

Wisdom Wire Sculpture

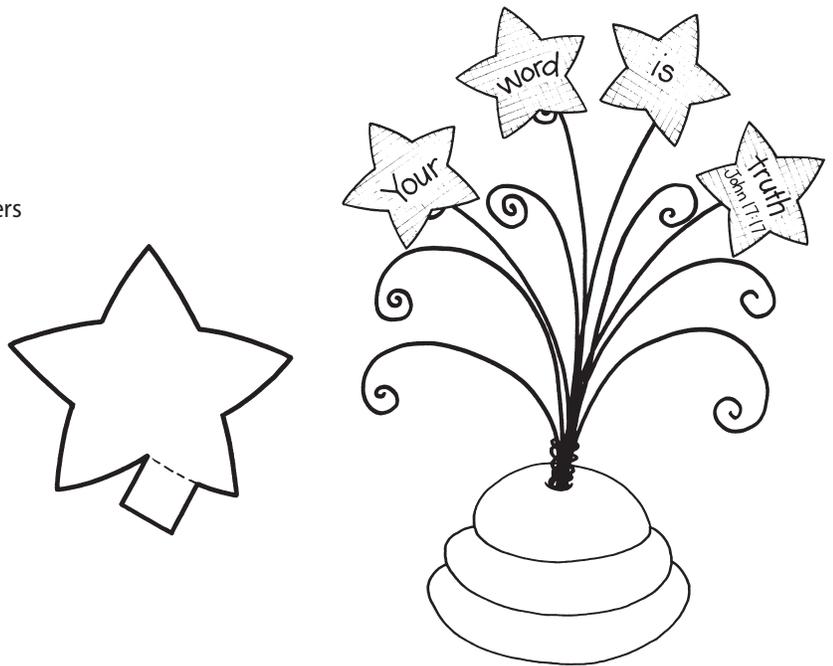
Lesson 1: The Wisdom of Solomon

You Need

- 12 × 12-inch square of fine wire screen
- Clear packing tape
- Cardboard
- Star pattern (from this page)
- Acrylic paint, paintbrushes & small mixing containers
- White glue & craft glue
- Black permanent marker
- Old scissors or wire cutters
- Polymer clay
- Medium-gauge and light-gauge wire
- Needle-nose or round pliers
- Oven & water for cleanup

Get Ready

- Set out supplies.
- If needed, cut screen into 12 × 12-inch pieces.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Solomon saw his inability to do the job he had to do in leading God's people, so he prayed for wisdom.

Ask What is wisdom? Allow for discussion.

Say The word *wisdom* means "understanding" or "knowledge." Point to your head and heart. **Wise people use their head and heart to make good decisions. But how do we become truly wise? Paul tells us in 2 Timothy** (read from Bible): "**The sacred writings . . . make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**" (2 Timothy 3:15). **The sacred writings are God's Word. The Holy Spirit works through God's Word and Baptism to give us faith to believe in Jesus as our Savior from sin.** Show craft.

Today's craft says, "Your word is truth" (John 17:17). It can remind you that God's Word makes us wise about Jesus, who is Wisdom Himself, and the forgiveness He brings.

Do This

- Cover one side of the screen with packing tape.
- Cut out a cardboard pattern, using the star pattern above, enlarged to desired size, or one you have drawn (e.g., a heart or cross with tabs). Use a marker and the pattern to trace four stars or other shapes on the taped side of the screen. Flip screen over.
- Mix equal amounts of acrylic paint and white glue. Paint the stars or shapes on the screen. Let dry.
- Print one word of the Bible verse on each star or shape. Add reference to the last one. Cut them out with wire cutters or old scissors.
- Knead clay according to directions. Roll into three balls of different sizes. Flatten each. Pile these on top of one another, largest to smallest.
- Cut about ten 8-inch lengths of medium-gauge wire. Wrap thin wire around the bottom to bundle the ten wires together. Stick the wrapped end into the center of the clay base, then pull it out. Bake clay according to package directions and cool.
- Curl loose ends of the wire with pliers. Pour craft glue into hole and reinsert wires. Let dry. Attach the stars to the wires by folding the tabs and inserting the tip of wires between the tabs and the stars. Glue in place.

“We Are the Church” Photo Album

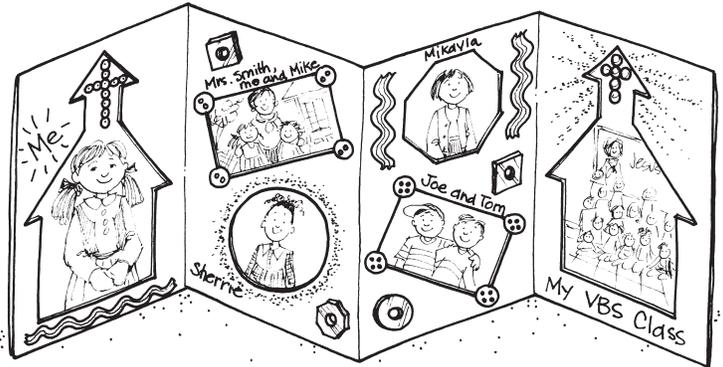
Lesson 2: Solomon Builds the Temple

You Need

- 12 × 18-inch piece of cardstock
- Pencil, scissors & markers
- Church directory, iPad, or smartphone
- Transparent tape & glue sticks
- Church pattern & directions (end of craft)
- Sequins, glitter, buttons & other embellishments

Get Ready

- Set out supplies & make a sample.
- Precut pictures of church members from the church directory for students to use.
- *Option:* Have students make the project in class and leave space for the pictures. Take pictures of class members on your iPad or smartphone. Make prints of these for students to add to their projects next week.



Introduce the Craft

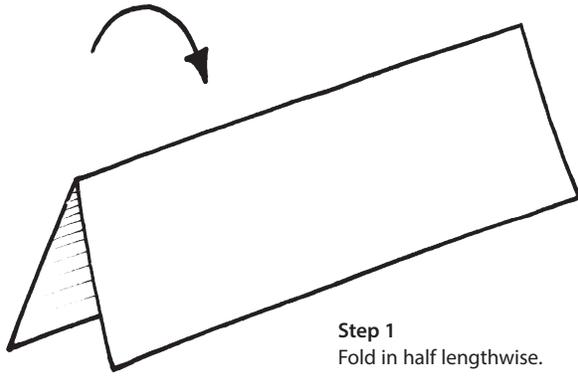
Say Solomon and the people worked hard to make a temple where God could dwell with them. God loved His people. When they were sad about their sins, God forgave them. When they were worried about their problems, God heard their prayers. His power and wisdom brought them comfort.

Many people who loved God gave money or used their skills to build our church also. God is with us in our church. In His Word and Sacraments, He comes to us with words of forgiveness and with His power. The Holy Spirit gives us faith in Jesus and keeps that faith strong and growing. The Holy Spirit unites all believers in God’s Church, which we also call the Body of Christ. Show sample.

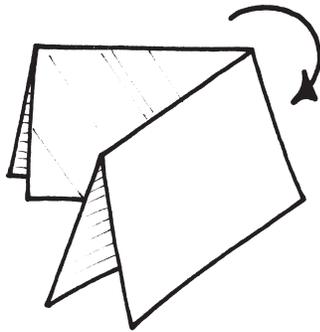
Today, you will make a “We Are the Church” photo album to remind you that you are a member of Christ’s Body, the Church.

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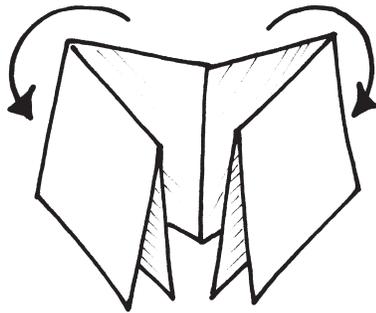
- Fold the sheet of cardstock in half lengthwise (step 1). Fold the sheet in half again; then open it (step 2). Fold the sides to the middle (step 3). Open up the entire sheet and see eight equal rectangles.
- On bottom row, sketch shapes for frames (step 4), including rectangles and church shapes (see pattern). Make each shape a bit smaller than the photo that will go under it. Cut out the holes for the frame shapes.
- Tape photos of your church family or Christian friends and family under the frame openings, making sure they are facing the right way before taping in place.
- Refold the cardstock in half and glue the bottom and sides of the paper together (step 5). Personalize.
- The Holy Spirit unites all believers in God’s Church, the Body of Christ. Tell about the people in your photo album.
- Use your photo album to remember to pray for the people in the photos. Ask God to give them strength to share His love and the Good News of Jesus with others.



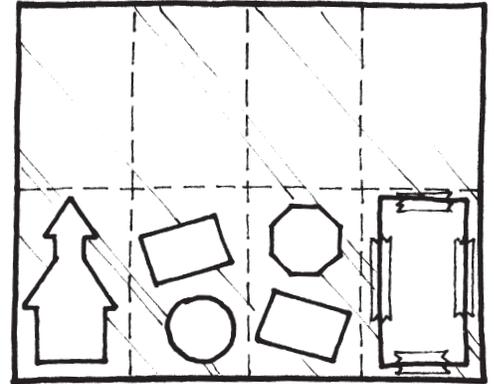
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Fold in half lengthwise.



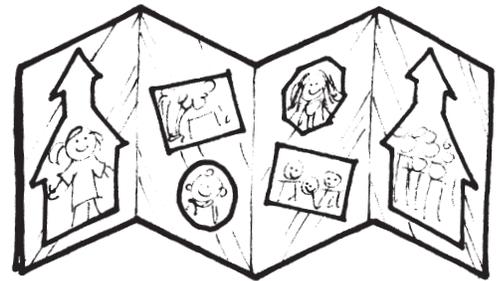
Step 2
Fold in half again.
Open.



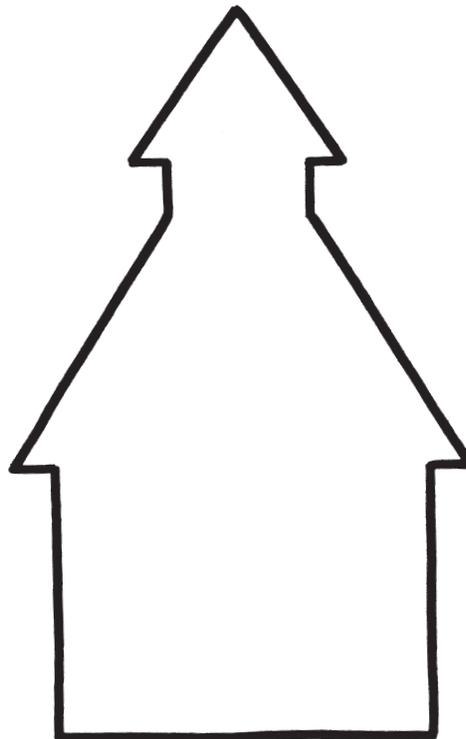
Step 3
Fold the ends into the
middle to make 8 sections.



Step 4
Open the paper. On bottom row, sketch shapes
for frames. Cut them out. Tape photos in place.



Step 5
Refold cardstock in half. Glue sides and
bottom edges.



Church pattern

Tic-Tac-Tell Game

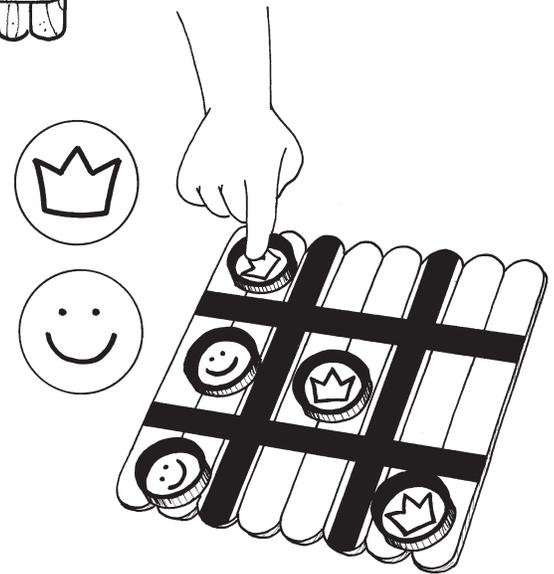
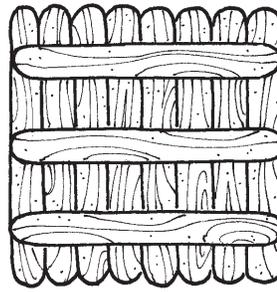
Lesson 3: God Provides for Elijah

You Need

- Jumbo craft sticks, 11 per student
- Craft glue & masking tape
- Scissors
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush & water
- Clean milk-jug caps or poker chips, 10 per student
- Yellow & green construction paper

Get Ready

- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say God cared for Elijah. God cares for us.

Ask How does God provide for us? List student responses on the board or poster paper. Encourage students to be personal. Prompt them to think of both physical blessings and spiritual blessings (e.g., God's forgiveness through Jesus).

Say God provides for our basic needs like food, clothing, and shelter, but He is even more concerned about providing for our eternal needs.

Ask What did He do to provide for those?

Accept answers.

Say Yes, He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Today, you'll make a Tic-Tac-Tell game. You can play the game with a friend. Each time you put a marker on the board, tell about a way God cares for you or tell something about Jesus.

Do This

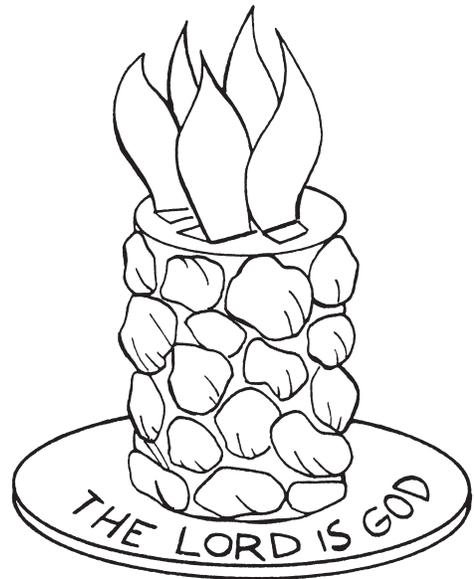
- Place eight craft sticks side-by-side to form a square. To hold the sticks together, glue three craft sticks horizontally across the square as shown. Let dry. Turn the square over. Cut four 5½-inch long pieces of masking tape. Place them over the square to form the Tic-Tac-Tell grid.
- Cover work area with newspaper. Paint the entire square playing surface with one color of acrylic paint. Let dry.
- Peel off the masking tape strips. Paint the lines of the Tic-Tac-Tell grid a different color than the game board background. Let dry.
- Draw five crowns or whatever symbol you wish on yellow construction paper. Cut out and glue inside five milk-jug caps or onto poker chips. Draw five happy faces or whatever symbol you wish on green construction paper. Cut out and glue inside five milk-jug caps or to poker chips.
- Find a friend or family member, select a playing piece, and play Tic-Tac-Tell (just like tic-tac-toe). Before you put a marker on the board, tell about a way God cares for you. *Variation:* When you get three in a row for a win, tell about a way God cares for you.

Self-Drying Clay Altar

Lesson 4: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

You Need

- Salt
- Flour & water
- Saucepan & heat source
- Airtight container & measuring cups
- Red, blue & yellow food coloring
- Paper plates
- Pebbles
- Red or orange tissue paper & glue
- *Option:* Tempera paint, water & white glue



Get Ready

- Mix 1 cup salt and ½ cup flour in a saucepan. Add food coloring to 1 cup of water, then add to dry ingredients. Heat on low temperature, stirring constantly until thick and rubbery. Cool. Add flour if too sticky or water if too dry. Store in airtight container. Repeat for each color of clay that you need. Calculate quantities to make based on the number of students in attendance.
- Set out clay, pebbles, tissue paper, and a paper plate for each student.
- Make a sample.

Introduce the Craft

Say God showed that He is the one true God when He sent fire to the altar Elijah had built and rain to the land. When the people saw the fire, they said, “The LORD, He is God” (1 Kings 18:39). God sent Jesus to die as payment for our sins and to rise again from the dead. Through God’s Word and in Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us faith to say, “I believe in God.”

Show the children your sample.

Say Today, we are making clay altars with flames to remind us of Elijah’s altar. You can put your altars on display at home as a reminder that God is the one true and powerful God who saves you from your sins.

Do This

- Choose the colors of clay you will use for your altar, and roll into an altar shape.
- Poke pebbles into the clay.
- Place it on a paper plate. Write the words “The Lord Is God” or your Bible Words on the plate.
- Glue on tissue-paper flames.
- *Option:* Paint altar with a mixture of tempera paint, water, and white glue.

Heavenly Globe

Lesson 5: Elijah Is Taken to Heaven

You Need

- Small glass jar with tight-fitting lid
- Acrylic paint & paintbrushes
- Cup of water & paper towel
- Clean plastic or waterproof figure, small enough to fit inside jar
- Gold glitter
- Measuring spoon
- Distilled water
- Water-resistant glue
- *Optional:* Glycerin to make glitter fall slowly (available in drugstores)

Get Ready

- Test jars to be sure they are leakproof. Remove labels.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Elisha was Elijah’s successor and spiritual heir. Today, we’ll make a heavenly globe to remind us that we are heirs to the promise of eternal life given to us through Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Our earthly homes and earthly citizenship are only temporary. We and those we love will die, but God gives all who believe in Jesus as Savior an eternal home in heaven.

When you shake the globes you make, you can rejoice that someday you’ll be home in God’s heavenly mansion with Jesus!

Do This

- Paint the outside of the lid bright colors. Let dry.
- Arrange the plastic figure inside the lid. Before gluing lid in place, be sure the jar fits over the object.
- Glue the figure to the inside of the lid. (Be sure to keep glue away from the lid edge.) Let dry.
- Fill the jar with distilled water, almost to the top.
- Add one to two drops of glycerin to water, if desired.
- Add ½ teaspoon of glitter.
- Dab some glue along the inside edge of the lid and place it on the jar.
- Screw the lid on tightly. Let glue set.
- Shake the jar for a glittering scene.

New-Life Water Bottle

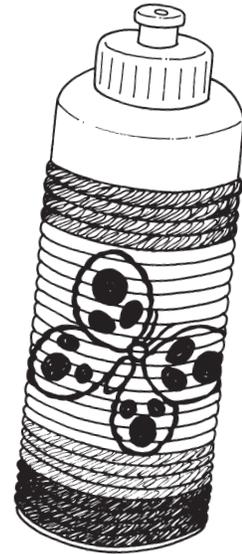
Lesson 6: Naaman and Elisha

You Need

- Sport water container or spring water bottle with pop-up top, label removed
- Craft glue
- ½-inch paintbrush
- Brightly colored craft yarn or cord
- Scissors
- *Option:* Glitter pens

Get Ready

- Gather supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Naaman had a terrible skin disease. His body was sick. Naaman also had a terrible problem called sin. His soul was also sick.

God worked through the Word spoken by the prophet Elisha and the water of the Jordan to heal Naaman's body and soul. Like Naaman, we are sick with sin, too, and cannot get better on our own.

Ask What is God's cure for sin? *God sent Jesus to save us. All who believe in Him are healed.*

Say God makes us His children through His Word and in the water of Baptism and takes away our sin for Jesus' sake. Show sample water bottle. **Today, you will make a water bottle to remind you of how Naaman washed in the waters of the river and was healed and how Jesus washes our sins away when we believe in Him. Through water and the Word, He gives us new, eternal life in Him.**

Do This

- Take the lid off your water bottle and set it aside.
- Make sure the surface of your bottle is clean and dry. Use the paintbrush to apply an even layer of craft glue to the top inch of the bottle all the way around.
- Place the end of the yarn or craft cord onto the glue at your starting point. Slowly and carefully wind the yarn onto the glue around and around the bottle.
- As you go, apply another inch-wide layer of glue and wind the yarn, pressing gently and firmly. Continue until you have glued the yarn all the way to the bottom of the water bottle.
- Cut the yarn and glue the end down. Allow your bottle to dry completely.
- *Option:* Cut and glue the end of the first color after an inch width is made. Continue with a new color. Vary the band width of the alternating colors. After the yarn or cord is dry, use a glitter pen to apply dots of glitter or to outline a butterfly or baptismal shell or cross.

Big Fish Puppet

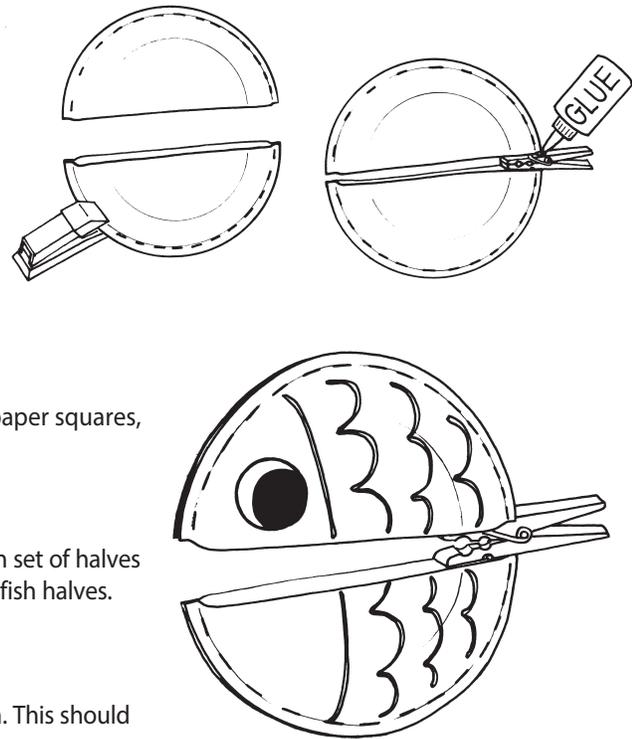
Lesson 7: Jonah

You Need

- 2 six-inch paper plates
- 1 spring-type clothespin
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Waxed paper
- Crayons or markers
- Glue
- Decorating supplies & embellishments (tissue paper or construction paper squares, sequins, glitter paint, wiggle eyes or buttons, etc.)

Get Ready

- For younger children, cut paper plates in half ahead of time. Staple each set of halves together (front to front) to create a fish shape. Each child will need two fish halves.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample fish.
- *Option:* Use a hot-glue gun to adhere the paper plates to the clothespin. This should be done by an adult only.



Introduce the Craft

Say Today, you will make a fish to remind you of Jonah and God's love. Jonah was sinful and didn't want to do what God told him to do.

Ask How did God show love for Jonah? God forgave Jonah; He sent a big fish to swallow him so that he would not drown. Show sample fish, making it open and close its mouth.

Say After three days, God had the fish spit Jonah out. Then Jonah went to preach God's Word in Nineveh as God had told him to do. Open and close mouth on fish again.

Ask How did God show love for the Ninevites? God changed the hearts of many Ninevites through Jonah's message and forgave their sins. God also shows love for us. How? He sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus was in the grave for three days, then was raised to life. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God forgives our sins.

Do This

- Cut two paper plates in half. Staple each set of halves together (front to front) to create a fish shape.
- Apply glue for about 1 inch along the outside edges at the grasping end of the clothespin. Lay it on a piece of waxed paper, spring side down so glue is exposed.
- Position the pieces of the paper plate on each side of the clothespin. Push the plates into position so they adhere to the glued areas of the clothespin (see diagram). Let dry.
- Use crayons or markers to draw eyes, fins, and scales on the fish. Use embellishments to decorate your fish.
- *Option:* Cut pieces of construction paper or tissue paper to make scales and other features. Glue them to your fish. Alternately, use sequins for scales or decorate your fish with glitter pens. Add wiggle eyes or buttons for eyes.

Prayer Banner

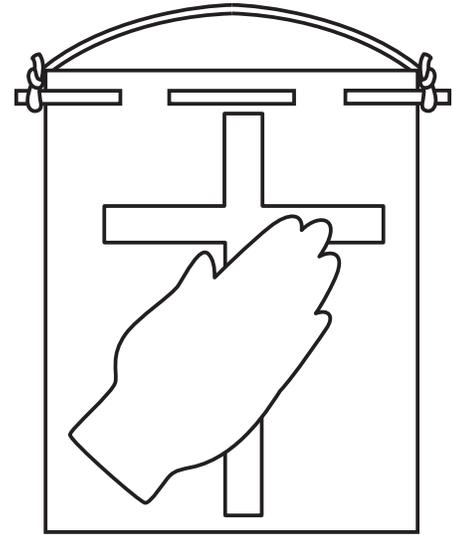
Lesson 8: Hezekiah Prays

You Need

- 9 × 12-inch felt background (available in craft sections of discount stores) in assorted colors
- Felt, skin-colored & assorted colors
- Dowel
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Glitter glue or fabric paint
- Cross pattern & praying hands pattern (end of craft)

Get Ready

- Photocopy the patterns (end of craft) for each student.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Today, you learned how God answered Hezekiah’s prayers when he prayed for help.

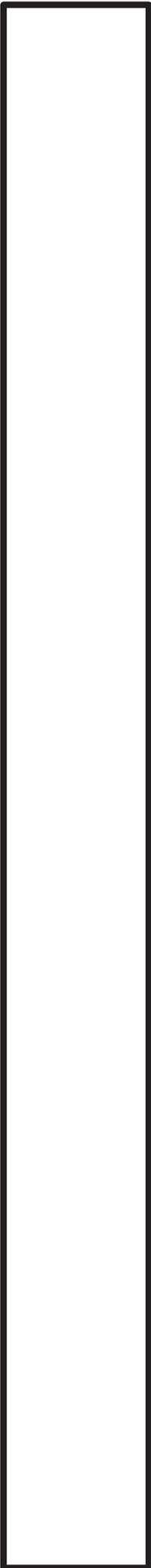
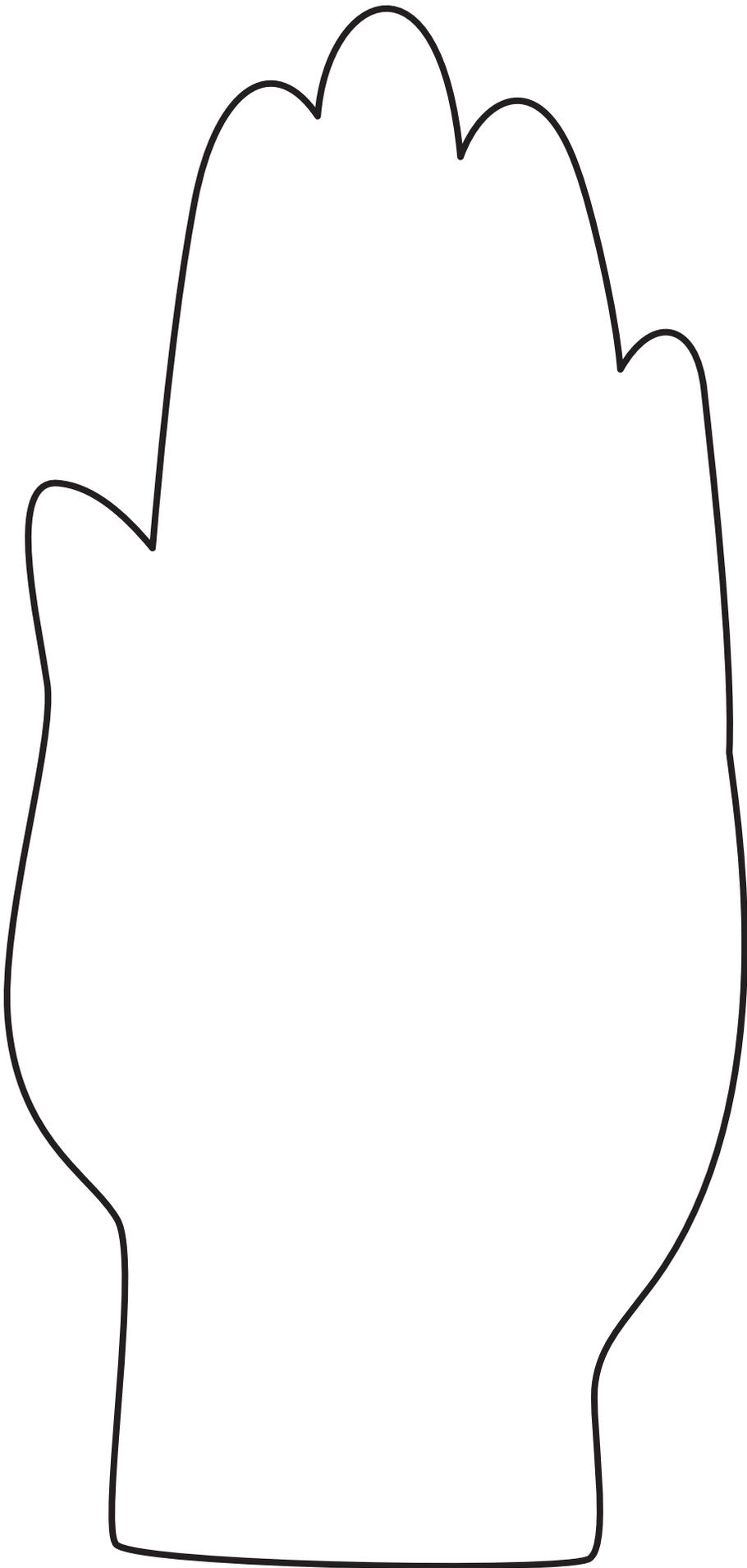
Ask When should we pray to God? When hurt or sad, when we need help, to say thank You, to praise God. All the time.

Say Prayer is how we talk to God. God always answers our prayers. Sometimes God says yes. Sometimes He uses us to solve our own problems. Sometimes He sends us help through other people. When Hezekiah prayed for help, God told him, “I will defend this city to save it, for My own sake and for the sake of My servant David” (2 Kings 19:34). That night, the angel of the Lord came and saved Hezekiah and the people from the Assyrians. Even when God answers no or wait, we can be sure He is answering in a way that is best for us.

Today, you will make a prayer banner. You can hang it in your room at home as a reminder that God hears and answers your prayers in a way that is best.

Do This

- Cut out the cross pieces on the pattern. Choose a felt color, and trace around the patterns onto the felt. Cut them out, and glue them to a felt banner background of your choice.
- Trace around your hand, fingers together, on a piece of skin-colored felt, or cut out the hand pattern and trace around it. Cut it out and glue over the cross.
- About an inch from the top edge of the banner, cut evenly spaced slits, perpendicular to the edge. Slip dowel through the slits. Add yarn or string for a hanger.
- Use glitter glue or fabric paint to add details to the cross or to write a Bible verse on your banner.



God's-Promise Jar

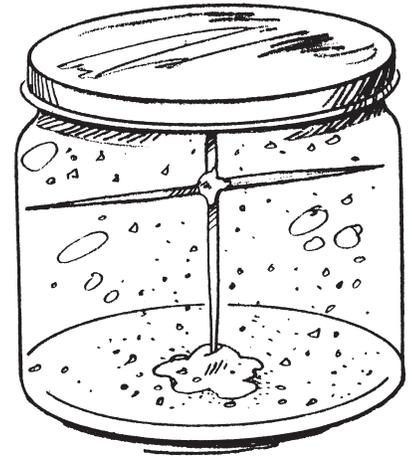
Lesson 9: Jeremiah and God's New Covenant

You Need

- Newspaper
- Paint smocks or old shirts
- Clean, empty baby food jars & lids or similar-sized jars
- Acrylic paint in various colors & paintbrushes
- Toothpicks
- Modeling clay
- Water
- Glitter or metallic confetti
- Cooking oil, 1 tablespoon
- Blue food coloring
- Waterproof glue

Get Ready

- Cover the work area with newspaper. Set out paint smocks or old shirts.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Ask How do you think God's people felt when enemies destroyed their city and took them away as slaves to a foreign land? **Accept answers.** Shake sample so it is hard to see the cross.

Say Our craft today reminds us that troubles ("shake-ups") in our lives might make us think that God has deserted us or doesn't love us. God's people might have thought that too.

But God's plan was not for their destruction, but to give them "a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). He wanted them to repent. He promised through Jeremiah that He would bring them home to their own land. He promised to send Jesus, the righteous Branch, to save us all. Shake or point to sample again. Look closely, and you can see the cross. It reminds you that Jesus brought healing and forgiveness through His suffering and death. Conquering death, Jesus lives! He is the righteous Branch that gives eternal life!

Do This

- Paint the top and outer edge of the jar lid with acrylic paint. Set aside to dry.
- Make a cross with the toothpicks. Connect them in the middle with a small bit of modeling clay. If the toothpicks are too long, break off the ends.
- Place a small amount of clay in the center of the jar bottom. Anchor the cross in the clay.
- Fill the jar almost to the top with water. Add a tablespoon of glitter or metallic confetti. Add a tablespoon of cooking oil and two drops of blue food coloring. At first, the food coloring will remain in little balls in the oil, but in time they will diffuse.
- Put a small amount of glue on the metal threads inside the lid. Tightly screw the lid to the jar.
- Shake gently. Oil and water will mix for a short time and then separate again. The water will become murky as the jar is shaken.

Bible Cover

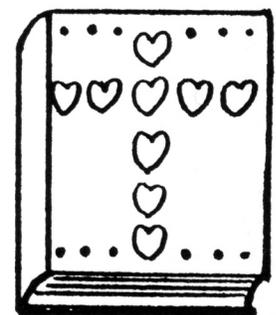
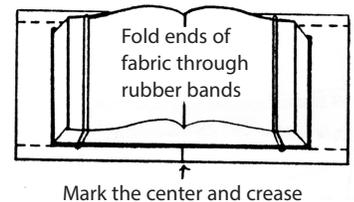
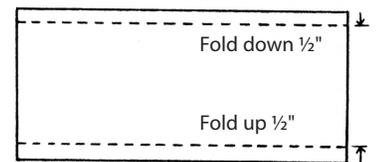
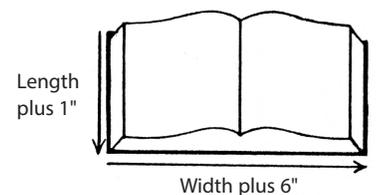
Lesson 10: The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

You Need

- Bible, any size
- Ruler
- Plain muslin or broadcloth
- Rubber bands, ¼-inch thick, 2 per student
- Squeezable fabric paint or fabric markers
- Iron (adult-use only)
- Ironing board or thick pile of newspapers
- Stickers or other embellishments (e.g., sequins, gems, ribbon) & glue

Get Ready

- Ahead of time, ask students to bring their own Bibles to class. Alternately, students can make a Bible covering using a church Bible in class, then take their cover home to put on their own Bible.
- These directions will work for any size Bible. For younger students, follow the “Do This” directions to cut covers to size ahead of time.
- Make a sample.
- *Option:* Purchase pocket Bibles or pocket New Testaments for children to cover.



Introduce the Craft

Say The three men had to choose between following the king’s decree and doing what God says. Maybe you have to choose, too, between doing wrong things that your friends are doing or doing what God says is right.

Ask What can you use to help you decide what to do? *God’s Word.* Show Bible cover.

Say Like the three men in our Bible story, we will have troubles too, but our Savior, Jesus, is also with us. He is more powerful than any trouble. He saved us from our sins through His suffering, death, and resurrection. He works through His Word and Sacraments to bring us to faith and sustain us in faith. Through these Means of Grace, He strengthens us, comforts us, and forgives our sins. Today, you’ll make Bible covers to put on your Bibles to remind you that God’s Word is precious. In it, He tells us that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from His love (Romans 8:38–39).

Do This

- Open Bible and measure the entire length and width of its cover. Add 6 inches to the width measurement and 1 inch to the length. Cut fabric to match this size.
- Fold down the top and bottom edges of the fabric ½ inch. Press flat to make hem and iron.
- Lay the Bible in the center of the iron-hemmed fabric. Slip rubber bands over the front and back hardcover of the Bible.
- Fold 3 inches of each side of the fabric width over the front and back covers of the Bible and through the rubber bands. This identifies where the center of the cover is. Make a small crease to mark the center.
- Remove the fabric from the Bible. Fold the fabric at the center.
- Use squeezable fabric paints or fabric markers and other decorations to decorate the front cover with Christian symbols. When the paint is dry, the back can also be decorated.
- When paint is completely dry, place the cover back on the Bible, using the rubber bands. Or transport home.

Daniel and Lion Masks

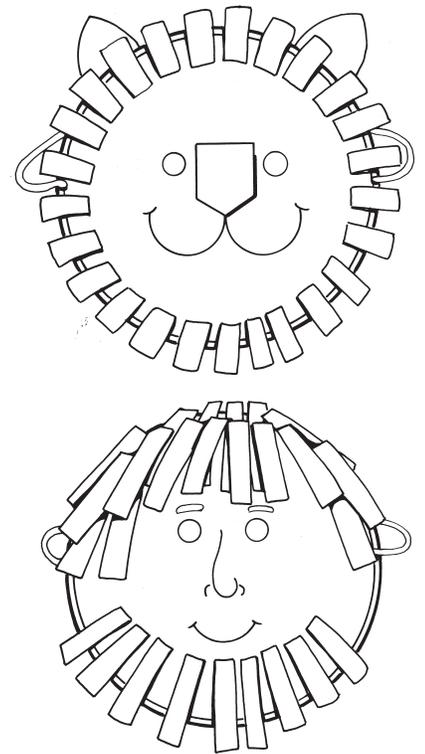
Lesson 11: Daniel in the Lions' Den

You Need

- Paper plates, 2 per student
- Orange & brown construction paper
- Fine-tip markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- *Optional:* Jumbo craft sticks
- *Optional:* Gardening glove or rubber glove, 2 finger sections per student, wiggle eyes

Get Ready

- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.
- *Option:* To make fingertip puppets instead of masks, cut off the tips (for face-only puppets) or fingers (full body finger puppets) of gardening gloves. Each student will need two: one for a lion, one for Daniel.



Introduce the Craft

Ask What were some of Daniel's troubles? He did not obey the bad law that said he should worship the king, but he worshiped the true God and prayed only to Him. By doing what he knew was right, he got thrown into the lions' den. How did God help him? God sent His angel to close the lions' mouths.

Say Everyone has troubles, even people who love and trust in Jesus. But God loves you and me with His steadfast love. He showed how much He loves us when He sent Jesus to save us from sin. Show sample. Today, you are going to make masks [puppets] of Daniel and a lion to use to retell the story. Whenever you feel afraid, remember that God protected Daniel from the lions. Daniel did not need to be afraid. You do not need to be afraid either. God is with you too, and He watches over you. He will keep you safe forever in heaven.

Do This

- To make paper plate masks, cut eyeholes in both paper plates.
- Cut two brown ears and a rectangle nose for the lion, and glue the pieces onto one plate. Use a marker or crayon to draw the lion's mouth. Cut orange strips of construction paper or yarn, and glue them around the rim of the plate for a mane.
- On the other plate, use a marker to accent the eyes and draw a nose and a smile for Daniel. Cut strips of brown paper or yarn, and glue them on for hair and a beard.
- Punch holes on each side of the two masks and tie a piece of yarn (8 to 10 inches long) to each hole, or attach a craft stick to the bottom of each plate.
- Tie on the masks, or use the craft sticks to hold the masks in front of your face as you tell the story.
- *Option:* To make finger puppets, draw faces on the fingers of gloves. Glue on yarn for hair and a beard for Daniel and a mane for the lion. For a full-body lion finger puppet, braid yarn for a tail and glue it on. Add wiggle eyes or other decorations, as desired.

Joyful Noise Maker

Lesson 12: God's People Go Home

You Need

- 2 small paper plates
- Markers or crayons
- Electrical tape
- 1 large craft stick
- 10 uncooked navy beans (or other dry beans)
- Stapler
- Stickers & other embellishments (e.g., sequins, gems, buttons, washi tape)

Get Ready

- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Today, you heard how God kept His promise to bring His people living in captivity in Babylon back home again. They were excited to be home and eager to rebuild the temple and city walls. They repented of their sins and rejoiced in God's mercy. They gave thanks to God, and when the temple was rebuilt they had a big celebration with priests and singers and musicians to dedicate it.

God also kept His promise to send a Savior. Many years later, King Jesus entered Jerusalem to the sound of praises. Later that week, He died for the sins of all people. Show sample.

Today, you'll make a joyful noise maker. You can shake it and rejoice that through faith in Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you have peace with God. One day, Jesus will take you home to the new Jerusalem—that is, heaven—to live in joy, celebrating His feast with Him and all the saints forever.

Do This

- Decorate the outsides (back sides) of two paper plates with markers and stickers. Glue on other embellishments.
- For the handle, use electrical tape to secure a large craft stick to the inside bottom of one plate.
- Place 10 uncooked beans between the two plates.
- Staple the plates together. Tape around edges.
- Hold the handle and shake to make sounds.
- *Option:* Write this week's Bible Words on the plate shaker.

Esther Story Tube

Lesson 13: Esther

You Need

- Paper towel tube, gift wrapping tube, or Pringles can
- Scissors
- Tape
- Markers or crayons
- Copies of Esther story strips handout (end of activity)
- *Optional:* Embellishments (e.g., sequins for king's crown, felt or sandpaper for cross, glitter glue)
- *Optional:* Print today's Bible Words on the strip by the cross before photocopying it.

Get Ready

- If using gift-wrapping tubes, cut to fit size of story strips.
- Make copies of the story strip page.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Ask What trouble made Esther worry? **Accept answers.** What makes you worry or afraid? **Accept answers.**

Say We might think no one can help us. But God was at work to save Esther and her people. No matter how big our troubles, God loves us and is at work to save us too. We know this because He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

Today, you will make a story tube. Show sample. **You can use it to tell today's Bible story. You can also use it as a spyglass to look for God's blessings around you. As you think about how God helped Esther and her people, remember that in this life, there will always be troubles because of sin. But God promises to work all things for our good for Jesus' sake. He even works through our troubles to strengthen our faith through His Word and Sacraments and to help us grow strong in Him.** Read Romans 8:35–39.

Do This

- Color the strips. Add embellishments as you wish.
- Cut the strips apart and tape each strip in a ring so that it can slide onto your tube.
- Slide rings onto tube in the order you plan to tell the story. To tell the story, starting at the bottom of the tube, put rings on in this order, bottom to top: king, Mordecai, Esther, king and Haman, cross. Reverse the order if you plan to tell the story beginning at the top of the tube, progressing to the bottom.
- Use your storytelling tube to retell the story of Esther.
- *Option:* Use the tube as a spyglass to look for God's blessings around you.

Directions: Copy and color the strips. Cut them out and glue them to a paper towel tube, gift wrapping tube, or Pringles can in order from bottom to top: King, Mordecai, Esther, King eating with Haman, and cross.



King



Mordecai



Esther



King eating with Haman

