

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, markers, scissors, glue sticks, tape, glue, and other common classroom supplies available each week.

Look in the Crafts folder on the Express CD when a lesson calls for a pattern or template. Make copies of these before class begins. Each week, gather other supplies as noted in the lesson. For Lesson 4, order palm leaves (fronds) ahead of time from your florist or an online wholesale site. You will need one palm frond for every six to eight students. Each frond should have at least twenty-four individual blades on it; each student needs just four blades.

Option: Use heavy paper or cardstock to make copies of the “Do This” box on each card for helpers and students. Trim to size, and set out with supplies.



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Caleb's Spyglass

Lesson 1: The Twelve Spies in Canaan



You Need

- 12-inch paper tube, 1 each (paper towel or gift-wrap rolls, cut to size)
- Construction paper
- Cellophane tape or glue
- Cellophane wrap
- Markers, stickers & other decorating supplies
- Magazines
- Scissors
- *Option:* Plastic cord

Get Ready

- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Precut construction paper and cellophane wrap for younger children.
- Make a sample.



Remember Rock

Lesson 2: Entering the Promised Land



You Need

- Smooth rocks, found locally or purchased from craft store, 1 or more each
- Scissors
- Painter's masking tape (often green or blue)
- Utility knife
- Acrylic paint in muted hues: greens, blues, or metallics
- Water
- Newspaper, paint cups & brushes
- Shiny, clear top coat or clear nail polish (optional)
- Paint smocks or aprons

Get Ready

- Protect tables with newspaper; gather supplies and set them out.
- Use a utility knife to cut ¼-inch-wide tape strips long enough to extend over the edges of the rock. (If your tape roll is wide enough, score across the roll.)
- Pour paint into cups. Thin the paint slightly with a few drops of water.
- Make a sample.



Caleb's Spyglass

Lesson 1: The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Introduce the Craft

Say Moses sent twelve spies to see the land that God had promised His people. Two spies, Joshua and Caleb, knew that God would provide the victory, but the other ten were frightened and didn't trust that God would defeat their enemies.

Sometimes, we are like the ten spies and God's people in today's lesson. We are afraid, too, and we forget that God promises to be with us.

Today, you'll make a Caleb's spyglass. Show your sample. You can use it to look for crosses or other reminders that God promises to be with you and care for you wherever you go.

Do This

- Cover one end of the paper tube with a small square of cellophane wrap. Secure with tape.
- Cover the outside of the spyglass with construction paper. You can use different colors or just one color with a small strip of a second color at the end that has the cellophane wrap.
- Decorate the spyglass with markers or stickers, or use magazine pictures that illustrate spying or things we see (e.g., eyes, question marks, scenery, people, or objects).
- *Option:* Cut lengths of cording to attach to the spyglass so it can be worn around the neck.

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Remember Rock

Lesson 2: Entering the Promised Land

Introduce the Craft

Say The Israelites placed two memorials of stone in the Jordan River and on its banks. They did this to remember how God divided the river to lead them out of the desert and into the Promised Land. What do you do to remember something important? **Accept answers.** Show your sample.

Today, you'll make a remember rock with a cross on it. It can remind you of the work of our Savior, Jesus. Through His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, Jesus paid for our sins and made it possible for us to have eternal life. In the waters of Holy Baptism, we receive faith to believe in Jesus as our Savior. And, by faith, we enter the promised land of heaven.

Do This

- Cut two strips of tape, slightly longer than the rock so each strip will extend over the edges of the rock.
- Affix the tape onto the rock in a cross shape; then use your fingernail to burnish the edges securely.
- Paint your rock, starting with your paintbrush on the tape and painting toward the edge of the rock.
- Once it is completely dry, remove the tape.
- Apply a shiny clear top coat to give the rock a wet look, in remembrance of Baptism.
- Use as a paperweight or make several to display as a grouping.

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Tumbling-Blocks Trivet

Lesson 3: The Fall of Jericho

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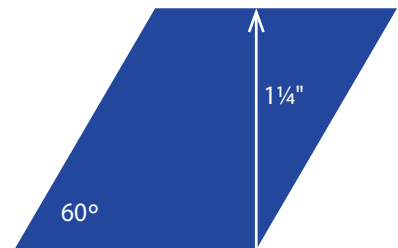
You Need

- Tumbling Blocks pattern and diamond-piece template (on this card)
- Rulers, protractors, and scissors, 1 each
- 3 colors of stiffened felt (dark, intermediate & light values)
- Good quality glue, such as Weldbond
- 6 × 6-inch ceramic tile, 1 each
- 3 × 3-inch cardstock, 1 each
- Markers
- *Option:* Use 6 × 6-inch cardstock instead of a tile, and colored paper instead of felt.



Get Ready

- Use the pattern on side 1 of this card and the directions on the reverse side to cut felt diamonds or draw cutting guidelines onto felt in advance; older students can measure and cut their own diamonds in class. Precise measurements and cutting will yield the best results.
- Gather supplies and set them out; glue may be shared in cups.
- Make a sample.



Freedom Fronds

Lesson 4: Deborah

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You Need

- Palm fronds (leaves), 1 per 6 students
- Scissors
- Cellophane tape
- Scrap cardboard or poster board, cut into squares
- Glue sticks, stapler & staples (optional)
- *Tip:* Preorder emerald palms to assure availability, or order wholesale online. Six students can share a palm, which typically costs under \$1.

Get Ready

- Purchase or harvest palm fronds.
- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Create samples.



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Introduce the Craft

Show your sample.

Say This pattern has a lot of diamonds, doesn't it? Quilters call it "Tumbling Blocks." Are the blocks falling or stacking? **Accept answers.**

From one angle, it's an optical illusion of blocks falling down on top of one another. From a different angle, the blocks appear to stack on top of one another. Which do you see? **Let students tell.**

God gave the Israelites victory over Jericho by causing its fortress walls to fall. Through Jesus Christ, God causes the wall of sin and death to fall and provides us with a mighty fortress in Him.

Today, you'll make a tumbling-blocks trivet. It will remind you that (show back side of trivet and read) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Do This

- Cut 1¼-inch strips of felt. Then use the pattern on side 1 to cut the strips into diamond-shaped parallelograms. To do this, start at a corner of the strip; then measure and cut at a 60° angle across the felt. Measure another line 1¼-inches from this and cut at a 60° angle across the felt. You will need five or six diamonds of each color. Each diamond will be the size and shape of the diamond pattern on side 1.
- Create one block using all three colors of felt; then repeat, building off the first block. Arrange pattern on the tile. If desired, cut diamonds in halves or quarters to fill the tile. See picture of finished craft.
- Glue each diamond to the tile individually.
- Write "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" on the cardstock square and glue it to the back of the trivet along with a few squares of scrap felt to make "bumpers."

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Freedom Fronds

Lesson 4: Deborah

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Introduce the Craft

Say Deborah was a judge of Israel. She sat under a palm tree, and the people of Israel came to her for help. How is the shape of a palm tree different from other trees? **Accept replies.** Show your sample.

Palms have no branches; their trunks point to heaven. They can remind us that Deborah's wisdom, as well as the victory and freedom Deborah and God's people had over their enemies, all came from God.

Palms also remind us of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday so He could die on the cross for us. Today, you'll make a freedom frond. You can hang it in a special place to remind you of the freedom from sin that you have through Jesus.

Do This

- Cut four blades (individual leaflets) off the palm frond for each craft. (Each frond has about 24 to 32 blades.)
- Fold each blade in half, using your fingernail to make a crisp fold.
- Interlock two of the blades to make an L-shape, with one horizontal and one vertical blade (figure 1).
- Interlock a third blade horizontally, with the fold hooked onto the back half of the vertical blade and sitting above the other horizontal blade (figure 2).
- Hold the blades together in the center and push blade 3 back, just enough to insert the front half of blade 4 through the hole (see figure 2 again). Interlock it into the center of the cross, and weave both halves between the blade below, which is the base of the original L-shape (see finished craft).
- Secure the blades with tape to hold the cross in position as it dries. Place a circle of tape behind the center of the cross and adhere to poster board for safe transport.
- *Option:* Overlap two blades into a cross shape. Affix with a dot of glue, or staple.



Figure 1



Figure 2

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Christ-the-Light Lamp

Lesson 5: Gideon

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You Need

- Wide-mouth glass jar (such as jam jar), 1 each
- “Gloss” paint (for use on glass, found in the acrylic paint section)
- Cross-shaped stickers or adhesive labels
- Pens
- Scissors
- Votive candles (or battery-operated candles), 1 each
- Newspaper
- Paint cups, foam brushes & paint smocks or aprons
- *Option:* Use translucent plastic frosting or drink mix containers, and apply stickers to the outside of the container. Only use battery-operated candles inside plastic “jars.”

Get Ready

- Collect jars, remove labels and glue, and sanitize in a dishwasher.
- Protect tables with newspaper, gather supplies, and set them out.
- Make a sample craft several days in advance, providing plenty of time to dry and cure.



He-Is-Strong Bookmark

Lesson 6: Samson

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You Need

- Regal-shaped paper clips (also called owl paper clips), 1 each
- Scissors
- Flesh-colored cardstock or file folder
- Cardstock
- Jute twine (found at hardware stores)
- Fine-tip markers
- Glue sticks
- *Option:* Make “I am weak, but He is strong” labels to attach to the arms.

Get Ready

- Cut the cardstock into 1 × 3-inch and 1 × 6-inch strips and the flesh-colored paper into 1½-inch squares.
- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Make a sample.
- *Option:* Make a sample template for Samson’s head.

