

# BIBLE CRAFTS VOL 2.

Step By Step Instructions



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## Bible Problem Solvers Ages 8-14

**THEME: The Bible's Answers**

To create these problem solvers, you will need an 8" x 8" square of paper for each child.

Kids should fold their squares in half, corner to corner, creating a triangle. Then fold that triangle in half again. Unfold the paper and then take each corner and fold it to the inside center point, creating a smaller square. Crease firmly in place and turn the new square over.

Once again, take the outside corners and fold them to the inside center point, creating yet another smaller square. Fold in half, then in half again. You will now have a small folded square in your hand.

Open to the next sized square and slip fingers under the corner flaps and gently press toward the center. By moving fingers back and forth, this will create a fun paper movement.

Write the following words in each space, as directed, or create new ones of your own.

On the outside four squares, write four general problems you experience:

- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| * Anger | * Worry   |
| * Grief | * Parents |

Color each of these squares a different color. Then turn it over and place the same color in the triangle spaces directly under each smaller square on the opposite side. In addition, place one of God's solutions to that problem, keeping that somewhat general, too. For example:

- |            |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|
| * Anger:   | Love    | Forgive |
| * Worry:   | Trust   | Faith   |
| * Grief:   | Hope    | Promise |
| * Parents: | Respect | Obey    |

Flip open each flap and once again color in each triangle the same color as the triangle on the opposite side. Then place a Bible verse that God provides as a solution to the original problem. For example:

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| * Love: Romans 12:9-21 | * Forgive: Ephesians 4:25-32 |
| * Trust: Psalm 31      | * Faith: Matthew 6:25-34     |
| * Hope: Psalm 23       | * Promise: Psalm 105:1-8     |

**Supplies Needed:**

**White Copy Paper 8" X 8"**

**Markers or Crayons**

**Pens**

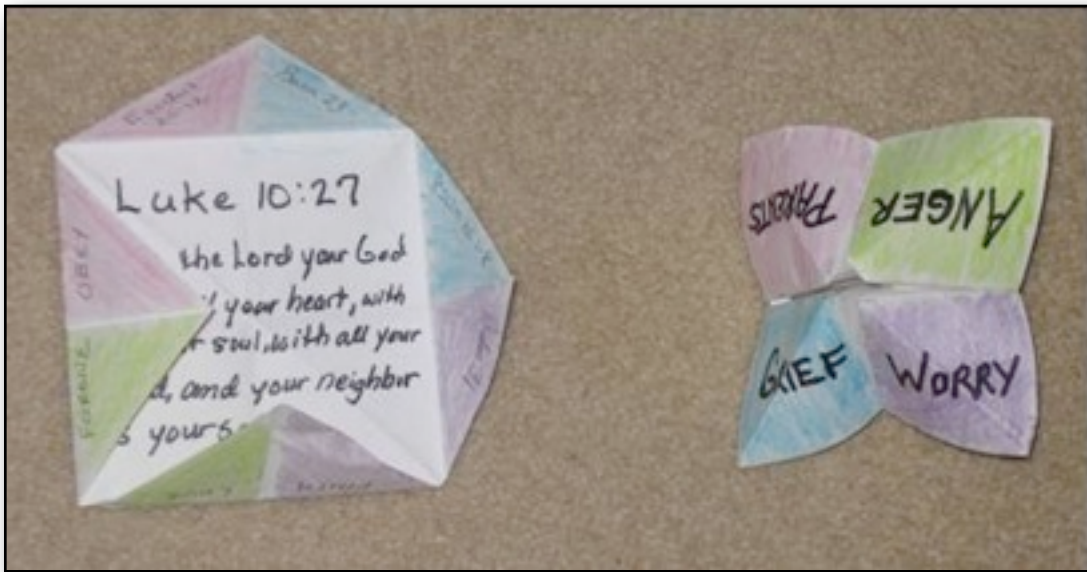
\* Respect: Exodus 20:12

\* Obey: John 14:23-24

In the large white square center place a verse that is helpful in all situations such as Luke: 10:27 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*

To play, fold the Problem Solver back together and insert fingers into the flaps. Choose a problem you are having and spell out the word as you move the Problem Solver back and forth with your fingers: w-o-r-r-y. Look inside of the Problem Solver and find the same color triangle that matches your original problem. Spell out that word in that triangle as you again move your Problem Solver back and forth with your fingers: t-r-u-s-t.

Once again, look inside the Problem Solver and find the same color triangle that matches your original problem. (It could be the same word – trust – or it could be a new one. This time, lift the flap open and read the Bible verse found underneath. For example, you may see the word FAITH, and under it a verse from Matthew 6:25-34. This verse will provide you guidance with your original problem!



# The Lion

Ages 5-8

**THEME:** Daniel in the Lion's Den

Provide each student with one paper plate. Have the children fold the paper plate in half. Paint a lion face on one side of the plate like the sample below. While plate is drying, cut out mane, 2 ears, and tongue from the template provided.

On the ear cut-outs, paint a bit of pink on the inside to make them look more realistic.

Glue googly eyes on paper plate.

Write the following quote on the tongue cut out:

*"God will rescue those He loves and who have chosen Him."*

Glue the tongue into the paper plate "mouth". Next, glue the back of the paper plate onto the mane. Finally, glue the ears behind the paper plate face. Decorate your bulletin board with your student's creations!

## Supplies Needed:

Paper Plates

Markers or Pens

Googly Eyes

Scissors

Glue

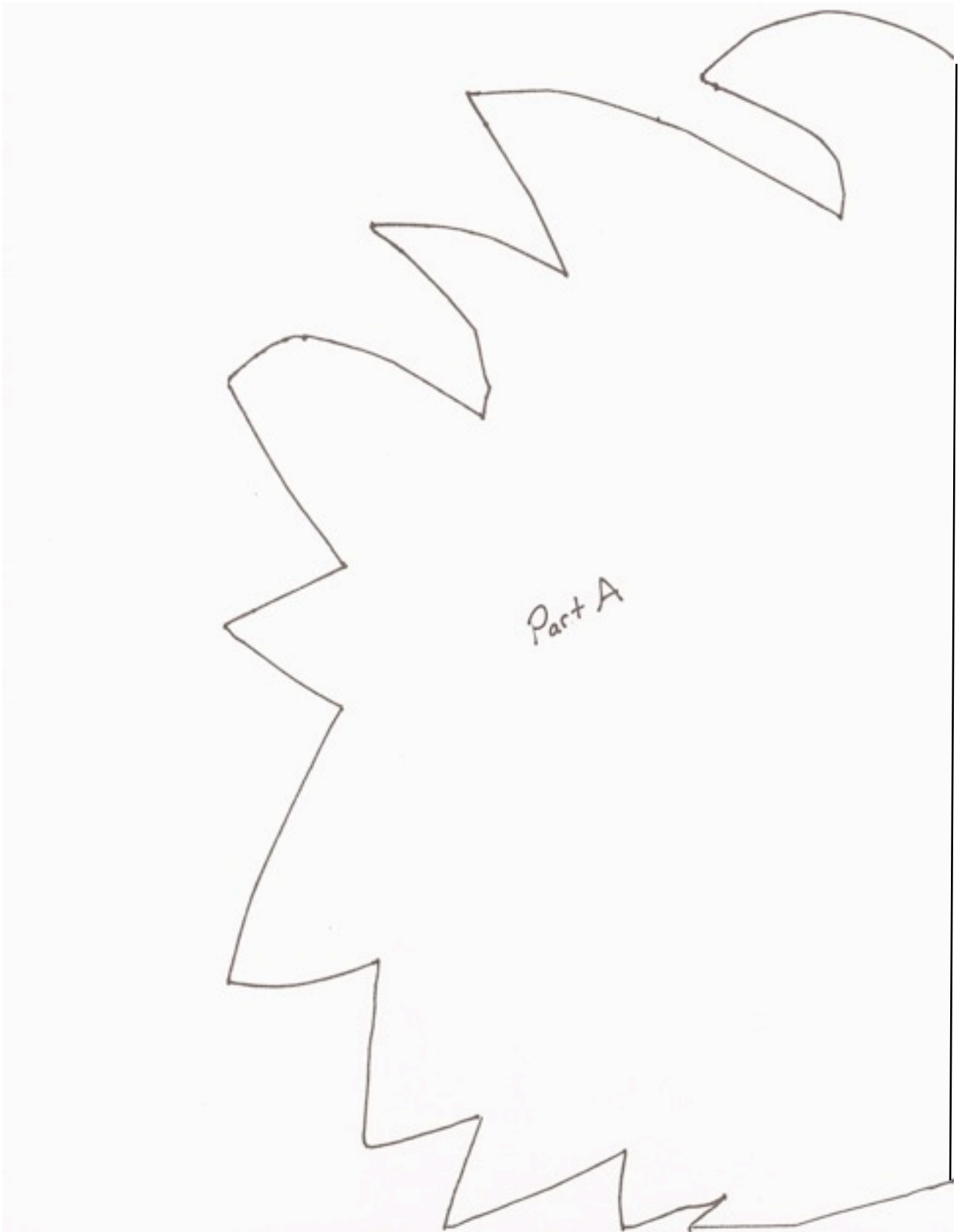
Patterns Provided (mane, ears, and tongue)

Paint and Brushes

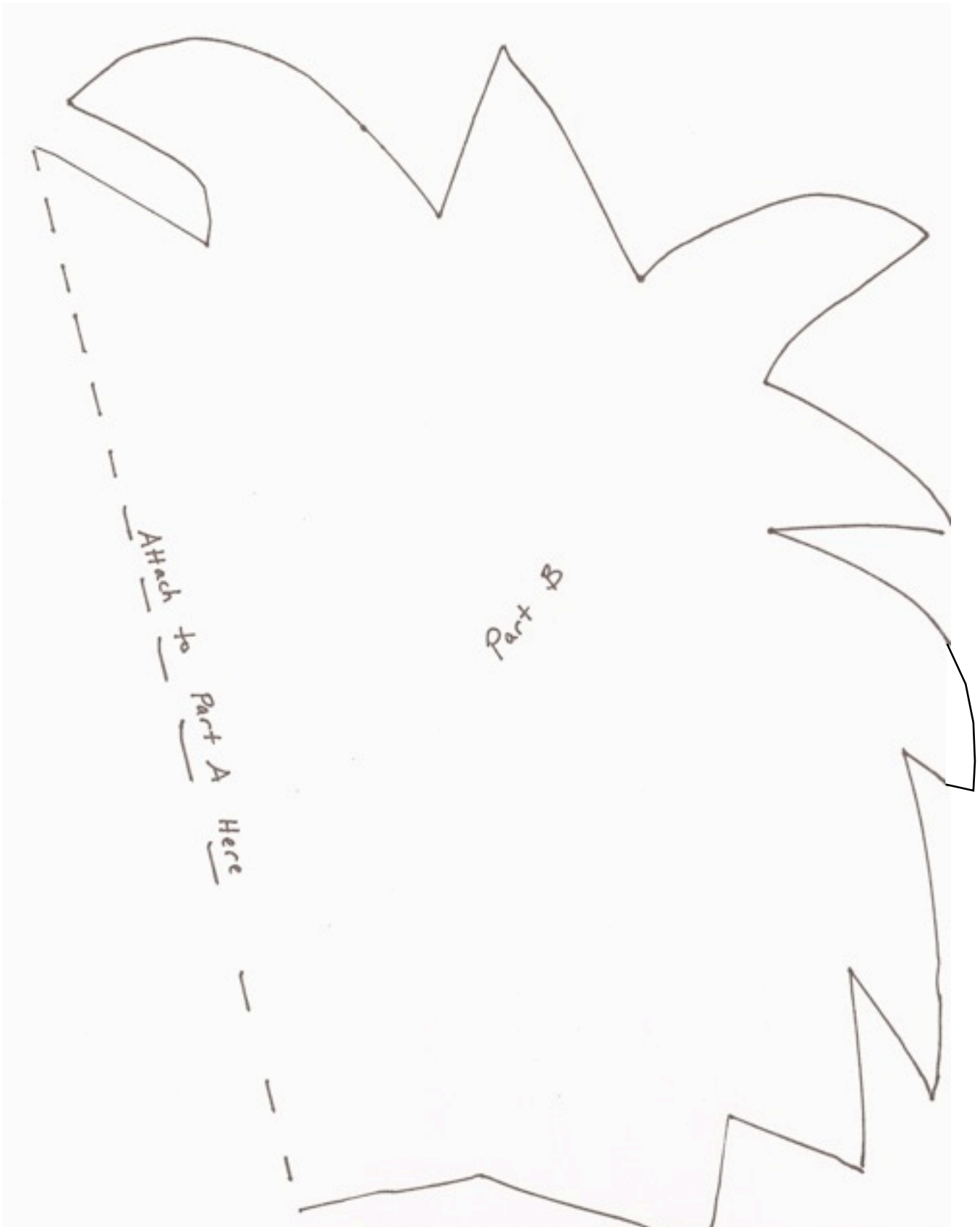
Construction Paper



Lion's Mane Template (Part A)

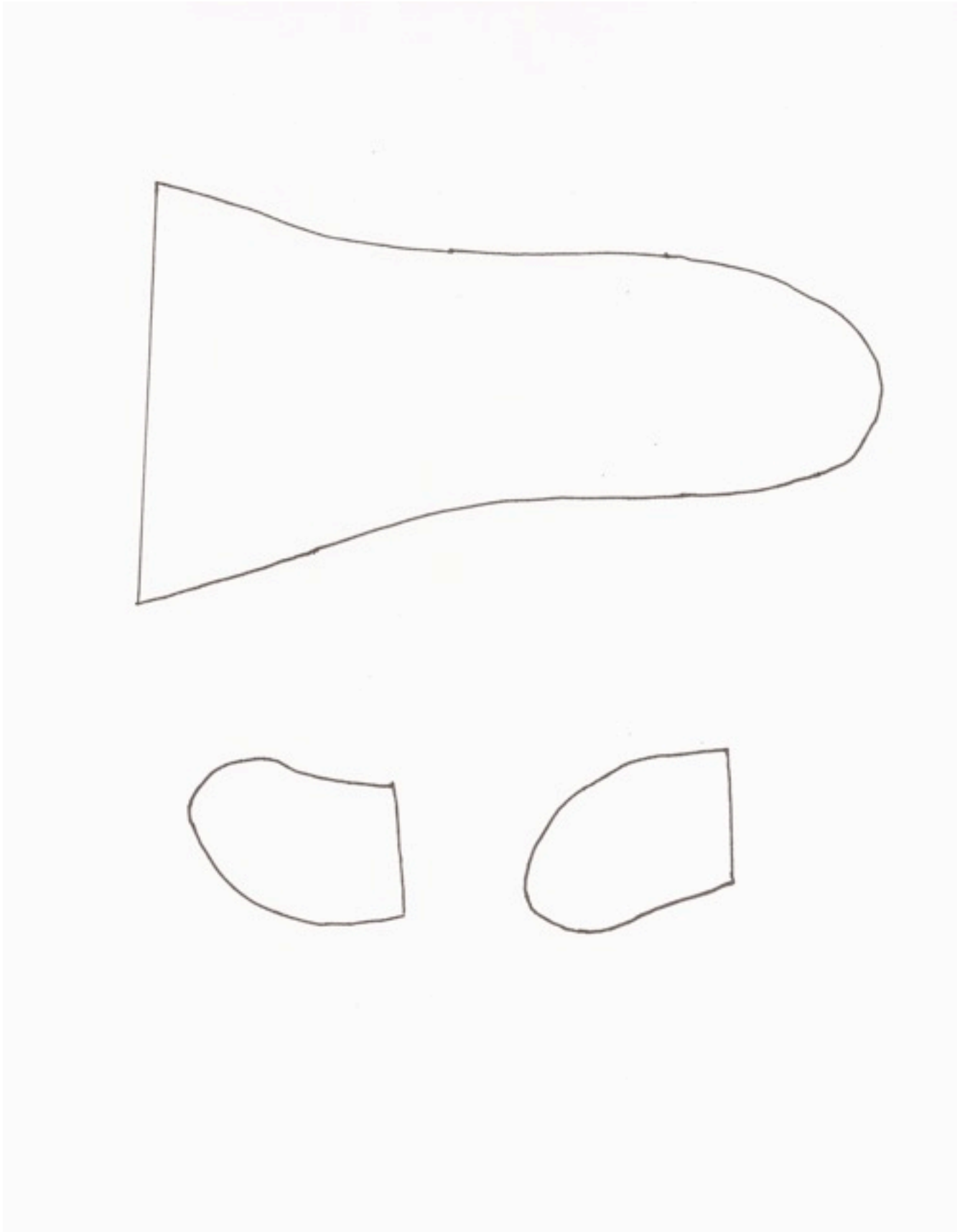


Lion's Mane Template (Part B)





Lion's Ears & Mouth (Part B)



# Communion Binder

## Ages 3-14

**THEME: Communion, Confirmation, Sunday School Notice Binder**

Provide each student with a plain white sheet of paper to decorate. If using as a Communion Binder, you can copy the template provided here.

Next, have the children decorate the binder in any way they like. If working on a particular theme or lesson, you can have them create a picture that represents what they learned.

Once the paper has been decorated and has dried, it can be slid into the binder's protective layer. Use the binder to send home any important messages, homework, etc.

Explain the binder's importance to parents so they can help make sure it gets to and from class each week.

If you do not have the funds to provide Binders for each child, simply hole punch 3 holes in the front page and secure additional pages to the back with ribbon. Or children could decorate file folders instead.

### Supplies Needed:

**White Binder with Front Pocket**

**Markers, Crayons, or Pens**

**Glitter, Stickers, Etc.**

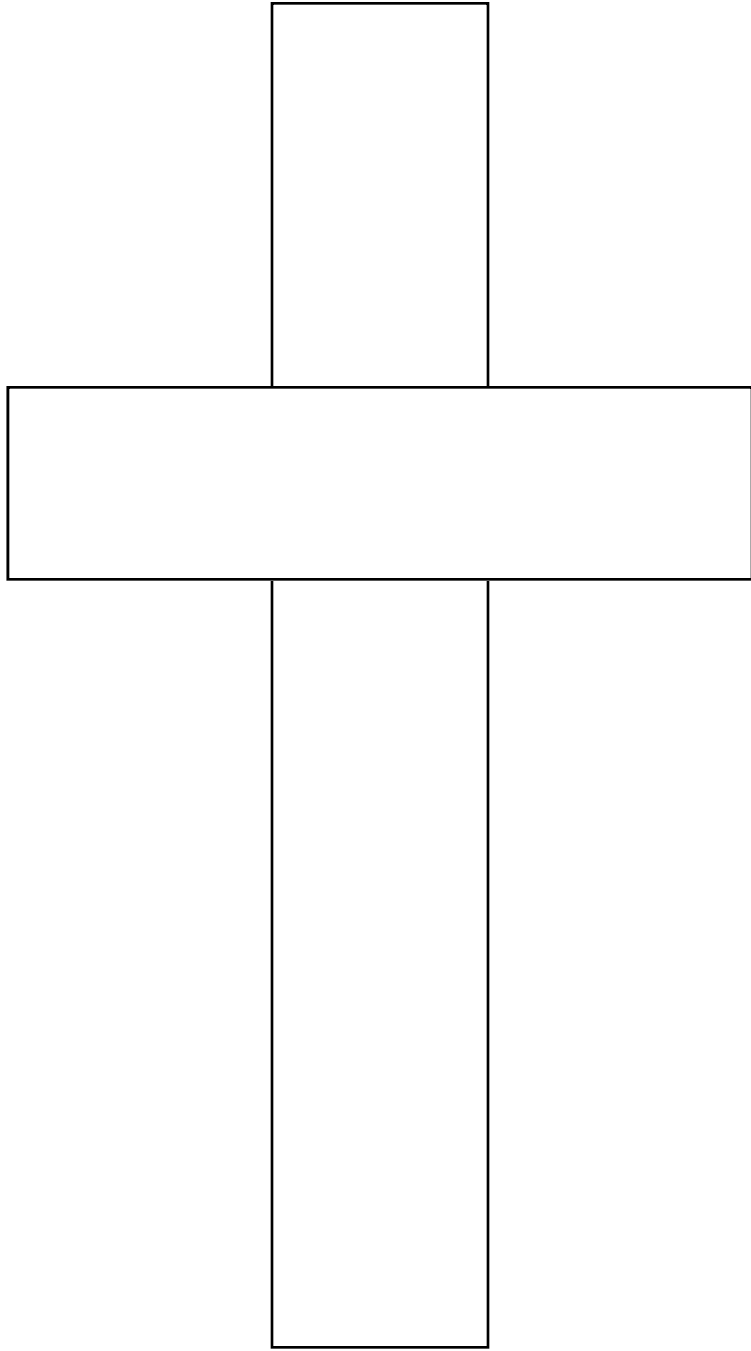
**Scissors**

**Glue**

**Pattern Provided (for Communion)**

**Paint and Brushes**

*My First Communion Booklet*



## Bearing Each Other's Burdens

### Ages 8-12

**THEME:** Bear each other's burdens; helpfulness; kindness

**Galatians 6:2**

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

Each child will need a cardboard shoebox for this project to create a wagon. Remove the lid and set aside. Cover the bottom of the box with red construction paper. Carefully use a scissors to punch two holes into each side of the box approximately two inches from the end and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the bottom. This is where the wheels will later be attached.

Draw four or five thick lines evenly across each side of the wagon to make it look like wooden slats. Decorate the wagon with bear stickers (if you have them) and markers, as desired.

Utilize the lid to create four two inch wheels and an 8" x 1" T-shaped handle and cut them out. If the wheels will not support the weight of the wagon, utilize thicker cardboard. Punch a paper fastener through the center of each wheel and then through the holes in the wagon side and loosely fasten in place so they will turn. Cut a small slit into the front center of the wagon, about two inches from the top. Slide the straight end of the handle through the slit, bend downward about one inch and tape firmly in place.

Utilize as a fun container, but also as a reminder to bear one another's burdens. This is an important message God wants us to remember!

#### Supplies Needed:

Cardboard Shoebox (The smaller, the better)

Cardboard

Red & Brown Construction Paper

Paper Fasteners (or Brads)

Scissors

Hole Punch

Stickers (optional)

Markers

Rulers

Small Teddy Bear (optional)



## Bible Story Puppet Theater

Ages 11-14

**THEMES:** Any Bible story

Each child will need a cereal box to create his or her Bible story puppet theater. Cut off the top of the box that had been opened to eat the cereal. Create a rectangle stage on the top half of one side of the box. Measure it so that there is at least one to one and a half inches framing the sides and top of the stage. Cut the stage out of the cardboard.

Utilize the cut out rectangle from the cereal box to help measure a stage curtain approximately two inches large in each direction. Glue the top edge of the curtain along the center of the BBQ skewer. Then it can be rolled up when a scene is taking place. Let dry.

Use construction or wrapping paper to cover the remainder of the box. Decorate, as desired.



Punch a small hole through each top narrow side of the stage, about one half inch from the top. Push the two ends of the skewer through each hole. Then glue a small bead or button onto each end of the skewer so it is easier to grab hold of. Add bows, if desired. If there is any remaining point sticking out afterward, adults should try to gently break and file off so children cannot get hurt.

Create a simple outdoor scene on plain paper and glue to the back side of the stage. Use finger puppets or stick puppets to recreate a variety of Bible stories on stage!

### Supplies Needed:

Cereal Box

Construction or Wrapping Paper

Fabric

Scissors

BBQ Skewers

Bible Puppets

Markers or Crayons

Stapler

Rulers

Beads or Buttons

# Creative Bible Story Finger Puppets

Ages 5-11

**THEMES:** Any Bible story

Provide each child with two or three party blowers to create characters from your Bible story. Utilize construction paper, felt or fabric to create simple costumes for each character. Glue on wiggly eyes, and create faces and hair with markers, yarn, feathers, and fur.

Put each party blower onto a different finger and utilize to retell the Bible story to one another and share with friends and family when children go home!

**Supplies Needed:**

**Curled Party Blowers**

**Construction Paper or Felt**

**Yarn**

**Feathers, Fur, Fabric Scraps**

**Glue**

**Markers**

**Scissors**



## Finger Print Craft

Ages 2-10

**THEME:** Any Holiday, God's Creatures, Giving Thanks

This is a great craft to have in your "Bag of Tricks" that can be easily adapted to any holiday or theme. To begin, select what kind of surface you'd like to put your finger print onto. You can pick up white decorative tiles to use as hot plates at many craft stores, or you can simply decorate a piece of paper that could be framed at a later date.

Paint each child's finger (older children can paint their own) and have them stamp their finger print onto whatever surface you've selected.

Next, allow the children to use their creativity to decorate the finger prints in whatever way they file. An Inspiration Sheet is attached to help them get started. If you like, you can have the children decorate the attached poem for use as a gift.

### Supplies Needed:

Paper, Decorative Tiles, or  
Decorative Plates

Paints

Paint Brushes

Poem Provided



## Happy Father's Day!

My dirty little fingerprints I've left on every wall.  
And on the drawers and tabletops, I've really marked  
them all. But here are some that won't rub off, I'm  
giving them to you, Because I'm thankful for a Dad as  
wonderful as you!





# Happy Father's Day

My dirty little fingerprints I've left on  
every wall.  
And on the drawers and tabletops, I've  
really marked them all.  
But here are some that won't rub off,  
I'm giving them to you,  
because I'm thankful for a Dad as  
wonderful as you!

## Jesus Walks on Water Picture

### Ages 2-6

**THEME: Matthew 14:25-27**

Before children arrive, create a wavy water pattern 1/3 the length of construction paper and copy onto dark blue paper. Then create simple patterns for a sun, boat with disciples, and Jesus in a standing position and copy for each child. (You can obtain Jesus and disciple patterns from template attached or from clip art books or on the internet.) To allow kids to create a movable picture of Jesus walking on the water, cut a two or three inch slit in the bottom left hand side of light blue construction paper for each child, about three inches from the bottom and side.

#### Supplies Needed:

Construction Paper

Markers or Crayons

Craft Sticks

Scissors

Glue

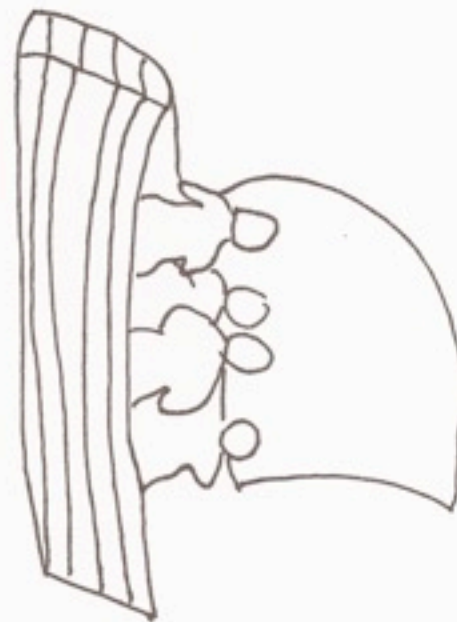
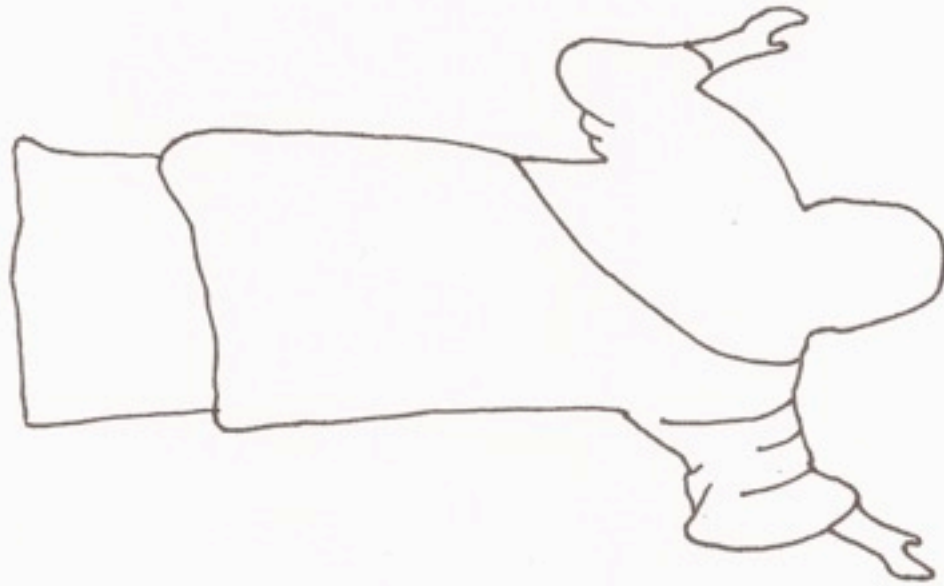
Patterns Provided Here

Explain to the children that they will be making a picture to show Jesus walking on water from Matthew 14:25-27. Tell them to color the sun, boat, disciples and Jesus, as desired. Then cut out each pattern.

Children should glue the dark blue water pattern onto the bottom third of the light blue sheet, taking care not to put glue over the slit in the paper or any portion of the water above it. Cut out the boat with disciples, Jesus, and the sun. Glue the boat onto the top portion of the water on the right hand side of the water and put the disciple trying to walk toward Jesus in the water just in front. Attach the sun in the sky, wherever desired. Then glue Jesus onto the top portion of a craft stick. Place the bottom of the craft stick down through the unglued portion of water and through the slit.



Children can make Jesus walk on the water by holding onto the craft stick from the back of the picture. Encourage them to retell the story of Jesus walking on water as they share their pictures with others.



## Bible Sheep/ The Lost Sheep

### Ages 5-8

**THEME:** Luke 15:3-7, God's Forgiveness, Easter

Before kids arrive, you should hot glue the lid to the side of the jar. This will help stabilize the base.

Give each child a construction paper cutout of the face and ears. Older students can trace the pattern and cut out the shapes themselves. Have the child glue the cotton to the baby food jar. Make a little puff for a tail, and a large puff for a head.

Take one piece of cotton and stretch it out and glue it to the opening of the jar. Place the large puff for the head over the top edge of the open end of the jar. Make two additional puffs for the ears. Glue googly eyes on the face with a nose and mouth.



Glue onto large puff. Take the two small construction paper ears and place inside small puffs for ears. Glue on head.

Tell your class the story of the lost sheep. Explain that when they do bad things they become lost from God and it makes him sad. However, God will keep calling you back until you find your way. Just like the lost sheep, God will be celebrate when you return and will forgive you for straying.

#### Supplies Needed:

**Baby Food Jar & Lid (cleaned)**

**Cotton Balls**

**Construction Paper**

**Googly Eyes**

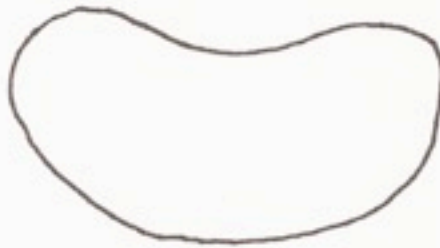
**Glue**

#### Patterns Provided

**Glue Gun (for use by teacher before class)**



EAR x2



FACE

## Unforgettable Impressions

### Ages 2-10

**THEMES:** impressions we make on others; God made each one of us special and unique; helpfulness; obedience

Create a mold shape of your choice for children to place their handprint. (Oval, rectangle, heart, and so on.) Mix the Plaster of Paris according to directions, but don't utilize too much water as it makes the plaster watery and more difficult to dry. Allow the plaster to set for a few minutes.

Create molds by utilizing two inch cardboard strips as the edging. For example, to create a heart pattern you must cut two lengths of cardboard 20" x 2" in size. Staple the two pieces together at one end. Then fold back each cardboard strip away from the staple and bring each end together and staple together. This will shape your heart. (Do something similar for whatever desired shape you are trying to obtain.)

Tell children to place their hand into the center of the mold and hold in place approximately fifteen seconds, or until a solid handprint has been created. Use a pencil to place a small hole into the top of the mold for hanging. Leave in place while drying.

Allow the plaster to thoroughly dry; overnight is best. Continue the project later in the day or when the children gather again. Allow them to pull the cardboard away from the mold. Then decorate the molds as desired with paint or markers.

**OPTIONAL:** You may wish to provide this small handprint poem to accompany each handprint mold:

*I miss you when we're not together  
I'm growing up so fast  
See how big I've gotten  
Since you saw me last?  
As I grow, I'll change a lot,  
The years will fly right by.  
You'll wonder how I grew so quick  
When and where and why?  
So look upon this handprint (these handprints)  
That's hanging on your wall.*

#### Supplies Needed:

Plaster of Paris

Pie Tins/ Plastic Containers

Water

Table Covering

Plastic Bowl

Large Spoon

Cardboard

Ribbon

Paint & Brushes

*And memories will come back of me,  
When I was very small.*

Remind kids that everything we do makes an impression on others. That's why God wants us to obey him and show love and kindness to others at all times.

Encourage kids to give their handprints to a family member. Remind kids that a gift of love also makes a loving impression! But showing love involves much more than giving gifts. Ask children to share other things they can do for family members to show their love, such as pick up toys, help set the table, take care of when sick, and so on. God is very pleased when we show our help, love and kindness with others!



## Go Fish!

Ages 5-10

**THEME:** The Bible, Fish, Teach a Man to Fish, Memory Verse Practice

Provide each of your students a long piece of floral wire (about 2 feet) and 1 round piece of tulle. Make sure your wire

Show the children how to “sew” their fishing net by moving their wire in and out around the tulle circle. Make sure you instruct them to not pull the wire all the way through the tulle so that they leave a “fishing rod” on the end. Once they have looped all the way through the tulle, twist together the long ends to make a sturdy rod.

Fill a large bowl with Goldfish crackers and have the students sit around the bowl. You can quiz the children on the day’s lesson or go around and have them recite a memory verse. Each correct answer or proper verse is rewarded with “Go Fish” and the children can dunk their fishing rod into the bowl for a treat.

### Supplies Needed:

Round Piece of Tulle (about 1 ft in diameter)

Floral Wire

Goldfish Shaped Crackers





# Hand Blown Eggs

Ages 10-14

**THEME: Easter, Christmas Ornaments**

As your students get a little older, this is a fun, beautiful craft that can be done during various Holidays.

To begin, poke a small hole in the top and bottom of each egg shell using a needle or stylus. The hole needs to be large enough to blow out all the “insides” of the egg.

Next, hold egg over waste cup and blow onto the egg. You must blow out ALL the egg- both white and yolk.

Rinse the egg with water to remove any remaining white or yolk on the inside (otherwise the eggs will develop an unpleasant “rotten egg” smell in a day or so).

Finally, decorate egg with the paints and glue a ribbon to the top. These can be given away as gifts or used to decorate a tree.

**Supplies Needed:**

**Extra Large Eggs**

**Cup for Waste**

**Needle or Stylus**

**Acrylic Paints**

**Paint Brush**

**Ribbon**