“Fix these words of Mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 11:18-20
Crafts for preschoolers and elementary ages can be an important part of teaching God’s Word. Crafts are something they can touch, see, and experience. Crafts should be used to reinforce and enhance the Bible Study and should never take away from the Bible Study. As the children take their projects home, it will give parents the opportunity to discuss with their child what was taught in class and be a reminder of what God’s Word means in their life.

Depending on the age of your class will determine the difficulty of the craft. More preparation will be needed for the preschool ages than for the elementary age children who have developed motor skills. For young children, you may have to prepare part of the craft beforehand and have them finish it up in class.

The craft can also be used as part of the lesson. Whether a visual in telling the Bible Story, or part of the object lesson.

In preparing the craft the most important thing to do is to pray and ask for the Lord to give you ideas and the creativity. After all He is the author of creativity. My feelings are that the craft should be done to go along with the Bible Lesson. Study the Scriptures first and have an understanding of what the message in the lesson is before preparing the craft. As the Lord leads, ideas will come to mind as how to create a meaningful craft for your children to take home.

In this session my desire is to share techniques with you that will encourage you to branch out on your own and seek the Lord for ideas to do in class. Though there are ideas in this packet for specific lessons, why not try the technique for another story?
About Paints

1. Try starting paint projects as children come in to class so the craft will have time to dry before parents come. This is also an opportunity to work with the children one on one as they use the paint.

2. If you add a little liquid detergent to the tempura paint, it will wash off easier should paint get on children.

3. If there is a concern about paint getting on a child’s clothing, bring in large, old T-shirts for the children or use trash bags and cut out a hole in the bottom (for head) and holes on each side (for arms). Cut up the center back and you have a plastic smock for cover-up. (Remember to use plastic bags with caution around young children.)
Marble Painting

Materials

2 or more colors tempera paint (thicker paint works best)
2 marbles for each color paint
Plastic gloves for teacher
Lid to paper box or other box lid that paper will lie flat in
Paper Plate or Shallow Cup
Construction Paper

Instructions

Lay construction paper in the bottom of the box lid.
Teacher should wear gloves and coat marbles with paint (2 marbles for each color).
Drop marbles onto construction paper.
Have child move box lid back and forth to roll marbles on the paper.
After all the paint is rolled around remove marbles.
Let paint dry.

Craft Idea

Ten Commandments
Cut large sheet of light gray construction paper (12 X 18) as shown on pattern. Copy Ten Commandments from pattern and cut on lines. Follow the above instructions for marble painting on the gray construction paper using black and white paint. This should give a stone effect. Once dry fold painted construction paper in half with painting on outside. Then glue the Ten Commandments to the inside.
Enlarge 300% for Gray Construction Paper Template
1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.
Sponge Painting

Materials

Sponges (Cut into 1 1/2 X 3 inch pieces)  
Clothespin (for young children)  
Tempura Paint (thin slightly with water)  
Paper Plates

Instructions

For very young children who would have difficulty holding onto the sponge, clip a clothespin to the top for them to hold on to.  
Pour a small amount of tempura paint onto a paper plate.  
Use a different sponge for each color paint and have the child dip the sponge into the paint and then lightly dab the sponge onto the paper.

Craft Idea

Filled With the Holy Spirit Sponge Paint

Copy “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit…” onto construction paper. Cut out 1 dove for each child from the same color construction paper. Wrap masking tape in a circle with sticky side out to make it like double-sided tape. Place the masking tape on the dove and put the dove over Scripture so the words are covered. Sponge paint over the entire paper. Let project dry. Remove the paper dove there will be the outline of a dove around “The were all filled…” Cut out center of frame and glue frame on top of painting for a finished look.
Cut 1 for each child
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:4
Frame for Holy Spirit Craft
Cut out center and place over picture
Vegetable Stamps

Materials
Potato (or other vegetables)
Knife
Tempura Paint (thin slightly with water)
Paper Plate

Instructions
Prepare potato (or other vegetables) before class.
Cut potato in half.
Using a pencil or other pointed object draw a simple design or shape onto the cut part of the potato (one potato will make 2 stamps).
Using a shape knife (teachers must do this before class) cut down about 1/4 inch into the potato following the outline of the design or shape.
Cut away the outside of the design or shape by cutting from the outside of the potato in to the cut previously made (this is the cut going into the potato). Discard the outer part of the design or shape. Your potato should now look like a stamp.
Make a “stamp pad” by folding several sheets of paper towel and laying it on a shallow tray (meat trays work well). Pour the paint onto the paper towel. Experiment by adding water until you get the right constancy of paint. Have the children dip the “stamp” into the paint and then onto their paper.

Experiment with other foods too. Broccoli works well for grass, or sand effect.

Craft Idea

God Made the Sun, Stars, and Moon

Use a half sheet of light blue (for day/sun) and half sheet of black (for night/stars & moon) construction paper. Tape together on back. Copy the scriptures and paste on appropriate side. Using the potato method make a sun on one half of the potato and a moon on the other half. Using the same method and cut stars into carrot halves. Use yellow paint for the sun, and white paint for the moon and stars.
“Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day,
and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.”
Genesis 1:16

Moon Pattern  Sun Pattern  Star Pattern
Marker Watercolors

Materials

1/4 sheet white construction paper
Scissors
Regular Markers (Crayola Markers seem to work best)
Cotton Swabs (one for every two colors because you can use both sides)
Small cups with water

Instructions

Before class, copy “Paint Pallet” and cut out one for each child. Color each circle (dark) with different colors of marker (to be the “water color paint”) the children will need for their picture.
In class, have the children dip their cotton swab in the water and then on the square of color they want to use for their picture. Use different ends of the cotton swab for different colors of “paint”. Use the cotton swab with the “watercolor” (marker) on it as a paintbrush and paint the picture.

Craft Idea

God Made Fish
Copy the fish scene on white construction paper. Using the “Marker Watercolor” method and use blue, green, yellow and orange marker for the colors. Have children paint the fish.

Let Your Light Shine
Use a white crayon or white wax to write “Let your light shine” on a 3” circle of white construction paper. Glue the circle to the different colored larger circles. Have the children use the above method to “water color” on the white circle and they will see the words appear.
So God created great sea creatures and every living thing in the waters according to their kind. Genesis 1:21
White Construction Paper Pattern

Red Construction Paper Pattern
Yellow Construction Paper Pattern

Orange Construction Paper Pattern
“Paint Pallets” – Color in circles with different colored Markers
Glove Finger Paint

Materials

Construction
Plastic Gloves
Paints
Paper Plates

Instructions

Before class, draw out a scene on a piece of construction paper. Pour appropriate colored paint onto a paper plate. Put a plastic glove on each child and loosely tape glove closed around their wrist. Have them put their finger on the paint. They can then use their gloved finger to paint the construction paper. Once finished throw the glove away.

Craft Idea

Jesus Walks on Water Mural

Take a large sheet of butcher paper and draw a line across it for the water. Have the children use the above method to paint the water. Use different colors of blue for a unique ocean. Have them use white on their gloved finger to put little waves in the ocean. You can do the same for the sky, using a very light blue and white for clouds.

Enlarged the figures from the pattern, cut them out, and put a piece of wrapped masking tape (so it’s like double sided tape) on the back of each one. Use the ocean mural as a backdrop to tell the story of Jesus walking on water.

You could also make a smaller version for the children to take home.
Bubble Paint

Materials

Liquid detergent/soap
Water
Ink color (India ink, food coloring or tempera paint)

Instructions

Mix together liquid detergent and coloring in a shallow pan. Blow through a straw into the mixture until it bubbles over the top but does not run down the sides. Place a sheet of paper over the bubbles. The bubble pattern will transfer to the paper.

Craft Idea

Naaman’s Leprosy is Healed

Before class, make a mixture of the above bubble paint using blue tempera paint. Copy the Scripture pattern page on white construction paper and Naaman on tan construction paper. Cut out Naamans and Scripture page. Glue Naamans onto popsicle stick leaving about 4" of stick showing. Glue white leprosy circles to sick Naaman’s body. Have children do above bubble paint procedure on the paper with the Scripture on it. Glue the painted page to sheet of 8 1/2" X 11" blue construction paper as follows: Top edge, right edge, left edge, top half of slit. On the bottom glue: 2" over, leave 1" open, glue 4" over, leave 1" open, glue 2" over. (This will be for the popsicle sticks to go through the bottom.) Leave open the bottom half of the slit, but put 3 spacers (1 in the middle and 2 on the sides) so that this bottom slit slightly sticks out.

Put sick Naaman on one side and well Naaman on the other side so they are hidden. Push the popsicle stick of the sick Naaman to show the children how the sick Naaman dipped himself 7 times. On the 7th time up push up the well Naaman praising the Lord for healing him.
“So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.” 2 Kings 5:14
Finger Prints

Materials

Meat tray
Tempera Paint
Paper Towels
(or purchase Washable Ink Pads)

Instructions

Make a stamp pad by folding several sheets of paper towel and lay them on the meat tray. Add Tempera paint and water until you get the right consistency. Have children place their hand or finger on the “pad” and make finger or hand prints for a craft project.

Craft Idea

Helping Handprints

Use the above method for creating a stamp pad. Have children place their hand on the pad and then on the paper. Parents usually want to keep handprint projects, so add the date to the back of the project for a keepsake.

Flower Fingerprints

Use the above method or purchase washable stamp pads. Have the children use their finger prints as the petals on the flowers. Use different colors for a beautiful garden.
About Color Pages

1. Color pages can be used for crafts other than just coloring. With a little imagination and cutting and pasting, reducing and enlarging, a color page becomes a work of art.

2. Use color page pictures for inspiration on doing a craft.
   Example: The color page for “Adam & Eve Sin” is a tree with fruit on it. Your craft could be a stand up tree made out of construction paper. Add some tissue paper, fruit and the scripture from the color page and you have your craft.

3. Look for color books that say “Reproducible”.

3-D Art

Materials

Color Sheet to correspond to the lesson
Scissors
Double Sided Foam Mounting Tape

Instructions

First make 4 or 5 copies of the color sheet you will be using because you will be cutting out various pieces from these.
Look at the color sheet and find parts that would be made 3-D (or should stand out).
In the craft idea below, there is an example of items that were chosen to stand out.
When you have the items to stand out, cut them out, close to the black line of the piece you want.
Continue cutting all the pieces you want to use.
Paste these cutouts to a sheet of white paper and use white out to take away any unwanted lines and use a black marker to add any lines. This will be your master to make copies for the children.
Copy and cut out these pieces for the children (older children may cut out their own pieces) and make a copy of the original color sheet. Place a 1/4” piece of double sided foam mounting tape to the back of each cut out piece. Leave the paper on the other side of the tape. The children will peel this off when they stick it to their picture.
Have the children color the pieces and color the color sheet. Show them how to color like pieces the same color. Peel off the back of tape and match pieces taping them on top of each other.

Craft Idea

Daniel In The Lion’s Den
Copy Color Page and pieces onto white construction paper. Cut out pieces and follow instructions above for “3-D Color Pages”

Stand Up Rainbow
Cut out pieces from different color construction paper and follow instructions above for “3-D Color Pages”. Align so bottom is flat so rainbow will stand.
“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me…” Daniel 6:22
Rainbow Pattern

Red
Orange
Yellow
Green
Blue
Purple

When I see the rainbow in the clouds,
I will remember the eternal covenant
between God and every living creature on earth.

Genesis 9:16
Adding Objects

Materials

Color page copied on cardstock or construction paper
Different objects to be added to the picture
Glue
Cotton Swab
1/4 sheet of paper

Instructions

Example of items you can add to a picture: clear beads for under water bubbles; Spanish Moss for roof top, grass, hay; plastic coins, cinnamon for dirt, material, felt for clothing; beans or pebbles for stones, macaroni stars, green colored rice for grass; feathers; cotton balls for clouds or sheep; buttons.
As you look at the color page see what parts of it could have objects added to enhance the picture. Then decide what object would work best to achieve the effect you are looking for.
If you have ever experienced a 3 year old with a bottle of glue you will know that a dab of glue means a sea of glue to them. Here is an idea to help control the mess of glue: Put a glob of glue on the 1/4 sheet of paper and give the child a cotton swab to apply the glue to the paper and then apply the object.

Craft Idea

Jonah
Cut out Jonah and the big fish from the color page. Glue onto light blue construction paper. Color Jonah and the big fish (or copy big fish onto colored construction paper). Add clear round beads or buttons for bubbles, Spanish moss for ocean floor, sea shells, small plastic or sticker fish, big wiggly eye for big fish eye.

Woman at the Well
Copy “well” pattern on gray construction paper and “roof” on tan paper. Cut out. Color circle of water on well blue. Have children glue beans on well to look like stones. Fold edges of well back and slide ends together at the slits. Glue 2 craft sticks on the inside ends of well and glue roof to top of craft sticks.
"Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." Jonah 1:17
Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."

John 4:13, 14
Stuffing

Materials

Color Page
Reverse copy of color page
Scissors
Stuffing (tissue, cotton balls, or other light weight stuffing material)
Glue
Clothes Pin

Instructions

To make a reverse copy of the color page: copy original color page onto a transparency. Flip the transparency over and take a copy. Glue both copies together, wrong sides together, matching the outlines and leaving a 2-3 inch opening. Place the glue on one side along the outline of the picture, leaving the opening unglued. To match the outline of the pictures together, hold the two sheets together up to a light and move around until they match up. After the glue has dried, cut out the picture. This will need to be done before class because if the glue is not completely dried the children will not be able to stuff their project. Have the children color both sides of the picture. Stuff with stuffing of your choice through the opening. In tight spots you may need to use the end of an unsharpened pencil or a craft stick to push the stuffing in. Glue opening shut and use clothes pins to hold the opening closed until glue sets up.

Craft Idea

Manna & Quail

Copy the picture of the Quail and use the instructions for stuffing. Add a small feather to the top of the quail’s head. If you want you can glue the quail along the tail to a piece of blue tag board. Add a tag board stand to the back. Serve oyster crackers for the manna.
1. Copy on light brown construction paper.
2. Glue to plain sheet of light brown paper gluing along the outline of bear. Leave bottom open for stuffing.
3. Once glue is dry, cut out bears
4. Have children stuff bear, and glue opening. Hold with clothes pins to dry.
5. As a life application lesson, have the children share their bear with a friend.
At the end of class everyone gets their bear back
Open Mouth Fish

2. Cut on the line in the fish's mouth. Fold along dotted lines, folding the triangles into the inside.
3. Glue around the outside of the fish, inserting the bottom fin into the fish so it sticks out once sides are glued together. Leave mouth open.
4. Fold side fins and glue to sides of fish.
5. Push the top and bottom of fish head to make the mouth close and when you let go the mouth will open.

Use for the story of Jonah and the Big Fish or the coin in the fish's mouth.
Puzzles

Materials

Color Page
Construction Paper
Scissors
Glue
Cotton Swabs
1/4 piece of paper

Instructions

Before class, reduce or enlarge the picture you will be using so it will fit a 6 X 6 inch square. Try and use a picture that will fill most of this 6 X 6 area with the picture.
Depending on the age of the children will determine how many pieces you will cut the picture into. For 2 & 3 year olds you will want to limit the number of pieces to about 4. Older preschoolers will be able to handle more pieces. Have the children color the pieces and then put together. For very young children you may want to put the outline on the construction paper that they will be gluing their pieces to.
Put a dab of glue on the 1/4 sheet of paper and have the children use a cotton swab to apply the glue to the paper. Once the pieces are glued in place the picture should have a unique appearance due to the color variation on the pieces. Add a frame if desired to finish off the master piece.

Craft Idea

Ruth Chooses to Stay with Naomi

This sample is designed for preschoolers. Follow the instructions for preparing and assembling the puzzle page. For a frame, cut out puzzle shapes from different colored construction paper and add to outside of picture as a frame.
For older children copy the memory verse and cut into puzzle pieces. They will have fun solving the puzzle and then making it into a craft
“Ruth said: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, or turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.’”
Ruth 1:16
About Tissue Paper

1. Many different effects can be accomplished with tissue paper: Crumpled, sheer, colors will bleed when wet.
2. Tissue paper can be found in plain colors as well as with designs.
3. Tissue paper is easier to cut when cutting at least 8 sheets at a time.
4. For preschoolers it is best to use larger pieces of tissue paper because it is more difficult for little ones to manipulate small pieces.
Torn Tissue Paper

Materials

Different Colors Tissue Paper
Glue
Scissors
1/4 sheet paper
Cotton Swabs
Construction paper cut into an object

Instructions

Cut different colored tissue paper into 2 inch wide by about 6-8 inch long strips. Give the strips to the children and let them tear off pieces and glue onto construction paper object. Show the children how to fold the edges over the back of the cut out object or for younger children you may want to cut around the object after the glue has dried.

This method can also be used to create a frame on a picture, cover a baby food jar, or as a background to add something on top (use different colors of blue to make a sky, or different colors of green for landscape).

Craft Idea

Joseph’s Coat

Cut out coat pattern from white construction paper. Using the instructions for Torn Tissue Paper, have the children tear various colors of paper and apply to Joseph’s coat. Cut out pocket and glue on top of tissue paper.
Joseph’s father made him a coat with big sleeves.
Crumpled Tissue Paper

Materials

Tissue Paper cut into 2" X 2" square
Picture or cut out object to glue tissue paper to
Glue
Scissors
1/4 sheet paper
Cotton swabs

Instructions

Cut tissue paper into 2" X 2" squares. You can either use the same color or different colors depending on the project. Example: All green crumpled pieces could be added to a tree for leaves. Multi colored crumpled pieces could be added to a landscape for flowers. Have the children crumple up the paper and apply to the paper to be decorated. Use the cotton swab to apply the glue. Use larger pieces of tissue paper and slightly crumple for mountains, tree trunks or other large objects that you want to give a raised effect to.

Craft Idea

Zacchaeus In a Tree

Cut out a tree from green construction paper from the pattern. Using the instructions for Crumpled Tissue Paper have the children apply green paper for the leaves. Give them a larger piece and slightly crumple it for the tree trunk. Copy and cut out Zacchaeus, have the children color him, and put him in the tree.
Cut from green tissue paper
Cut from brown tissue paper
Stained Glass Effect

Materials

Tissue Paper
Construction Paper
Scissors
Glue
1/4 sheet paper
Cotton Swabs

Instructions

Determine the object you want to make into stained glass. Cut out the object from construction paper. Then cut various shapes in the object, leaving about 1/2" of construction paper around the shape for the border. Cut tissue paper slightly larger than the cut shape in the construction paper. Have the children glue these shapes in the appropriate places on the object. If you put a piece of plastic down on the table, when the glue dries you can peel away the plastic.
When they hang their craft in a window the sun will shine through it.

Craft Idea

New Creation Butterfly

Following instructions for Stained Glass Effect and cut out butterfly. Cut shapes out of various colors of tissue paper. Put plastic down on the table and have the children fill in the empty spaces with glue and tissue paper.
Make sure to glue some of the tissue paper to the boarder of the butterfly so the tissue paper will stay where it suppose to. Copy the scripture on see-through paper and glue to top opening.
Show them how the light comes through when hung in a window.
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; 2 Corinthians 5:17
About Puppets

1. Children of all ages love puppets.
2. Puppets that you make can be used for story time and then the children can make one to take home and retell the story.
   1. Look for books with puppet ideas. Books that are reproducible are best.
   2. You can use a variety of items to make puppets, such as: plastic spoons, socks, paper bags, craft sticks, old gloves.
Paper Bag Puppets

Materials

Lunch Bag
Head of Character (Top part Above Lips, Bottom Part Below Lips)
Crayons or Markers
Scissors
Glue
Optional: Yarn, Cotton, Fabric, Felt, Wiggly Eyes

Instructions:

Choose a head pattern from color page or draw your own. Try and find one with large distinct features. You may have to modify it a little. Separate the top of the head and the bottom (see craft idea pattern for example of how to separate the two sections). The head should be enlarged (approximately 8” tall and 7” wide) to fit the paper bag. Copy and cut out head pattern of character you have chosen. Show the children how to color the face and then glue the bottom part of the head under the flap of the paper bag and the upper part to the top of the flap. Add any accessories as desired. Use the puppet as part of story time and then let the children make their own and they can retell the story.

Craft Idea

Jesus Puppet

Follow instructions for Paper Bag Puppet using the attached pattern for Jesus. Have children color and glue on the face.
Paper Bag Directions:

Copy Paper Bag pattern on 11 X 17 paper enlarging 169%. Trim off extra paper on sides A & B.

Terms:
- **Score**: To make an impression on the paper so the line will fold easily.
- **Crease**: To fold on the line and use your finger or firm object to push down on the fold making a sharp crisp fold and then unfolding so the paper is open.
- **Fold**: To fold on the specified line that has been creased and do not unfold.

Important: Make sure to score, crease, and fold exactly on the line so the bag will fold correctly.

1. Using a ruler and ball point pen (one that has run out of ink works best), score on all lines.
2. Crease all lines following the guide for creating Mountains (M) and Valleys (V):

   ![](image)

   - **Mountains look like this:**
   - **Valleys look like this:**

3. Fold a valley fold on line V-1 and line V-2 so side B overlaps side A about 1/4".
4. Glue side B on top of side A.
5. Open the bag to a rectangle with the openings at the top and bottom and with the scored creases at the top.
6. Turn the bag so the glued seam is facing away from you.
7. Fold down top sides C & D.
8. Push in the sides from bottom to top and lay flat on the table making sure one flap is folded down (fold on M-3) and one flap is folded up.
9. Fold down top flap on V-4 and fold up flap V-5 so they overlap.
10. Glue one flap on top of the other.
Craft Stick Puppets

Materials

Color Page Figures  
Craft Sticks  
Scissors  
1/4 sheet paper  
Glue  
Cotton Swab

Instructions

Reduce or enlarge color page figures to be about 3 or 4 inches tall. Have the children color their figures. Put a dab of glue on the 1/4 sheet of paper and give the child a cotton swab. Show the child how to glue their figure to the craft stick leaving about 3 inches of the craft stick on the bottom. Children can use their puppets to tell the story.

Craft Idea

Mary & Martha

Copy and cut out figures of Mary, Martha, & Jesus. Have the children color these figures. Glue some fabric on Mary and Martha’s Dress. Using the instructions for the Craft Stick Puppets show the children how to assemble their puppets. Tell the story moving Martha all around as she works so hard. Show Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet listening to Him.
Finger Puppets

Materials

Figures from Color Page
Scissors
Glue or tape

Instructions

Find a figure and reduce or enlarge it to be about 2 inches tall. Around the bottom of the figure add a band 1/2 inch wide and 1 inches long on each side before you cut it out. This will wrap around the finger and tape or glue (kind of like a ring). Cut out the puppets before class.
Have the children color the puppets and retell the story. Accessories can be added to the puppets if desired: wiggly eyes, yarn hair, fabric clothes, buttons, beads, etc.

Craft Idea

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Copy and cut out finger puppets on white construction paper. Have the children color their puppets. Tape ends together to fit on their fingers. Tell the story using the different characters and have the children retell the story with their puppets.
About Paper Crafts

1. Think of yourself as an architect or engineer as you pray about designing crafts from paper.
2. Cutting can take a lot of time. Try cutting up to 8 sheets of construction paper at once. Draw your object onto the top sheet, staple around it (to keep the sheets from sliding) and cut. If you are cutting 100 pieces of an object, you only will have to cut 13 times instead of 100. That's a timesaver.
3. When cutting out figures, you don't always have to cut right on the line. This will take a lot of time. Try cutting about 1/8 - 1/4 inch away from the outside line. This will save time.
4. Pre-fold any folded projects for preschoolers. This can also be done by doing about 6 sheets at a time. Use a ruler or other stiff object to make good creases. Straight folds can be achieved by folding on the corner of a table or over a ruler.
Folded Paper Crafts

**Materials**
Idea of what you want to be constructed from the paper  
Construction Paper or other paper that can be folded easily  
Ruler or other straight edge  
Scissors

**Instructions**
Once you know what you want to make then you need to design a pattern that will be the item to make. To accomplish this, use plain white copy paper and begin folding and cutting until it looks the way you want it to look. Use masking tape to hold edges together so you can easily remove it and reposition and also undo the project to make your master pattern.

Helpful Hints for Designs:
1. Start with a “square” design for box shapes. Fold edges up, cut slit down corner, fold tabs in and tape to edges. Play with folding and cutting it until you get it the size you want. Make 2 of these and put together for a box shape.
2. See attached “church” pattern. This same idea could be used for other buildings also.
3. Make half boxes for diorama type crafts.
4. Pre-fold all creases before giving to preschoolers.

**Craft Idea**

**Church**  
Copy on white construction pattern and cut out church pattern. Cut out a blank sheet of white construction paper the same as the church pattern without the doors. Pre-fold the sides before giving to children. Cut out roof and cross from brown construction paper. Have children color church. Glue sides together and glue roof and cross to top.

**Manger**  
Cut manger from brown paper. Copy Baby Jesus on white paper. Cut manger on solid line, fold on dotted line. Put one slit through the other and glue folded flaps together. Fill with shredded yellow paper or real hay or raffia. Place baby Jesus in the manger on the hay.
Cut 2 from Brown Paper
Torn Construction Paper

Materials

- Construction Paper
- Pattern of simple objects
- 1/4 sheet paper
- Cotton Swab
- Glue

Instructions

Show children simple shapes or objects to tear out of construction paper. For very young children you can draw the shape or object on the paper. For easy tearing, take a cotton swab and wet along the line to be torn. Allow about 30 seconds for the water to soak in, then you should easily tear along the wet line. After they have torn the paper, glue onto a whole sheet making the picture desired. You can add cut out pictures to finish off the picture if desired. Black paper works well also to appear as a silhouette.

Craft Idea

Jesus Loves Me

Cut out Bible Pattern from black paper. Cut out Bible Page from white paper, folding down center. Glue center of white Bible Page to black Bible. Glue right and left side edges of white Bible Page to black Bible so there is about 1/4" of black showing on the right and left side. This will put a slight arc on each side of the white page. Copy the hearts onto red construction paper and have the children follow the above instructions to tear the heart. Glue on top of the white Bible Page.
JESUS LOVES ME
THIS I KNOW
FOR THE BIBLE
TELLS ME SO

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FOR THE BIBLE
TELLS ME SO
Cut from white paper

Cut from Black Paper
Cutting

Tips for Cutting

1. When cutting a shape using a template: Cut out one shape from heavy cardstock or tag board. Trace around this template onto a sheet of construction paper (trace as many as will fit on one sheet). Put up to 5 sheet of blank construction paper behind the sheet with the tracings on it. Staple a few staples around the tracing so the paper does not slide. This way you can cut up to 6 sheets of paper and it will save time.

2. When cutting copies you can follow the above way of cutting as long as the copies are copied identical. Sometimes copies don’t copy in exactly the same place on every sheet of paper. A way to test this is to hold one sheet behind another and hold up to the light. With edged together see if the print lines up. Take another sheet and hold up to the top sheet. Continue until you have check that all sheets line up with your top copy. It is best to leave about an 1/8 inch border around the cutting line for this method.

3. For preschoolers, it is best to precut as much as you can. Most preschoolers have not yet learned to cut with scissors.

4. Use a paper cutter for straight lines. They even make a paper cutter that has a wheel blade. You can purchase different blades to make scallops and other decorative cuts.

5. Fancy scissors are a great way to add a different look to cuts. These type of scissors usually will not cut more than 2 sheets of paper at a time and they do take a bit of time to use.

Craft Idea

Valentine John 3:16

Fill in the missing letters with a red or purple marker to spell out VALENTINE. Cut out 11 hearts from different color construction paper using cutting method #1. Have children glue hearts around the circle.
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting Life."

John 3:16
Glue

Tips For Using Glue and Other Adhesives

1. Try using cotton swabs, sponges, or paint brushes to apply glue. Put a glob of glue on 1/4 sheet of paper or small cup and have the children apply the glue themselves. This avoids the big puddles of glue on their projects because of over squeezing the glue bottle.

2. Try using glue pens.

3. Apply glue to main paper and then put the small pieces onto the glue. This helps to keep the glue from dripping and making a mess as the children try and put the smaller pieces onto the main piece of paper.

4. Other adhesives which work well are: Doubles sided tape-cut and put onto children's project before class. They just have to peel off the paper backing on the tape and apply. No glue mess or waiting for it to dry. Velcro-This works well for pieces to be removed and reapplied.

5. Good old fashion paste (the kind the boys used to eat when I was in school)-This is not runny like glue, but can get kind of gloppy.

Craft Idea

Fruit of the Spirit “Quilt”

Copy main “quilt” page on tan construction paper. Copy each of the “quilt piece” pages onto different colored construction paper. Cut out quilt pieces and give one of each fruit of the Spirit to the children. Have them glue using one of the above methods onto the empty squares on their “quilt”. Cut out and attach loops to top of “quilt”. Put a dowel or rolled up paper through the loops, attach a piece of jute from one end of dowel or rolled up paper to the other end for hanging.
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Galatians 5:22-23
**Bookmarks**

**Materials**

Construction Paper  
Scripture  
Clip Art or Color Page Picture  
Clear Contact Paper  
Ribbon  
Hole Punch

**Instructions**

Reduce picture to fit a 2” X 2” square. Paste onto a bookmark pattern of a rectangle 2” X 7”. Put a scripture in the blank space remaining. Cover front and back with clear contact paper. Punch a hole in the bottom and add ribbon by folding ribbon in half. Put loop through (about 1 inch) hole in bookmark. Put 2 ends of ribbon through the loop which was put through the hole. Pull tight.

**Craft Idea**

**The Lord Is My Shepherd Bookmark**

Copy and cut out bookmark on white construction paper. Have children color bookmark. Follow instructions for bookmark.
"The Lord is my Shepherd..."
Psalm 23:1
Door Hangers

Materials

Color page or clip art copied onto Door Hanger master
Scissors
Glue

Instructions

Copy picture and scripture onto Door Hanger Master. Cut out before class. Have children color picture or glue on a picture if you have made it separate. Cover with clear contact paper, if desired, before cutting out center hole.

Craft Idea

Jesus Loves the Children Door Hanger
Copy Door hanger on light blue construction paper. Copy Jesus picture on white construction paper. Cut out both. Have children color Jesus picture and glue to door hanger. Show the children how to hang it on their door.
"Let the little children come to Me."

Mark 10:14
Paper Crafts That Move

Materials

Construction Paper
Brads
Yarn. Ribbon
Tag Board
Pictures

Instructions

Figure out what picture and how you want it to move. Cut out pieces from top sheet of construction paper, put another picture paper behind it, and use a brad through the center of the two sheets. Use yarn, twine, or ribbon to move pictures back and forth on a page. See craft ideas for demonstration on how this can work.

Craft Idea

Unending Flour and Oil
Copy pot and jar onto white construction paper. Cut out areas marked to “cut out”. Copy oil (smaller circle) on yellow construction paper and flour (larger circle) on tan construction paper. Cut out both circles and glue yellow oil onto tan flour matching center dot. Have the children decorate and color the jar and pot. Put flour and oil behind pot and jar. Match up dots and put a brad through all 3 layers (you may need to use the point of scissors to punch a hole to make it easier to put the brad through.) Turn the wheel and watch the flour and oil never end.

Jesus’ Ascension to Heaven
Glue blue sky and ground to tag board. Punch holes where marked. Thread heavy duty twin through both holes and tie in back. Copy Jesus figure on white construction paper and cut out. Put the knot on the back all the way to the bottom hole. Tape Jesus to the front of the twine up at the top hole. Glue cloud and sky over the twine at the top, leaving the bottom open and slightly popped out so Jesus will go up into the cloud - Use pop out dots on the corners to help hold the cloud out a little. From back, move string up and down and watch Jesus ascend into the cloud.
The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:16
“Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9
Story Wheel

Materials

Construction Paper
Brads
Pictures

Instructions

Find 6 pictures from the story and reduce so they will fit into the triangles on the circle. Make sure the top of the picture is towards the outside of the circle. Put Scripture on outside “Cover” page. See Craft Idea for how to use.

Craft Idea

Copy “Cover” onto colored Construction paper.
Copy “Story Circle” onto white Construction paper.
Cut out both pieces.
Have Children color the “Story Circle”.
Place the “Cover” on top of the “Story Circle” and fasten together with a brad.
The children can turn the “Story Circle” and review the story by looking at the picture that appears.
Cover
Jesus as a Boy in the Temple
Luke 2:41-52

And Jesus increased in stature and wisdom. Luke 2:52
"...they found Him in the temple."
Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel to...
Joseph and Mary return to the temple
After leaving Jerusalem
For the Feast of the Passover
The City of Jerusalem

Story Circle.
Making a Book

Materials

Color Pages
Yarn or staples or tape or ribbon or brads to fasten
Cover Page

Instructions

There are several easy ways to make a book for the children to take home to remember the lesson. All you really need are the color pages that go with the story.

Reduce the pictures to the size you want the pages to be. You should have at least 4 different pictures. Here are several ways to put the books together:

1. Put 3 holes on the left side and thread ribbon or yarn through and tie off.
2. Put 2 holes on the left side and use brads to hold the book together.
3. Print the pages so there is one page on the left and one page on the right. Fold in half and staple down the center, or use glue down the center of each page.
4. Use tape: lay cover with right side down. Butt up page 1 (right side up) with cover page. Tape the two together down the seam. Fold page one on top of cover page so page one is now right side down and page 2 is up. Take page 3 (right side up) and butt up against page 2 and tape down the seam. Fold over page on top of page 2 so page 4 is now right side up. Continue adding pages until you add the back cover page.
5. Sew the pages together on your sewing machine before class starts. Then have the children glue the pages into the folded cover.

Craft Idea

Wordless Book
Cut the following colors of construction paper to desired size of book: Yellow or gold, black, red, white, green. Use one of the above methods to bind the book. Copy “Wordless Book” Pattern for cover page.
Wordless Book
The Wordless Book:

Here is a way to share the story of the Wordless Book with the children. It is a great witnessing tool to lead the children into making a commitment to Jesus and then teaching them how to witness to others.

Hello, I would like to tell you a wonderful story from this book. It’s my favorite story in the whole world! One thing that makes it so special is that it’s a true story - right from God’s Word, the Bible.
Do you see what’s different about this book?
Instead of using words to tell the story, it uses colors. That’s why it’s called the "Wordless Book."
Let’s get started right away by turning to the gold page!

The Yellow/Gold Page

This yellow/gold page reminds us of Heaven. The Bible tells us Heaven has streets of gold! But the best part about Heaven is that God, who created you and me, lives there.
The Bible, God’s Word, says:
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." --- John 3:16
Jesus, God the Son, is in Heaven preparing a place for all who put their trust in Him. (John 14:2-3)
God is holy and perfect. He cannot allow anything in Heaven that is less than perfect, so there’s one thing that can never be in Heaven.
Can you think of what that might be?

The Dark Page

It is sin! That is what this dark page reminds us of. Sin is anything you think, say, or do that does not please God, like lying, cheating, being selfish, or hurting others.
The Bible says:
"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." --- Romans 3:23
That means everyone, big or little, young or old! No matter where you live or who you are, you have sinned. Everyone is born with a "want to" to do wrong. God says that sin must be punished (Romans 6:23), and the punishment for sin is to be separated from God forever in a place of suffering....
But God has a wonderful plan so that you will not have to be punished for your sin!

The Red Page

The red page reminds us of Jesus’ blood. The Bible says that without the giving of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin (Hebrews 9:22). So Jesus Christ willingly died to take your sin punishment.
"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures."--- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Jesus is God’s perfect Son, He is God the Son. That means that He is God and He became a man and lived a perfect life. The Lord Jesus was the only person in all of history to ever live His entire life without sinning. You would think that everyone would love someone like that, and yet when He grew up, wicked men took the Lord Jesus and nailed Him to a wooden cross. This red page reminds me that they left Him there to bleed and die.
When He died He took the punishment for something He didn’t even do. He was willingly taking the punishment for every sin that you and I and everyone in the world has ever done. The punishment was to die.
And the Lord Jesus knew that the only way that your sin could be forgiven would be if He would die for you. Jesus died for your sins.
As He died, the Lord Jesus said, "It is finished." Everything that needed to be done for your sins to be taken away had been done by Him on the cross.
They buried His body. But three days later He proved that He could take away your sins and give you everlasting life by coming back to life! And without dying again, He returned to Heaven, where He is today.

The White Page

The Bible says: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." —— John 1:12
The white page reminds us of a CLEAN heart.
How can you have a clean heart?
A = Admit to God you are a sinner and want to turn away from those sins.
B = Believe in Jesus Christ, that He is God’s perfect Son who died for your sin, was buried, and rose again.
C = Call on Him to save you from your sin.
Would you like to do that right now? He has promised to hear, and once you are His child, He will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5). Take a moment and talk to God right now. It will change your life forever.
Dear God,
I know that I have sinned and done wrong against you. I believe that Jesus is God’s Son and that He took the punishment for all my sins by dying on the cross. I believe He came back to life again. I receive you now as my only Savior from sin. Thank you for making me your child right now as you promised. In Jesus’ name, amen.
If you really prayed these words and meant it, God has just made you a part of His forever family! It’s not because I said so, but because He promised (remember John 1:12), and God never breaks His promises.
When you become God’s child, He wants you to grow to know Him better each day. The last page, the green page, tells you how.

The Green Page

GREEN stands for things that grow. When you ask God to forgive you and save you, you become His child. God wants you to grow to know Him better and to grow to become more like Him.
These four things will help you grow:
1. PRAY (talk to God every day)
2. READ & OBEY THE BIBLE (to know what He says, then do it)
3. TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS
4. GO TO A BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCH (where you can learn more about pleasing Him)
As a child of God, if you should sin again, stop and tell Him about it. He promises in His Word...
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." —— 1 John 1:9
Ask God to help you live a life to please Him! Now go out and share the Good News with someone else.
MISCELLANEOUS
Yarn

Children can become quite frustrated when doing a project and the end of the yarn becomes an unraveled mess. To help with this try one of these ideas for finishing off the ends of yarn used for “sewing”:

- Wrap about 2 inches of the end of yarn with masking to form the “needle”
- Dip about 2 inches of the end of yarn piece into white glue or wax and let dry to form a “needle”

Frames

Add a frame to a picture or verse by one of the following methods:

- Cut out a frame from poster board and use paint, tissue paper, markers etc. to decorate it.
- Use craft sticks by gluing one end on top of the other forming a square. Decorate with markers or add beads or sequence.
- Cut out a decorative border from construction paper to frame the child’s work of art.
- Have fun using your imagination on ways to add a frame to an art project.

Displays

Here are a few suggestions on ways to display works of art.

- Cut out of construction paper a plate stand from pattern.
- Glue tag board to the back of a picture and add a stand to the back like you would see on a picture frame.
- Add a dowel or stick to the top of a project and tie ribbon or yarn to the ends of the dowel.
- Add a magnet to the back for a refrigerator magnet.
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