

BIBLE CRAFTS VOL 1.

Step By Step Instructions



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Jesus Knows My Name

Ages 2-7

THEMES: God loves me; I am special and uniquely made by God; creation; praise

Provide enough plain wood blocks to each child so they can spell out their first name. Children should paint each block with one color of a water-based paint so they will dry quickly. Afterward, kids should pencil each letter of their first name onto a different block, creating the letter as large as the block will allow. Then paint over the penciled letters. (Several layers may be needed.) Paint creatively, as desired.

OPTIONAL: If children wish to further decorate their blocks, they may wish to paint symbols on other sides, attach small stickers, or use other craft items to decorate.

Provide each child with a small plastic bag to place their wood blocks inside to carry home. Tell kids to arrange the blocks in order when they get home and share with their family that Jesus knows each one of their names – in fact, Jesus knows everything about us, down to every single hair on our heads!

Supplies Needed:

Plain Wood Blocks (To save the expense of purchasing wood blocks, ask someone with the proper tools to cut the wood blocks at home.)

Pencils

Paints and Brushes

Stickers

Table Covers

Small Plastic Bags



Reminder Rocks

Ages 2-8

THEME: Luke: 19:40-42; praise

Before children arrive, divide 8 ½" x 11 papers into thirds. Write or type the following Bible verse onto the far right side of each third:

But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:40-42

Photocopy and cut apart so that each child can have one. Tell the children they will be making Reminder Rocks as a memory tool to show praise to God. Distribute to the children along with a large rock. Allow the children to paint or color their rocks, as desired. Glue on two wiggly eyes and create a face with markers or small pieces of felt. Then glue the flat portion of the rock onto the left hand side of the Bible verse page.

Tell the children to bring rocks home to share with their families so that everyone will be reminded of what Jesus said. Use as a paper weight or table decoration. Encourage the children to praise God each time they see their reminder rocks.

Supplies Needed:

Large Rocks with somewhat flat bottoms

Water Color or Tempra Paints

Paint Brushes

Googly Eyes

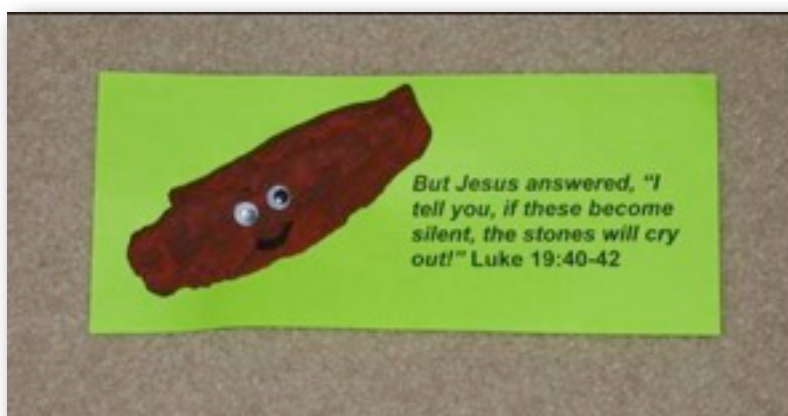
Glue

Felt (optional)

Scissors

Bible Verse (Provided at Left)

Cardstock



Prayer Baskets

Ages 8-12

THEME: Prayer

Distribute a full sheet of construction paper to each child. Use a ruler to measure and draw a line two inches away from the edge, all the way around the paper. You will see an outlined square in each corner. Cut one side of each square of every corner. Use markers or crayons to label it PRAYER BASKET and then decorate as desired.

Bend each side inward, along the lines. Pull each slit into the basket edge and tape in place on the inside and outside of the basket.

Create a handle by cutting an 11" x 2" strip of construction paper and stretching it from the center of each narrow side. Use markers or crayons to decorate as desired. Tape in place.

Provide each child with several sheets of copy paper. Tell kids to cut the copy paper into approximately 2" x 2" squares or 2" x 3" rectangles, utilizing as much of the paper, without waste. Place the stacks of blank squares into the basket.



Encourage children to utilize these Prayer Baskets at home. During each week, family members should utilize the basket when they have a problem, concern, need, or joy by taking a moment to jot it down onto one of the paper squares. Fold the paper and return to the basket. Once a week, the folded slips should be taken out of the basket and read. Families can then pray for one another's needs and celebrations.

Supplies Needed:

Construction Paper

Copy Paper

Rulers

Scissors

Glue

Cross Collage

Ages 2-6

THEMES: Jesus; forgiveness; love; hope; promise; Easter

Before children arrive, cut a large cross out of cardboard for each child. Place the collage materials into small containers.

Show children how to place a small amount of glue onto one portion of the cross, and then select collage materials to glue onto it. Then place glue onto another portion of the cross, and select more collage materials to glue onto it, and so on, until the entire cross is covered.

Tell children to place collage materials very close together, so that each one is touching the other. Children can be as creative as they wish with their collage materials and then each cross will come out different!

Supplies Needed:

Sturdy Cardboard

Scissors

Collage Materials such as pebbles, shells, noodles, dried beans, cereal

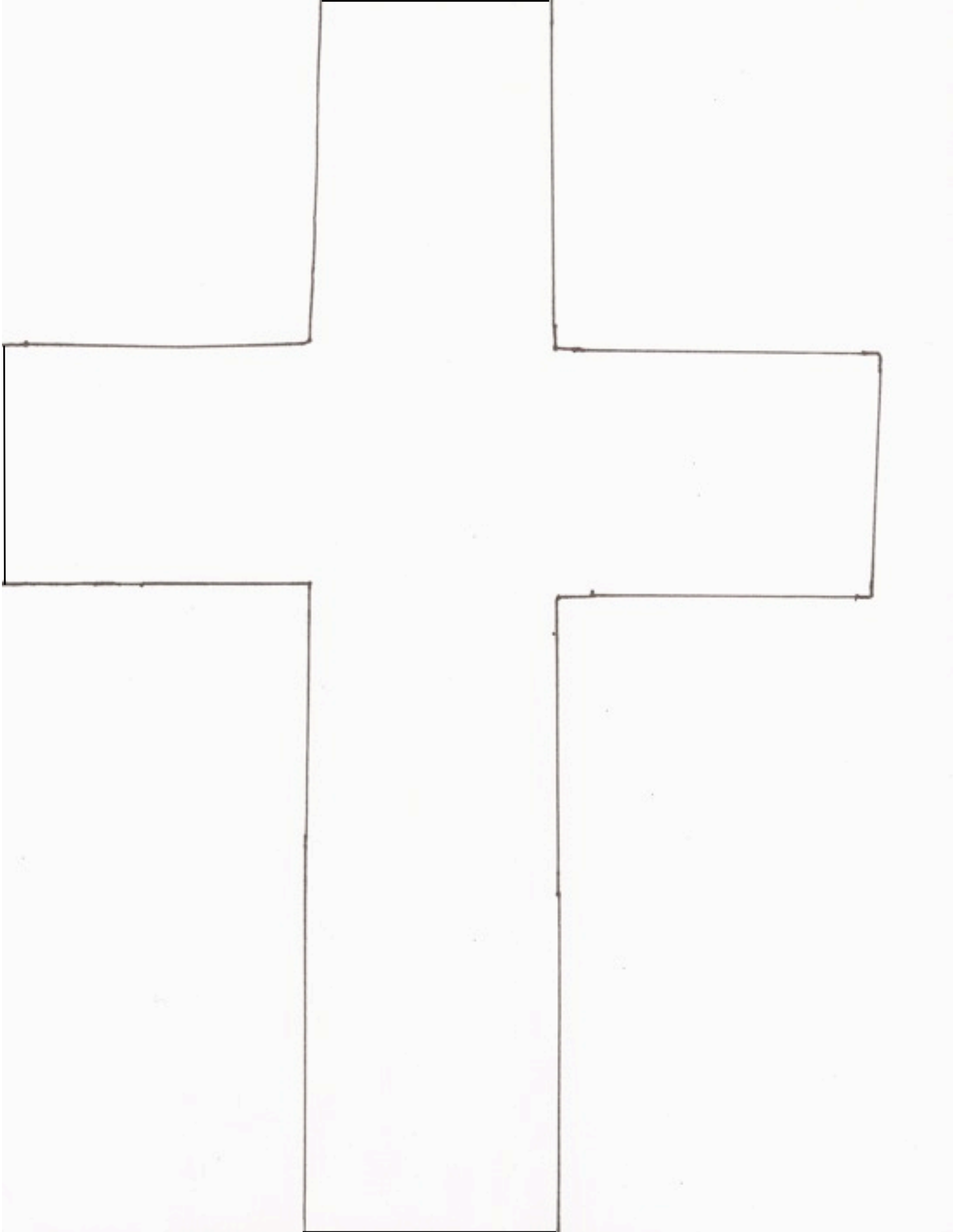
Glue

Small Bowls/Containers

Cross Template Provided



When finished, remind children that the cross is a symbol of God's Son, Jesus and the love he showed to each one of us!



Cross Collage Template

Sunflower

Ages 5-8

THEME: Parable of the Seed

Before children arrive, make copies of the leaf and stem pattern provided. Each child will need enough construction paper to make 14 yellow petals, 2 stems and 2 green leaves.

When your class is ready to begin the craft, distribute paper plates and have your students flip them over the “wrong way”. Instruct the class to color the center of the plate brown. Have the students glue the sunflower seeds into the center.

Have each child cut out 14 yellow petals (or another color if they wish), 2 green stem sections, and 2 green leaves.

Glue (or tape) together the stem sections so they form one long stem.

Supplies Needed:

Construction Paper

Markers, Paint or Crayons

Sunflower Seeds

Scissors

Glue

Patterns Provided

Paper Plates

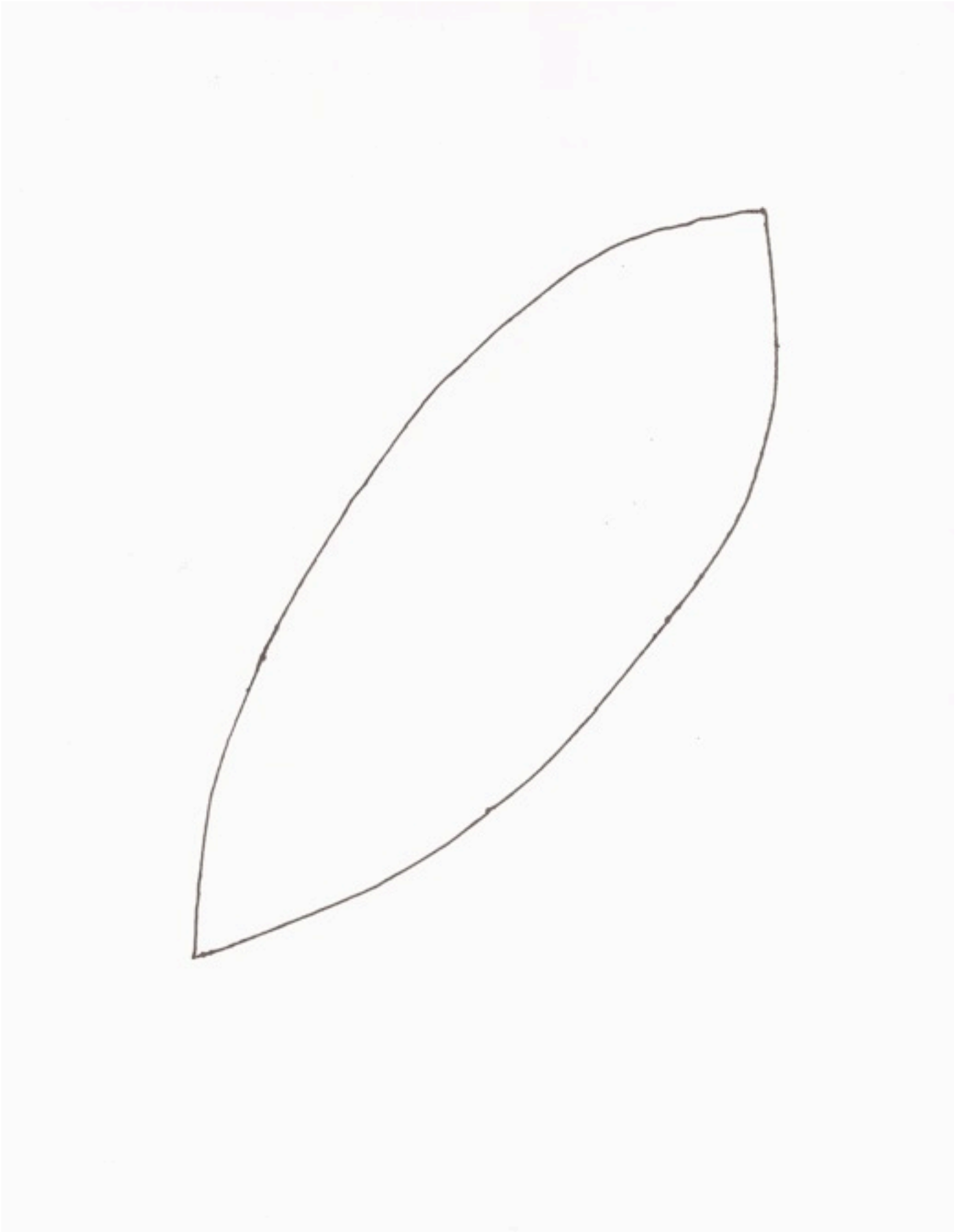
Paint Brushes (if using paint)



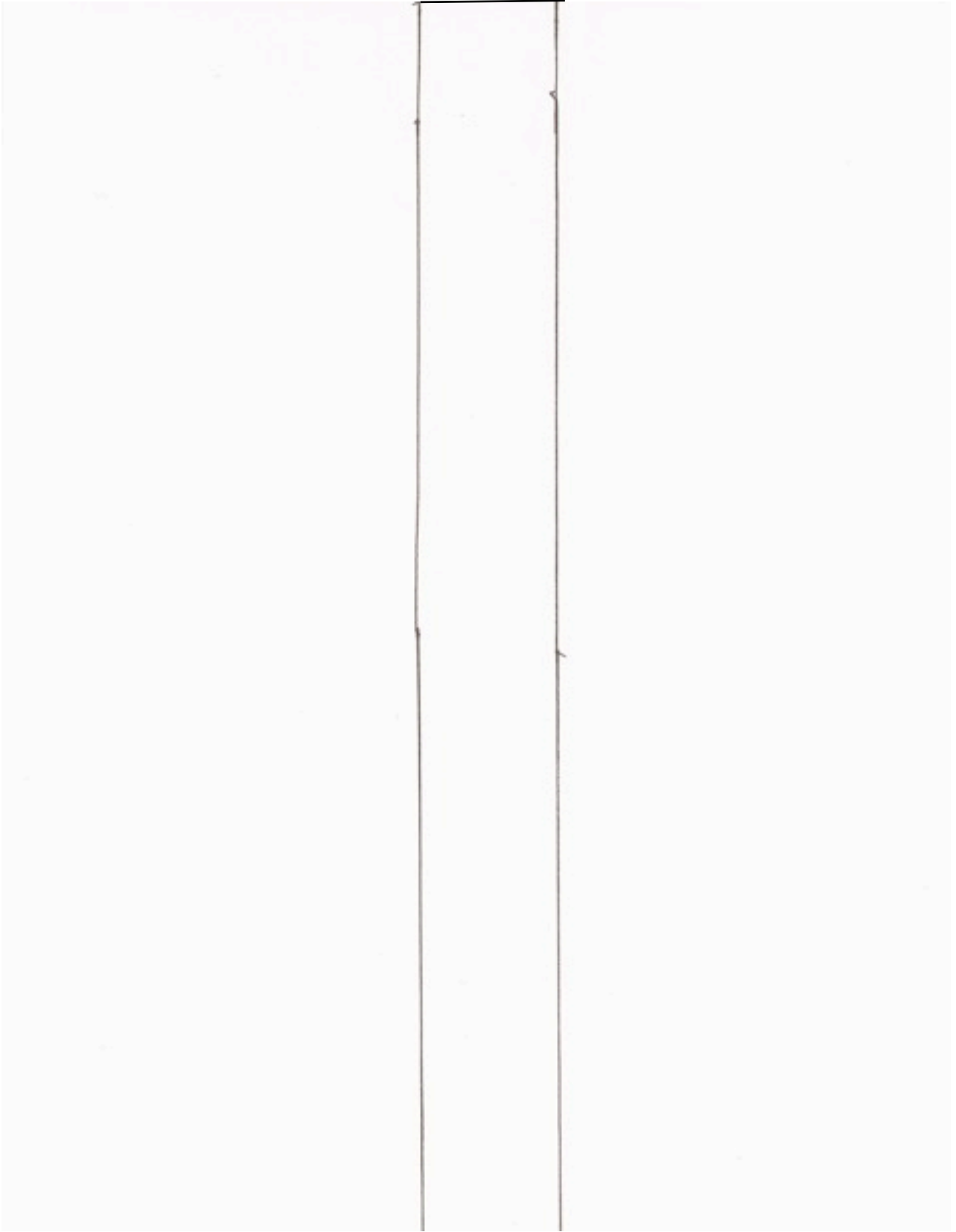
Glue the yellow petals around the decorated paper plate to form the flower shape. Next, glue the green petals half way down the stem. Glue or tape the stem section to the flower.

These look great on bulletin boards during the Spring and are a perfect tie in when teaching about the Parable of the Seed!

Sunflower Template- Leaf & Petals



Sunflower Template- Stem



Heart Pockets

Ages 7-12

THEME: The Bible; love; share God's Word; or any number of other things

Before children arrive, create a large heart onto 8 ½ x 11" paper and photocopy for each child.

Ask kids to cut out the heart patter, trace onto construction paper twice, and then cut them out. Fold the top third of one heart down and cut on the folded line.

Holding each heart together, punch holes into the outside edges about one half inch apart, all the way around the edges. Be sure the bottom two thirds of the one heart matches up exactly to the whole one. Utilize ribbon or yarn to lace the two patterns together. Continue the lacing all the way around the top, too, tying in a bow at the center. Decorate as desired.

Supplies Needed:

Construction Paper

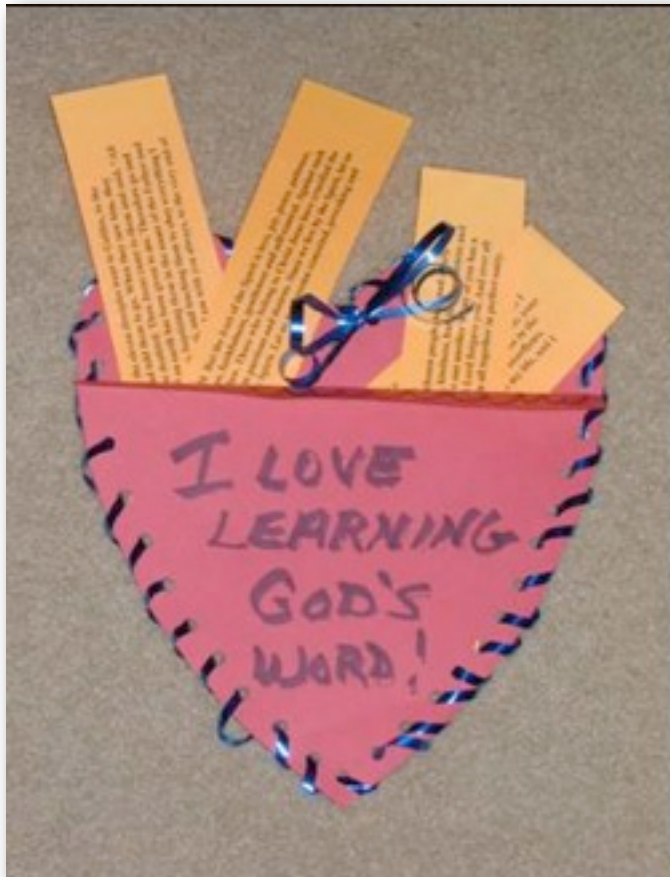
Markers or Crayons

Hole Punch

Scissors

Yarn or Ribbon

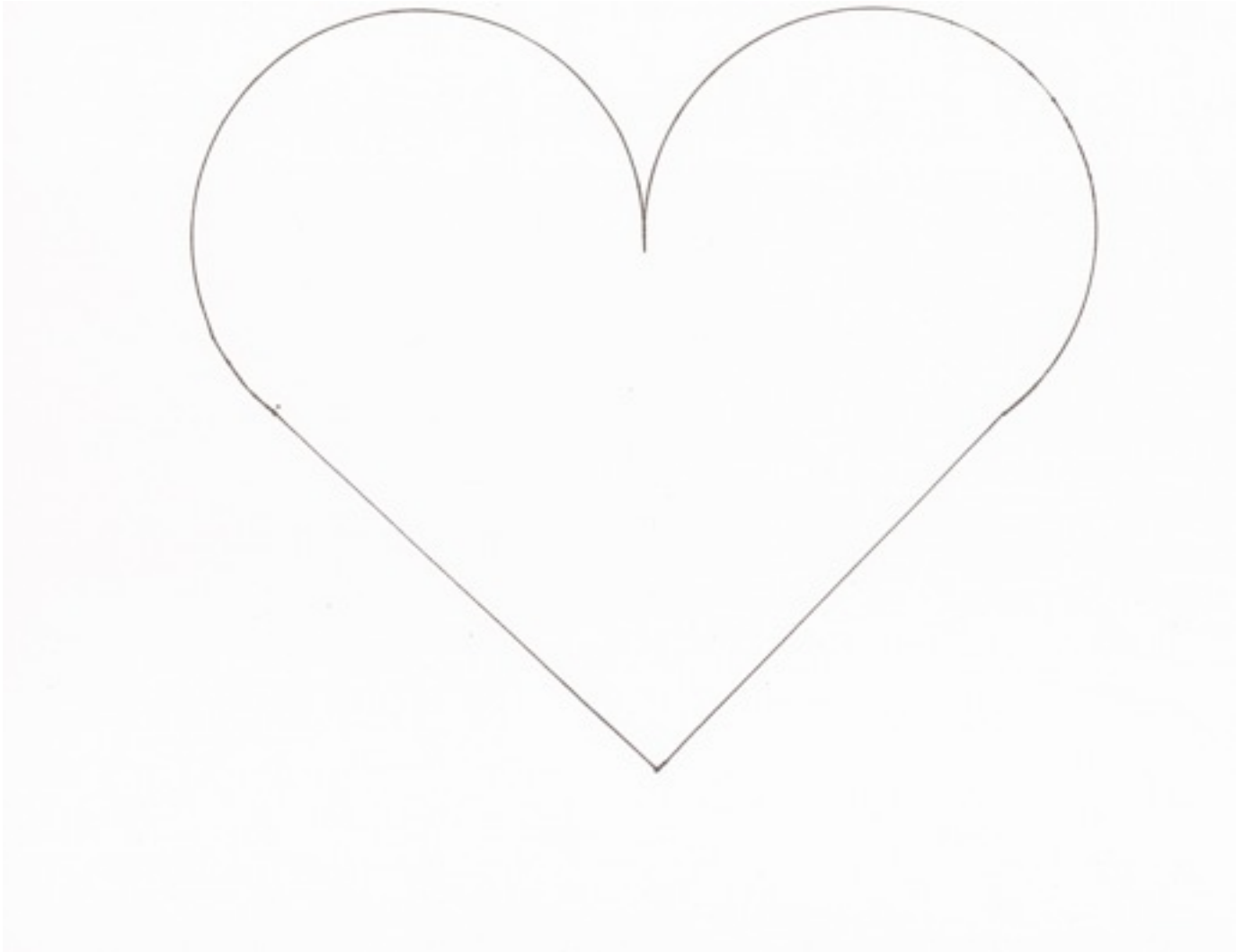
Heart Pattern (Provided)



Fill the heart pockets with Bible verses that children are trying to learn or messages to spread God's Word with others!

Heart Pocket Template

(You will need to enlarge this heart or feel free to draw your own)



Joseph's Coat

Ages 5-8

THEME: Joseph's Coat of Many Colors

Before children arrive, make master copies of the coat pattern provided on a thick cardstock. (The students will be tracing around these masters to create their own coat of many colors). When your students are ready to begin the craft, have them trace around the master onto a piece of their own cardstock. Next, have them cut out their coat so they are ready to decorate.

Note: If you don't have large sheets of cardstock, file folders can be cut into squares and use instead.

Set out paper plates with glue "puddles" at each table. Give each child a pencil with a new eraser and instruct them to wrap their tissue paper around the base of the eraser and dip the end lightly in the glue.

Stick the tissue to the coat pattern and lift away the pencil. Work your way from the outside in.

Encourage your class to use their creativity and make a beautiful coat in any fun pattern they wish.

Supplies Needed:

Colored Tissue Paper (cut into small squares 2" X 2")

Cardstock

New Pencil with Eraser

Scissors

Glue

Coat Pattern Provided

Paper Plates (to place glue to dipping)





Joseph's Coat of Colors Pattern

Votive Reminders

Ages 9-14

THEME: We are the light of the world

For this project you will need a small votive cup holder, colored tissue paper, fun ribbon, scissors and glue. (May also substitute with a baby food jar.)

Pre cut the tissue for the children.

Have the children place the holder upside down and paint glue all over the glass. Wrap entire holder in tissue paper, folding ends at bottom. Inspect each votive to make sure that the tissue is places only on the outside of the votive.

Glue rick rack or other "fun" ribbon around edge. Let dry.

Supplies Needed:

Votive Cup Holder (or Glass Baby Food Jar)

Colored Tissue Paper

Fun Ribbon (or other embellishments)

Scissors

Glue



Prayer Wheel

Ages 2-6

THEMES: Spending time with God; prayer; living the way God wants us to

Before children arrive, create a 3" x 1/2" arrow pattern for each child and duplicate onto colored cardstock for each child. (You may wish to cut arrows out for very young children.) Then create a circle pattern that will fit into the center of your paper plates. Divide the pattern into four or six equal pie sections. Draw one of the following symbols for children to color in each section:

- | | | |
|---------------|---------|--------------|
| * Happy faces | * Cross | * Rainbow |
| * House | * Heart | * Hand print |

Punch a small hole into the center of each plate and the rectangular end of each arrow.

When children arrive, allow those who are able, to cut out the arrow and circle patterns. Then tell the children to color the symbols in each pie shape. Children can also decorate the rims of their plate, if desired.

Show children how to push a paper fastener through the hole in their arrow, then punch it through the center of the paper circle, and then through the pre-punched hole in the plate. Do *not* fasten too tightly, or the arrow will not spin.

Supplies Needed:

White Paper Plates

Markers or Crayons

Paper Fasteners (or Brads)

Card Stock

Colored Copy Paper

Scissors

Arrow Pattern (provided)

Glue

Straight Edge (or Ruler)



Tell children to utilize their prayer wheels to focus on ways to spend time with God. Children should spin the arrow, and then think about how to pray to God. For example:

- Cross: thanking God or forgiveness
- Happy faces: praying for the people in our lives
- House: thanking God for all the things he has given us that we enjoy

every day

- Heart: God's love or our love for God
- Rainbow: God's promises to us
- Hand print: Ways that we can help God; the ways God helps us; things we need God's help with; ways we can help others

Nativity Star Christmas Activity Chain

Ages 8-11

THEME: The birth of Jesus; Advent; Christmas

Before children arrive, create a large star pattern that kids can cut and trace onto poster board. Photocopy a picture of a nativity scene (from clip art or the internet) or use nativity scenes from Christmas cards.

Tell kids to cut out the star, trace onto poster board and cut that out. Then cut and color (if needed) the nativity scene and glue onto the center of the star. Punch a hole into the bottom of the star. Decorate the start with markers or glitter, as desired.

Create twenty-five 11" x 2" strips of construction paper. Challenge the group to come up with a variety of small activity ideas to do each day in December leading up to Christmas. Write one idea onto each strip. Some examples may be:

- * Read a Bible verse
- * Bake cookies
- * Decorate tree
- * Create an ornament
- * Sing Christmas carols
- * Do something nice for a friend
- * Do something helpful for a parent
- * Make a Christmas present
- * Create a Christmas devotion
- * Make a creative wreath



Supplies Needed:

Poster Board

Construction Paper

Tape

Scissors

Nativity Scene & Star (Image Provided)

Hole Punch

Narrow Ribbon

Glitter

Markers

Create a paper chain by taping each strip together and looping one into the next. Then punch a hole through the top and bottom centers. Slip a piece of ribbon through the bottom star hole and the chain and tie together. Create another small ribbon loop for the hole in the top of the star for hanging.

Encourage kids to take Nativity chains home to enjoy during the Christmas season. Each day during the season, children should remove one strip in the chain and do that activity with their families, until they reach the star and they can celebrate the birth of Christ.



Nativity Star Template



Fishers of Men Decoration

Ages 8-14

THEMES: Fishers of men; follow Jesus; spread God's Word

Tell children to draw a picture of a fish on paper. Keep the picture simple, as it will be duplicated by pipe cleaners bent into place.

Tape three pipe cleaners together to provide extra strength if you do not have sturdy bendable wire to use. Bend the wires to model the fish picture that was drawn. Use extra wires, as needed.



Choose one or more yarn colors to wind around the pipe cleaners. Use several threads together as you wind them about the wires to make it go faster. Tie a knot when you have finished the entire fish and knot in place.

When the pipe cleaners are bent into an acceptable position, carefully wind one or more yarn colors around and around the wire, making the

picture or symbol much sturdier.

Use another small piece of yarn to tie a small loop at the top so that it can be hung. Encourage kids to hang their fish in a window, on a Christmas tree, on a doorknob or even just a hook to remind them that Jesus wants us all to be fishers of men.

Supplies Needed:

Paper

Pipe Cleaners (or wire)

Yarn

Tape

Pencils



God Loves Me Necklace

Ages 2-6

Theme: God's Love

Before children arrive, create a two inch heart pattern from the template provided. Print the words "GOD LOVES ME" in the center and duplicate onto red card stock for each child. Place noodles or beads into several small bowls or containers. Cut a 30" piece of lacing string or yarn for each child. If utilizing yarn, wrap a piece of clear tape firmly about each end of the string for easier lacing.

Distribute a heart pattern, string, and scissors to each child. Tell children to cut out the heart. Talk about how the heart is a symbol of love, and remind them that God knows and loves each one of us!

Help children to punch two holes through the outer center of each side of the heart, taking care not to punch through the words. Then demonstrate how to string each end of the string or yarn up through the back of each hole in the heart, placing the heart in the center of the string.

Supplies Needed:

Thin Yarn or String

Beads or Noodles with Hole in Center

Red Card Stock

Heart Pattern (provided)

Hole Punch (or Stylus)

Scissors

Small Bowls/Containers

Clear Tape

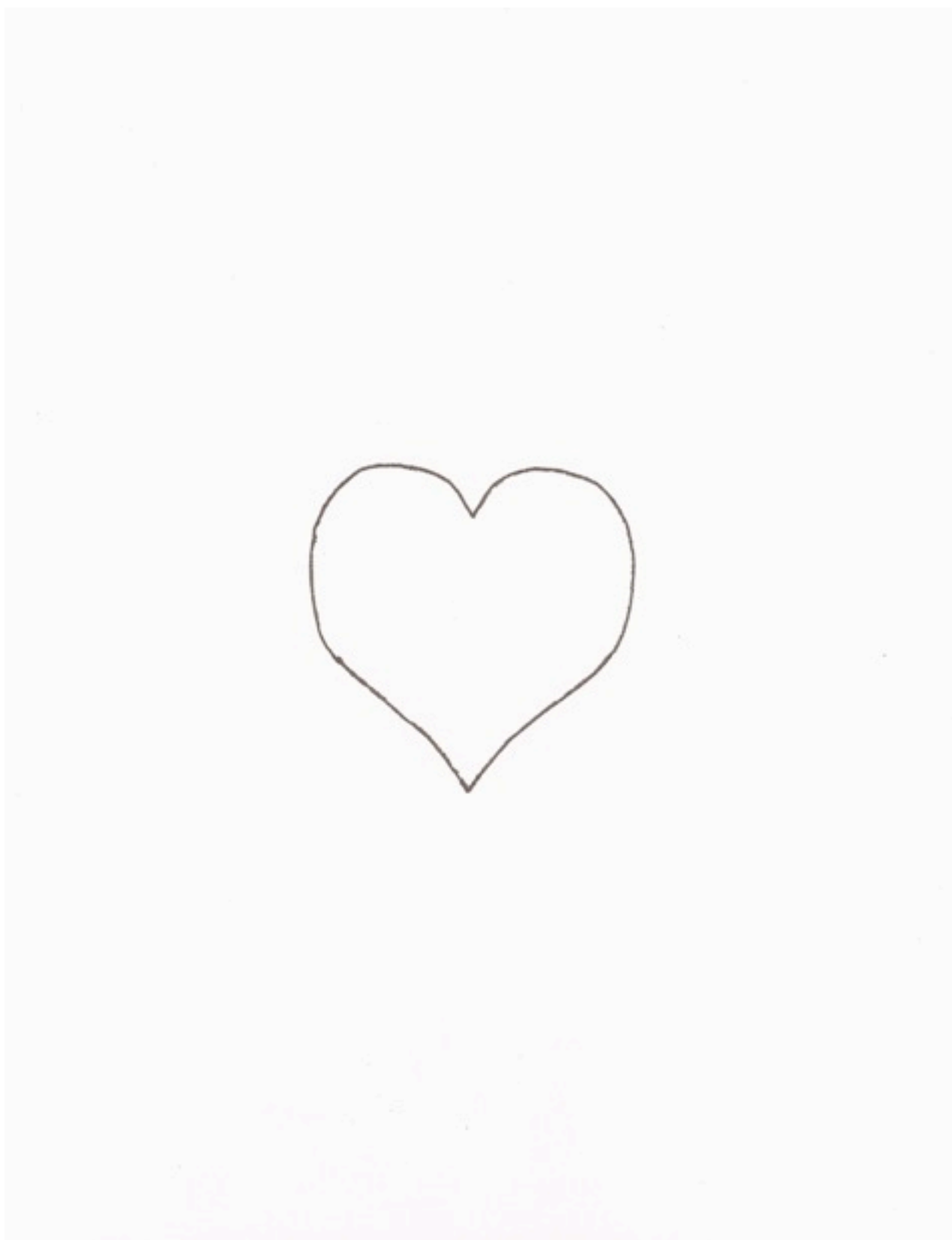
Heart Template Provided



Choose beads or noodles to string onto each side of the heart, as desired. When finished, loosely tie the necklace onto the child, fastening it in a bow so it is easier to undo, if needed. The necklace should be large enough for children to easily slip over their heads, too.

When finished, ask the children to name one way God loves them while attaching the necklace. Tell kids to remember God's love every time they wear their necklace!

Heart Pattern



Paper Box

Ages 10-14

THEME: 10 Commandments, Gift for Mother/Father/Grandparent's Day, Memory Verse Holder, Limitless Possibilities

This craft will teach you how to make a box 100% out of paper! Your students can store their 10 commandment memory stripes inside to use while studying. This craft can also be used as a gift for just about any occasion. For example, you could have the student write all the reasons they are thankful for their Mothers to go inside the box. This would be a wonderful Mother's Day gift.

1. To make the bottom, fold the paper square in half diagonally, first one way and then the other, creasing the folds well before unfolding them.
2. Next, fold in all four corners so they meet in the center of the paper; crease them well and unfold them.
3. Now, fold one of the corners so that it meets the farthest crease line opposite that corner, crease and unfold it. Do the same with the three other corners. Finally, fold each corner to its closest crease line. Then unfold all the corners to reveal an overall pattern of creased squares.
4. Make two cuts in the paper at one corner, two squares deep and two squares apart. Make identical cuts on the opposite corner.
5. Place the paper in front, with the cuts facing north and south. Fold in the east and west corners along the crease lines two times, finally bringing the two sides up ver-

Supplies Needed:

Decorative Paper (1' X 1')

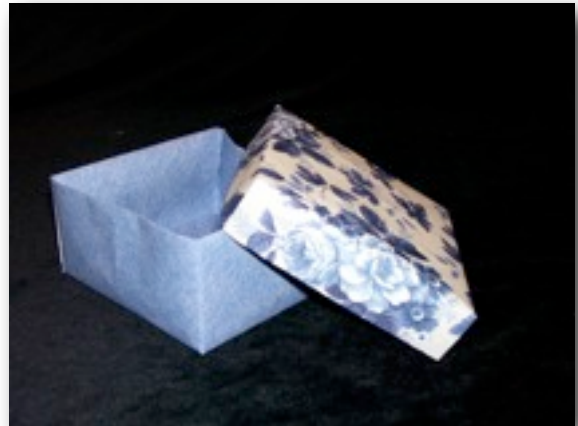
Copy Paper

Pen

Tape

Scissors (to cut paper into square)

10 Commandments (written on stripes of paper)



tically. Bend the pointed ends of the east and west sides toward one another, crossing them.

6. Bring the tongue-shaped portion of the paper (the one facing south) up and over the crossed ends, folding it down over the ends and tucking it so that it stays put. Do the same with the north end of the paper. This completes the bottom of the box.

7. To make the lid, fold the other sheet of paper the same way the bottom of the box was done, except that before cutting and assembling the lid, fold the sides 1 more time, decorate the paper using crayons, markers, glitter glue, stickers or paints (optional).

2. Have your students write out the 10 Commandments on slips of paper to store in the box for use during study. OR, you can have students keep their memory verses in the box.