

Directions

This booklet has fun craft ideas that extend learning and help students apply the lessons to their lives. Set up your craft area as follows:

- Make a Crafts site sign to set on an easel by the Crafts site.
- Locate your Crafts site near a sink or bathroom, or have wet wipes available to wipe sticky hands and clean up spills.
- Set up enough tables so kids have space to work on their crafts. Cover the work area with plastic tablecloths or newspaper. Set up another table where projects can dry.
- Have pencils, crayons, markers, paper, scissors, glue sticks, glue, tape, and other common classroom supplies available each week.
- Skim the supply list at the beginning of the quarter to find items you need to collect ahead of time. Each week, gather other supplies as noted in the lesson. For the option in Lesson 2, take individual photos of students the week before you do this craft. Make a wallet-size print for each child to apply to their handprint.

Option: Make photocopies of the “Do This” box for helpers and students, using heavy paper or cardstock. Trim to size, and set out with supplies.



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God's Good Creation Yo-Yo

Lesson 1: God Creates the World

You Need

- Pencil or dowel, 1 per student
- Wrapping paper
- Crayons or another drawing medium
- Glue, tape & scissors
- *Optional:* Stones or other paper weights; small, loom-size rubber bands

Get Ready

- Cut the wrapping paper into long, narrow strips, approximately 4 inches × 3 feet.
- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Make a sample to show the students.
- *Note:* Students will need a large work space for this project. If table space is limited, move classroom furniture to create space on the floor for them to work.



Salt Dough Handprint

Lesson 2: God Creates Adam and Eve

You Need

- Dough ingredients (salt, flour, warm water)
- Measuring cup, mixing bowl & wooden spoon
- Large nails & red ribbon, 1 foot per student
- Oven, parchment paper, pie pans & cookie sheets for baking
- *Optional:* Camera, Mod Podge, printer & photo paper, zipper bags
- *Note:* If you have students with wheat allergies (celiac disease, etc.), substitute ½ cup rice flour and ½ cup potato starch for wheat flour.

Get Ready

- Make dough, using 1 cup flour, ½ cup salt, and ½ cup warm water for each child. Keep dough in an airtight container until use.
- Set out parchment paper, a ball of dough, and a pie pan with flour in it for each child to use to dust hands before making handprints.
- Bake handprints on site, or prepare slips with directions that say: "Bake at 300° F for about 2 hours." Send these home with the prints. Make a sample ahead of time to show the students.
- *Optional:* Take individual, wallet-size photos of students.



God's Good Creation Yo-Yo

Lesson 1: God Creates the World

Introduce the Craft

Say In the beginning, by the power of His Word, God created the world in six days! He formed creation on the first three days and filled it on the next three. Briefly review the days of creation.

Ask What is one of your favorite parts of God's creation? Allow for several responses, such as dogs or friends. If a student names something that God did not directly make, such as a toy, point out that God created the materials used to make the object.

Say God summed up what He made by saying it was very good. He continues to care for His world and gives us many blessings to enjoy. Today, you'll create paper yo-yos to remind you of all the blessings given to you in God's creation.

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Do This

- Place the 4-inch end of the paper along the side of the pencil or dowel. Tape in place. Run glue along the pencil, under the paper, and adhere the paper to the pencil.
- Wind the paper around the pencil/dowel with the right side in, so you cannot see the print of the paper. This will train the paper the opposite way it was on the roll.
- Unroll the paper, wrong side up. Put weights on the end.
- Divide the 3-foot length of paper into six sections by folding it in half, then unfolding and tracing over the scored line. Draw lines to divide each half into thirds.
- Sketch the six days of creation in the six spaces. Shade Day 1 half black and half bright to represent darkness and light. Day 2 may be a sky and wavy lines for water. Day 3 may show the earth or plants. Day 4 may show the solar system or a sun above the earth. Day 5 may be filled with fish and birds. Lastly, the space for Day 6 is for animals and people.
- Roll the paper around the pencil with the creation sketches facing out. Secure with a rubber band for transport. Enjoy the yo-yo to recall God's blessings in creation.

Salt Dough Handprint

Lesson 2: God Creates Adam and Eve

Introduce the Craft

Say Today, you will make handprints out of dough. The dough reminds us of the dust God used to create Adam. Then God breathed life into him. Only God can give life to something that is not alive. He gives all of us life too.

The handprint you make can remind you that God created you with unique interests, abilities, and characteristics. You will use a nail to make a hole in the craft and thread it with red ribbon so you can hang it on a wall.

Ask What can the nail hole remind you of? Jesus was nailed to a cross to save us from our sins. What can red ribbon remind you of? Jesus shed His blood on the cross for us.

Say Jesus did not stay dead. He rose again and promises that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life with Him in heaven.

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Do This

- Knead your dough and make it into a ball. Flatten the dough into a pancake that is a little bigger than your hand.
- Dust your hand with flour; then press it into the middle of the pancake with your fingers spread apart.
- Use a nail to carve your name and the date in the space around your handprint.
- Use a nail or pencil to make a hole about half an inch from the top of your pancake. When your project is dry, the ribbon will go through this hole to hang the handprint on a wall.
- Give handprints to your teacher to bake at 300° F for about 2 hours or until they are dry.
- *Option:* Put handprints in a zipper bag and place on disposable pie tin to take home and bake there.
- *Optional:* Trim a wallet-size photo of yourself to fit in the palm of the handprint. Apply Mod Podge to seal the photo in the palm. Let dry before taking home.

Pipe Cleaner Tree

Lesson 3: Sin Enters the World

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You Need

- Brown pipe cleaners (chenille wires), 5 per student & 10 for teacher
- Green pipe cleaners, 1 or 2 per student
- Pony beads in fruit colors (red, yellow, orange, or purple)
- Scissors

Get Ready

- Cut green pipe cleaners into pieces ahead of time.
- Put pony beads in bowls on the table.
- Put five brown pipe cleaners at each place where a child will be crafting.
- Make a sample to show the students.
- Make another tree without any leaves and one pony bead on it.
- *Optional:* Green yarn



Mark of Forgiveness

Lesson 4: Cain and Abel

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You Need

- Clear circle label stickers, found at office supply stores
- Permanent markers; fine point work best
- Newspaper
- Aprons
- *Optional:* Alcohol-based hand sanitizer, which removes marker from most surfaces
- *Note:* If clear stickers are unavailable, colored stickers will work.

Get Ready

- Cut the pages of labels into strips; one strip of stickers per student.
- Line the workspace with newspaper.
- Provide aprons to protect clothes.
- Make a sample to show the students.



Pipe Cleaner Tree

Lesson 3: Sin Enters the World

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Introduce the Craft

Say Sin came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating fruit from the tree God said they should not eat from.

Ask Did God stop loving Adam and Eve when they sinned? **No** Show children the leafless tree and take the bead off of it.

Say God was sad that Adam and Eve had destroyed their perfect relationship with Him, but He still loved them. Because of sin, nothing was perfect anymore. So, God promised to send a Savior. His Son, Jesus, would die on the cross for us and come back to life again. Reshape the dead tree into a cross.

Today, you'll make a fruit tree out of pipe cleaners to remind you of how sin came into the world. When you look at it, you can also remember that Jesus died on another cross-shaped tree to save us from our sin.

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Do This

- Holding all of the brown pipe cleaners in a bundle, fold them in half. If you stagger the pipe cleaners a bit, you can create the effect of some branches being longer than others.
- About one-quarter of the way from the looping ends, start twisting the bundle of pipe cleaners to form a trunk for the tree.
- Separate the loops on the bottom to form five roots that will support the tree.
- Arrange the ten pipe cleaner ends above the trunk to look like branches. For a more realistic effect, you can arrange some of the shorter branches and then twist the longer ones a few more times before making a second level of branches.
- Put pony beads on the branches to make fruit for the tree.
- Twist green pieces of pipe cleaner on the branches to look like leaves.
- *Optional:* Put a piece of string or yarn in the branches to look like the serpent.

Mark of Forgiveness

Lesson 4: Cain and Abel

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Introduce the Craft

Say God punished Cain for his sin and put a mark on him.

Ask What was the mark for? **It was a sign of God's protection; God still cared for Cain.**

Say God never stopped loving Cain. Even with all your sin, God never stops loving you either. Jesus' hands were marked with blood as He was nailed to the cross. As His baptized children, we are marked with His forgiveness.

Ask What does the pastor say and do when he baptizes someone? **He marks a cross on the person and says that the cross marks the person as one redeemed by Christ.**

Say In Christ, God loves and forgives us. He preserves us in faith. Today, you will make stickers to wear as a reminder of this mark of God's preservation and forgiveness.

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Do This

- Review how to use permanent markers appropriately.
- Use the markers to create a set of customized stickers that reflect how we are marked with the blood of Christ by His work on the cross. You can draw crosses, Baptism shells, or other symbols of the faith.
- Take care to let the marker dry before applying the "mark" (sticker) to skin or clothes; it will only take a few seconds to dry.
- Wear one "mark" (sticker) today and save a few to wear on other days, or share them with others.

Flying Rainbow Ball

Lesson 5: Noah and the Flood

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You Need

- Wiffle balls, 1 per student (available in packs at dollar stores)
- Variety of colorful curling ribbon
- Scissors
- *Note:* Any type of ribbon will work for this project. Consider inviting congregation members to donate scrap ribbon.

Get Ready

- Purchase or ask for donated supplies.
- Make a sample to show the students.



Glow-in-the-Dark Salvation Stars

Lesson 6: God's Covenant with Abram

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You Need

- Newspaper & manila folders or heavy paper
- Scissors & hole punch
- Copies of star patterns (Activities & More CD), 2 per student
- Glow-in-the-dark paint & brushes
- Paper plates & pencils
- Garland wire with stars (about \$1 at party stores) or string
- *Optional:* Aprons, die-cut machine or large star puncher, glitter

Get Ready

- Copy the stars (Activities & More CD) on heavy paper for students to cut out, or purchase manila envelopes for them to draw the stars freehand. Each student needs twelve 5-pointed stars and one 4-pointed star.
- Gather materials, and make a sample to show the students.
- *Options:* Precut the stars for younger students. If you have access to a die-cut machine, use it to precut the stars for all students. Supply aprons to cover good clothing. Cut out and paint the stars today. Assemble the garlands next week when the stars are dry.

