the flower stem through the slits so that the flower is at the front and the stem hangs behind the banner.
- 7. Fold the top of the banner over, and place a jumbo craft stick inside the fold.
- 8. Glue it in place.
- 9. Attach a chenille wire at the top to form a hanger.

# **Pipe Cleaner Angel**

Materials:

White pipe cleaners

Yellow pipe cleaners

### Instructions:

Simply bend the white pipe cleaner into the form of an angel and use the yellow pipe cleaner for the halo. It is best to have one made for the children to see. You could use with lots of small pieces of pipe cleaner, or one large white one. It will be easier for the kids to use one small one for the wings, one for the head, and one for the body.

## Pizza Puzzles

Materials:

10 paper plates

Construction paper in various colors, including red

Several copies of Psalm 146:7

Small bag or envelope

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Write Psalm 146:7 and draw a circle around it. Make enough so that there is one for every child.
- 2. Cut out the circles containing the verse.
- 3. Make a variety of pizza toppings out of different colors of construction paper.
- 4. Give every child a paper plate, verse, and a red circle.
- 5. Have the children glue the red circle to the front of the plate and the scripture to the back of the plate.

6. Let the children decorate their pizzas with a variety of toppings.

- 7. Have them glue the toppings to the red circle representing the pizza sauce. Let the pizzas dry.
- 8. Cut them into four to six pieces resembling pizza slices.
- 9. Put the pieces in a bag or envelope to make them easier to carry home.

### Related Bible Verse:

Exodus 16,17

# **Praise and Worship Tambourine**

Materials:

Paper plates

Stapler

Rice

Markers

Crayons

Stickers

Pipe cleaners

Bells

1 hole punch

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Take a paper plate and fill with 1 tbs. rice and staple other plate onto it.
- 2. Put staples close together.
- 3. Let children decorate as desired.
- 4. Take the one hole punch and place 4 holes on sides of plates.
- 5. Place a bell on each pipe cleaner then loop pipe cleaner through each hole and twist together.

These are great for praise and worship time.

## **Prayer Book**

Materials:

Small photo album

Colored construction paper or oak tag

White typing paper

Fancy scissors

Fine lined colored markers

### Instructions:

1. Have each student copy a prayer that coincides with the weekly lesson onto the white paper.

- 2. Cut it out with decorative scissors and glue it to a 3x5 colored background.
- 3. Slip it into a photo album.

# **Prayer Candle**

Materials:

Recycled empty candle jar Aquarium gravel Bath salts (optional) Tea lights

Ribbon or lace

Glue

#### Instructions:

- 1. Decorate jar by gluing ribbon or lace around it.
- 2. Fill with colored gravel. (Can be mixed with bath salts for a nice scent).
- 3. Push tea light in center.

# **Prayer in Your Pocket**

Materials:

Colored construction paper Cardboard toilet paper tube

Wrapping paper

Stapler

Markers

Scissors

Crayons

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Start by cutting the wrapping paper into a size that fits the cardboard tubes.
- 2. Cut the construction paper in half lengthwise.
- 3. Fold these pieces in half, and place one inside the other.
- 4. Staple along the fold to form a book.
- 5. Write "I Pray for My Church, My Friends, and My Family" on the booklet.
- 6. Give each child a piece of wrapping paper and a cardboard tube.
- 7. Have them glue the paper to the cardboard tube. Set them out to dry.
- 8. Have them draw a picture of their church, friends, and family on each page of their book.

- 9. Roll up the books and place them in the tube.
- 10. Have the children slip these in their pocket to take home.

# **Prayer Sticks**

Materials:

Popsicle sticks

Markers

Empty container

Construction paper

Stickers

#### Instructions:

- 1. Take Popsicle sticks and write the names of different prayers on them.
- 2. Decorate an empty frosting container with construction paper and stickers and place the prayer sticks inside of them.

Have your child pick a prayer and read what the stick says. The whole family can pray together. This idea can be adapted for home or a classroom.

Examples of prayers on our prayer sticks:

- ❖ "God is great, Good is good..."
- ❖ "We fold our hands..."
- Pick a prayer from a favorite prayer book.

# **Praying Hands Memory Verse**

Materials:

Stiff card

Pen/pencil

Decorative items such as glitter, sequins, etc.

Scissors

### Instructions:

- 1. Place the child's right hand on the left hand side of the card. Make sure there are no spaces between any of the fingers. Trace.
- 2. Place the child's left hand to the right of the right hand. Make sure the little finger and complete side of the hand are touching the tracing of its counterpart. Trace as above.
- 3. Cut out the two hands except down the middle where the two hands meet. Fold in half so that they look like praying hands.

- 4. Write the memory verse in the middle.
- 5. Decorate as desired.

## **Praying Hands Picture**

Materials:

Construction paper (yellow, dark blue, and scraps)

Black gel pen

Paper

Scissors

Glue

Gel pens (various colors)

### Instructions:

1. Before class make a pattern of praying hands and a pattern of a stained glass window.

- 2. Using the patterns cut the window shapes from the yellow construction paper and the praying hands shape from black gel pen paper. Note: Black construction paper may not work with gel pens. Buy gel pen paper wherever you buy gel pens.
- 3. Cut up scrap pieces of construction paper or computer paper (neon colors work best) into small 1-inch shapes.
- 4. Have children glue the window shape to a piece of dark blue construction paper and then glue the small pieces of paper to the window shape.
- 5. Have them write a prayer (The Lord's Prayer or the Prayer of Jabez) on the praying hands shape using gel pens and then glue it in the center of the stained glass window.

# "Racing for Jesus" Door Hanger

Materials:

Cardboard

Construction paper

Crayon

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut out the shape of a door hanger from the cardboard and the construction paper for each child.
- 2. Write on the construction paper "Racing for Jesus."
- 3. Let each child draw a picture of a race car, checkered flag, etc.
- 4. Have each child glue the construction paper to the cardboard and tell them to hang it on their door.

# **Rustic-Looking Picture Frame**

Materials:

4 sticks of driftwood (whatever length depending on your picture size)

1 piece of cardboard

1 photo

Glue gun
Glue stick
Ball of hemp or even leather cord

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Glue the picture to the cardboard (with a glue stick), and line the frame with the driftwood.
- 2. Then tie the corners together and after making sure it's the right size for the picture, glue it on top of the photo. If some edges stick out from it just snip them off.

3. Then you just glue on a loop of string onto the back to hang it. You could even get really creative and add moss or seashells, or whatever you want.

## **Sailboats**

Materials:

1 small milk carton

Stiff card

Colored contact

Pipe cleaners

Polystyrene

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut milk carton in half. One milk carton can be used for two children.
- 2. Glue a small piece of polystyrene in the base this will hold the pipe cleaner sail.
- 3. Cut out an 8 cm square piece of cardboard.
- 4. Decorate.
- 5. Cover with two pieces of colored contact 10 cm square.
- 6. Punch a whole in the top and bottom middle of the sail.
- 7. Thread pipe cleaner through and stick into the polystyrene.

*Variation:* Use craft sticks or pipe cleaners to create people to place in the boat. If you are brave, you can allow the children to float their arks in a tub of water as you tell the story. Alternatively, use a large piece of blue fabric or a tarpaulin instead.

# Samson's Strength Craft

Materials:

Large sheets of black, yellow, or brown construction paper

Scissors

Stapler

Marker

### Instructions:

- 1. Distribute construction paper and scissors.
- 2. Help the children cut a fringe by making several slits in the paper from one long edge to the other, stopping one inch from the end each time.

- 3. Place around child's head to measure length. Staple to fit child's head.
- 4. Cut all fringes that hang over child's face.

The children now have hair like Samson.

# **Scoops of Love**

Materials: Laundry detergent scoop Assorted candy

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Wash and dry scoops well.
- 2. Fill the scoops with choice of candies, cover with cellophane and tie with bow.
- 3. Add a message on a heart shape tag which reads:

For conversation hearts - "A scoop full of love for you from ...."

For Hershey's kisses - "A scoop full of kisses ..."

For Hershey's Hugs - "A scoop full of hugs..."

## Scroll Craft - 1

#### Materials:

2 dowels or similar product such as chop sticks
1 sheet of construction paper
2 pieces of masking tape the length of the construction paper
Lord's Prayer written on paper and cut out

### Instructions:

- 1. Lay your piece of construction paper flat on the table.
- 2. Place one dowel, or similar product on each end and tape in place.
- 3. Write the Lord's Prayer on paper and tape to the center.
- 4. Roll each side up to the center and your scroll is complete.
- 5. The prayer below is the Contemporary English Version, which is easier for the smaller children to remember.

## Lords Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Help us to honor your name,
Come and set up your kingdom,
So that everyone on earth will obey you,
As you are obeyed in heaven.
Give us our food for today.

<sup>\*</sup>You can also add ribbons and stickers for added decoration.

Forgive us for doing wrong, As we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted And protect us from evil. Amen

## Scroll Craft - 2

Materials:
Bamboo cane
Sandpaper
Sheet of A3 paper
Scissors
Damp tea bag
Glue
20-inch length of ribbon
Felt-tip pens

### Instructions:

- 1. Ask an adult to cut off two 14-inch lengths from the cane, and smooth the rough edges with sandpaper.
- 2. If you want to make the scroll look old, cut down the long sides of the paper to give a worn, jagged edge.
- 3. Then rub a used, squeezed-out tea bag over both sides of the paper to give a yellow finish. Leave to dry.
- 4. Dab glue onto one of the cane lengths and along one short edge of the paper.
- 5. Fold the paper around the cane and stick down firmly.
- 6. Repeat with the second cane at the opposite end of the paper. Leave to dry.
- 7. Glue the center point of the ribbon to the back of the scroll, in the middle of the top cane. Leave to dry.
- 8. Write or draw a message on front of the scroll, then roll it up loosely from the bottom and tie with the ribbon. The ribbon can also be used to hang the scroll up.

## Serpent in a Pot

Materials:

Clear varnish

12 oz. all-purpose flour 4 oz. salt 2 tsp oil 7-12 fl. oz. warm water Plastic bag Greaseproof paper Baking tray Poster paints Paintbrush

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Mix the flour, salt, and oil together in a bowl.
- 2. Stir in the water, a little at a time, until you have a ball of soft, but not sticky dough.

- 3. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth and elastic.
- 4. Place it in a plastic bag and leave in the fridge for 1 hour before using.
- 5. Pull off a piece of dough the size of a ping-pong ball. Roll it into a ball, then flatten it with your hands to make a circle about 2-1/2 inches wide and 1/4 inch thick. This will be the base of the pot.
- 6. Sprinkle some flour onto a sheet of greaseproof paper.
- 7. Place the circle of dough onto the paper.
- 8. Roll a larger piece of dough into a long sausage shape.
- 9. Squeeze one end of the sausage between your fingers to make the snake's tail.
- 10. Starting with the tail end, coil the dough sausage around the edge of the base.
- 11. Roll out more sausage lengths. Join them to the snake coil to continue building up the sides of the pot. Seal the joins by smoothing them with a wet finger.
- 12. Flatten and shape the end of the last sausage coil to make the snake's head.
- 13. Press on two small dough eyes.
- 14. Place the pot with the paper onto a baking tray.
- 15. Bake in a preheated oven set at 350 degrees, until the pot is hard. This should take about 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hours.
- 16. Remove the pot from the oven.
- 17. When it has completely cooled, peel off the baking paper.
- 18. Paint the snake and leave it to dry.
- 19. Finally, finish off with a coat of varnish and let it dry.

## **Share With Others Craft**

Related Bible Verse:

Hebrews 13:16

### Materials:

Paper plates (one for each child plus one extra)

Red paper circle to cover one paper plate minus edge for crust

Orange circles (pepperoni)

Yellow long rectangles for cheese

Small brown circles for sausage

Glue stick

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Make a pizza for kids to share.
- 2. Have each child "share" his toppings in order to create a pizza.
- 3. Use a glue stick to stick them because then the pizza will be easier to cut.
- 4. Teacher then cuts the "pizza" into slices and glues one slice to each plate.

Follow Up:

Why is it good to share? What happened when we shared? Why does God/Jesus want us to share? What are other ways we can share?

# **Shepherd Bag & Stones Craft**

Materials:

Brown lunch bag Small stones or white rocks Crayons or markers Black permanent marker

### Instructions:

- 1. On each brown bag write "Stay Close To God."
- 2. Give each child a bag and have them draw a picture of David and Goliath and decorate as desired.
- 3. Give each child 5 stones to represent the five stones that David had for his slingshot.
- 4. Have them write the letters DAVID on each stone with a permanent marker to make the five stones spell DAVID.
- 5. Put the stones in each bag.

The brown bag represents David's shepherd's bag.

# **Soap Bible**

Materials:

Felt (black and gold or yellow.)

Soap bar

Glue

Ribbon for sides of soap (gold or yellow)

### Instructions:

- 1. Get a bar of soap, cut the felt to cover front, one side of bar, and the back.
- 2. Glue it to the bar of soap. If you use black felt it will look almost like a Bible.
- 3. Take your ribbon and glue it to the edges of soap bar that is visible (3 sides).

- 4. Cut out the letters BIBLE from gold or yellow felt and glue to the front of your Bible.
- 5. The main piece of felt should be one piece to fold over the soap.

# **Soap Cross**

Materials:

A bar of Ivory Soap Plastic picnic knife Toothpick

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw an outline of a cross on the soap.
- 2. Make the cross bars approximately 1-1/2" wide.
- 3. Whittle away the soap a little bit at a time.
- 4. DO NOT attempt to cut all the way through at one time. Cut slowly and carefully, otherwise the soap will break apart.
- 5. Once the cross is carved, place it under running water and smooth out the edges.
- 6. Scrape the name "Ivory" off the soap.
- 7. Using a toothpick, carve a heart at the center, or write, "Jesus" across and down the center. (The middle letter "S" in Jesus should be placed at the center of the cross.)

# **Sparkle for God**

Materials:

Construction paper

Markers

Scissors

Glue

Glitter

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Write "God Makes Our Lives Sparkle" at the bottom of a white piece of construction paper.
- 2. Let the child draw "fireworks" around the paper using the colors of red, white and blue.
- 3. Then using a bottle of glue, make lines coming out of the center of each firework to represent an "exploding" firework.
- 4. After you make the lines of glue, sprinkle paper with glitter and then tap off the excess
- 5. Let it dry for about 5 minutes and then mount it onto another piece of red or blue construction paper for a backing.

## **Stained Glass Candleholder**

Materials:

A small glass

Tissue paper

Glue Paintbrush Baby food jar lid

#### **Instructions:**

1. Paint water/glue mixture over a glass, and cover with torn pieces of tissue paper.

- 2. Continue to cover until has about 2 layers of tissue paper, then cover with 1 more layer of glue. Allow to dry.
- 3. Use a marker to write "Jesus is the Light."
- 4. Place baby food jar lid in bottom of glass as holder for votive candle.

## **Stained Glass Windows**

Materials:

Assorted colors of tissue paper

Wax paper

String or yarn

Scissors

Paintbrushes

Hole punch

Craft starch or stiffener

#### Instructions:

- 1. On a sheet of wax paper, paint or spray a layer of the starch or stiffener.
- 2. Place different colors of tissue paper on the wax paper base. Overlay papers to create different colors.
- 3. Paint or spray with more starch or stiffener and add a second layer of tissue paper. Allow to dry.

- 4. Peel away wax paper.
- 5. Cut into creative shapes.
- 6. Punch a hole and add string, ribbon or yarn for hanging.

# Sun, Moon & Stars

Materials:

Stiff white card stock

Paper for templates

Pencil

Scissors

Needle

Strong thread

Gold, silver, yellow, and orange paints

Paintbrush

Glue

## Instructions:

- 1. Cut out a circle of card about 4 inches in diameter.
- 2. Paint it gold on both sides. Leave to dry.
- 3. Using a needle, punch a ring of 6 holes around the card rim. Each hole should be about 1/2 inch from the outside edge, and spaced evenly.

- 4. Draw sun, moon, and star shapes onto paper. Cut out the shapes.
- 5. Place these paper templates on top of the remaining card.
- 6. Draw around each one and cut out the shapes. You will need 8 stars, 4 suns, and 4 moons to make the mobile.
- 7. Paint the stars gold and the moons silver, on one side only.
- 8. Paint 2 of the sun shapes bright orange and the other 2 yellow. Paint the suns on both sides. Leave to dry.
- 9. Cut 6 lengths of thread, each about 18 inches long.
- 10. Thread the needle with one length of thread.
- 11. Push the needle up through one of the holes on the card circle. Then bring the needle back up through the same hole again.
- 12. Gently pull the thread up to tighten it.
- 13. Repeat with the other lengths of thread on the remaining 5 holes.
- 14. Hold the 6 lengths of thread together at the top. Gently pull them up to an equal length of approximately 8 inches above the card circle. Tie the ends together with a firm knot.
- 15. Decide where you want to position the stars, suns, and moons on the mobile. To help the mobile hang properly, each shape must be balanced evenly.
- 16. Paste glue on the wrong side of one of the stars.
- 17. Lay the thread over the sticky side in the position you want.
- 18. Place another star on top, with the painted side upwards, sliding it into place so that all the points match. Press together firmly.
- 19. Attach the suns to the thread in the same way, using one orange and one yellow half for each sun. Only put glue in the middle of the sun shape.
- 20. Swivel the 2 suns to make a multicolored "sunburst" effect.
- 21. Trim off the bottom ends of any threads that show. Leave to dry.

Your mobile is now ready to hang.

# **Sunday School Teacher Survival Kit**

Collect the following items, place them in a pretty container, and include a note explaining what each items is for.

Cotton ball: For rough roads ahead seek the cushioned support of God.

Candy Kiss: To remind you that we all need hugs & kisses.

Band-aid: For healing hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.

Rubber band: A reminder to stay flexible.

Candle: To remind you that a little brightness goes a long way.

Penny: To remind you to keep your sense of humor.

Sweet and sour candy: To help you accept and appreciate the difference in others.

Lifesaver: God is our Lifesaver. You may be that lifesaver for someone.

Tissue: For the unexpected tears.

Key: The KEY to all of the above is Love.

## **Sweet Cross**

## Materials:

15 sugar cubes per child

1 strip of green construction paper 6 inches long 3/4 inches high

White glue or a glue stick

### Instructions:

- 1. The green construction paper should be cut such that one long edge is jagged (to look like grass).
- 2. Each child should glue 9 cubes into a 3x3 square. This will be the base of the cross.
- 3. Take the remaining cubes and glue 4 into a row.
- 4. Take the remaining cubes and glue them to each side of the row so that a cross is formed.
- 5. After the glue on the base is dried, glue the green construction paper to the base so that it surrounds the base.
- 6. Glue the cross to the middle cube of the base.

The cross will last surprisingly long.

## **Tambourine Craft**

## Materials:

Empty cans (cardboard or plastic from juice, oatmeal, etc)

Seeds, rice, or beans

Contact paper

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut each piece of contact paper to match each can.
- 2. Glue to the can.
- 3. Have students choose what sound they like (beans are heavier, rice lighter, etc).

- 4. Fill each one with whatever item they choose. Fill it 1/4 full.
- 5. Glue the lid back on.
- 6. Put small strip on the lid when it's glued. Let dry.
- 7. Play some dancing music and it will be "Music to His ears!"

# **Technicolor T-Shirts (Joseph the Dreamer)**

Materials:
White cotton T-shirt
Masking tape
Pieces of thick cardboard
Scissors
Fabric paints in red, yellow, and blue
Small sponge pan cleaner
3 saucers

### Instructions:

- 1. First find the middle of the T-shirt by folding it in half, matching the sleeves. Mark the center with masking tape at the top and bottom of the fold.
- 2. Open the T-shirt out and decide where you want to position the center of your design.
- 3. Fold the T-shirt from top to bottom at this point, and mark the fold on each side with masking tape.
- 4. Use the masking tape as a guide to help keep your design even as you work.
- 5. To stop fabric paint from soaking through to the back of the T-shirt, cut pieces of card and insert them into the body and sleeves of the T-shirt. The card should fit snugly in position, without stretching the fabric.
- 6. Pour a little of the different colored fabric paints into 3 separate saucers. Cut off 3 small wedges from the sponge.
- 7. Lightly dip a corner of one of the sponge pieces into the red fabric paint. Following your masking tape guidelines, sponge on a splotch of color in the center of the T-shirt
- 8. Using a clean piece of sponge and the yellow paint, sponge on dabs of yellow paint all around the red splotch. Let the paint colors overlap a little to give a rainbow effect.
- 9. Using the third clean sponge piece, dab blue fabric paint around the yellow circle, letting the colors merge as before. Repeat using the red color again, and so on. (The overlapping red and yellow will give an orange color, the yellow and blue will give a green color, and the blue and red will give a purple shade).
- 10. Carry on sponging circular bands of color onto the T-shirt, using each color in turn. Keep the same sponge for each separate color. Make the design as big or as small as you like. You may wish to paint one large rainbow circle in the center of the T-shirt and two smaller ones on each sleeve. Or, try sponging several small rainbow circles all over the T-shirt.
- 11. Allow the paint to dry, leaving the card inside. Paint the back of the T-shirt in the same way, using a clean piece of card to protect the fabric.

*Note:* Most fabric paints need to be "fixed" (this makes the color permanent and washable), but check the manufacturer's instructions. To fix most brands of fabric paint simply cover the painted area with a clean cotton cloth and iron for 1-2 minutes on the hottest setting. Ask an adult to help you do this. For best results, wash the garment again before you wear it.

## **Ten Commandments Craft**

### Materials:

Large sheet of tan construction paper List of the Ten Commandments Candle Matches Tub of water

#### Instructions:

- 1. Have students fold paper in half and draw an arch at the top of the paper.
- 2. Cut along the arch. When unfolded it will look like Moses' tablets.
- 3. Have the students copy the Ten Commandments onto the paper. Five on each side.
- 4. Have students crumple the "tablets" for an aged look.
- 5. Light the candle and burn the outer edge of the paper tablet (adult job!).
- 6. Dip in water as needed.
- 7. The finished product when dry looks aged and received many great reviews from students, fellow teachers, and parents.

## "Thank You" Bloom

Materials:

Clay pot

Waterproof paint

Paper towels

Newspaper

Paintbrushes

Potting soil

Flowering pant

### Instructions:

- 1. First, choose the size of the clay pot you wish to decorate.
- 2. Cover the table with newspaper to prevent a paint mess and place the pot upon the newspaper.
- 3. Next, paint the words "Thanks For Helping Us Bloom!" around the rim of the clay pot.
- 4. Then, take your thumb, dip it into the paint, and press your thumb on the clay pot.

5. Keep on repeating with different colors and space them evenly apart from each other. These will act as the flower centers.

- 6. Then, have your children or students dip their thumbs into a different color and make thumbprints around the flower centers.
- 7. Each student can sign her name by her own flower when the paint dries.
- 8. Finish it off by painting leaves with paintbrushes to accent the flowers.
- 9. Finally, when all the painting is finished, plant a flowering plant of your choice in the clay pot.

This makes a great gift for anyone!

## "Thank You God" Book

#### Materials:

1 large piece of construction paper Assorted old magazines Glue or tape Marker or crayons

#### Instructions:

- 1. Fold paper in half to make a book.
- 2. On front cover write the child's name and what they are thankful for. Example: "Thank You God for the food you give".
- 3. Have the child paste a picture or pictures of food on the page or pages. It makes them understand what God gave us, and what is materialism.

## **The Good News Suite Case**

Materials:

Construction paper Glue Scissors Crayons or markers

#### Instructions:

- 1. Discuss what Paul might have taken with him on his journey. Discuss what the children might take with them if they went on a trip and pack a paper suitcase.
- 2. Before class make a suitcase out of construction paper for each child. To make the suitcase, fold a piece of construction paper in half to make a paper that measures 9" x 6". Cut a handle on the 9" side unfolded side.
- 3. On one sheet of paper draw pictures of things people might take on a trip. Include things that wouldn't go in a suitcase like an ice cream cone and dog.
- 4. Have the children pick out items from the paper that they would like to put into their suitcase. Have a lot of fun putting things in the suitcase they know would never fit in a suitcase
- 5. If you don't want to use glue, you can have the children color the pictures and circle the pictures that might go in a suitcase.

*Variation:* As an alternative you can use manila file folders and put holes in the top for a handle and cut out pictures from magazines instead of using the print out sheet.

## The Red Sea Craft

Materials:

White construction paper

Popsicle sticks

Scissors

Red, yellow, and orange crayons

Tape

Glue

White cotton balls

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Give children a pair of scissors and have them cut a large cloud shape out of the construction paper.
- 2. Have the children color one side of the construction paper with the red, yellow and orange crayons to look like a pillar of fire.
- 3. Have the children tape a Popsicle stick to the middle of the back of the cloud to be a handle.
- 4. Have the children glue cotton balls on the backside to form the cloud.

# The Right Way Compass

This is a great craft to do when you are talking about how God gives us direction, and leads our paths!

Materials:

Small paper plate

Hole punch

Markers

Yarn

**Brads** 

Construction paper

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Take a black marker and write the directional letters "N", "S", "W", and "E" on the top, bottom, left and right of the plate.
- 2. Have the child make colorful designs with markers on the plate.
- 3. Cut out an arrow from construction paper, and write "God Gives Us Direction" on it.
- 4. Now poke a hole in the center of the plate and the edge of the arrow.
- 5. Put the brad through the two holes securing the arrow to the center of the plate.

6. Next, take the plate and punch two holes at the top, then tie the string so that they can wear it around their neck, or hang it to display.

# **Tissue Paper Cross**

Materials:

Construction paper

Glue

Scissors

Different colored tissue paper

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Draw a cross onto white construction paper.
- 2. Cut the different colored tissue paper into small pieces.
- 3. Spread glue onto the cross and add the tissue paper.
- 4. Cut out the cross and glue onto your choice of colored construction paper.

## **Tower of Babel Craft**

Materials:

Cardboard tubes from paper towels

Crayons or markers

Cotton balls

#### Instructions:

- 1. Give each student one cardboard tube and some markers.
- 2. Have them decorate the tower with windows and doors, bricks, steps, etc.
- 3. Now stuff the top hole with cotton balls so that it looks like clouds.

## Trees in the Garden

Materials:

3-inch plastic plant pot

Plasticine

Dry twig or stick from the yard, about 7-1/2 inches long

Small plastic foam sphere (Styrofoam)

Small, clean pebbles

Dried flowers, grasses, and seed heads

Small piece of narrow ribbon

Scissors

#### Instructions:

- 1. Place a large blob of Plasticine in the bottom of the plant pot. Push the stick into the center.
- 2. Take the foam sphere and place it on top of the stick, pushing the end of the stick about 2 inches into the sphere.
- 3. Fill the pot with pebbles, placing them carefully around the stick, until they reach the rim of the pot. Make sure the stick stays upright.

- 4. Push the dried flowers into the foam sphere. Keep the stems short, no longer than 1 inch, and push the flowers in up to their heads. If you are using dried grasses, break off small shoots. Carry on sticking in flowers all the way around the sphere until it is completely covered and no plastic foam can be seen.
- 5. Tie the ribbon in a pretty bow around the bottom of the stick. Remember to keep your tree away from direct sunlight, to stop the flowers from fading.

## **Trumpet Craft**

Materials:

Paper bowl

Empty paper towel tube

White construction paper

Markers

Crayons

Scissors

Glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Poke a 1" hole in the center of the bowl. Push the flaps upward.
- 2. Put the cardboard tube through the hole, and glue the flaps to the tube.
- 3. Write the words "Make a Joyful Noise" on the construction paper.
- 4. Let the children decorate the construction paper and glue it to the tube.

Now you are ready to march around Jericho.

# **Veggie Tales Pencil Bag**

Materials:

Veggie Tales fabric

Plastic pencil case (Zipper Carry-All - which can be purchased at Wal-Mart)

Craft glue

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut rectangles of fabric the appropriate size to cover the pencil cases.
- 2. Glue fabric rectangles onto the front of the pencil case.
- 3. Give Veggie Tales items (toys, erasers, pencils) as prizes for games, that the children can put in their carry-all pencil case.

# **Weaving Mobile**

Materials:

Cardboard

Sparkling yarn or metallic thread

Dowel

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut shapes from cardboard to fit in with the day's bible story theme.
- 2. Cut small slits around each shape, each approx. 1/4"-1/2" apart.
- 3. Begin wrapping the shape with sparkling yarn or metallic thread. Use the slits to hold the yarn in place.
- 4. Punch a hole in the top of each figure and tie the shape to a 12" long dowel with yarn attached to both ends to make a hanger (or use metal coat hanger).

Based on Matthew 27:27-28

# **WWJD Key Chain**

Materials:

Beads

Small silver or gold key ring

Letter beads WWJD

String appropriate for size of beads

Envelopes

Paper plates

### **Instructions:**

- 1. In each envelope place 6 colored beads, the letter beads WWJD, the string, and the key chain.
- 2. Depending on what age group you are working with you can attach the string using the loop knot before handing out the envelopes to the kids.
- 3. String 3 colored beads on then WWJD, being careful to make sure the letters are all the same direction.
- 4. Then the other 3 colored beads bring the end of the string up and attach it at the same place as the beginning string, creating a loop style key chain.

5. Use the plate to work on. It keeps the beads in one place.

## WWJD Visor

Materials:

Plastic visor

Tacky glue

Foam letters that spell WWJD

Bible foam stickers

### **Instructions:**

- 1. Glue on the foam letters to be centered on top of the visor.
- 2. Decorate with foam stickers around the lettering.