

**Jesus Shows
He Is True God**

NEW TESTAMENT 2

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Craft Booklet

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 students have space to work on their crafts. Cover the work area with plastic tablecloths or newspaper. Set up another table where projects can dry.
- Provide paint smocks, old shirts with the sleeves cut off, or aprons for children to wear to cover their Sunday clothes.
- 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. Here are some items you may want to start collecting ahead of time: clear or opaque plastic lids (Lesson 3), cereal boxes (Lesson 4), empty soup cans or pint canning jars (Lesson 7), and paper towel or gift-wrap tubes (Lesson 10).

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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Given-and-Shed-for-You Flip Stick

Lesson 1: Jesus Changes Water into Wine

You Need

- Pencils or chopsticks
- "Given and Shed for You" patterns (Activities & More CD)
- White or cream cardstock
- Colored pencils or fine-tip markers
- Scissors
- Craft glue

Get Ready

- Make copies of the patterns.
- Gather supplies, and set them out.
- Make a sample flip stick.



Church Frame

Lesson 2: Jesus Clears the Temple

You Need

- 6-inch tongue depressors or jumbo craft sticks, 6 per student
- Wooden craft sticks, 1 short & 1 long per student
- School glue & scissors
- White cardstock
- Colored pencils or fine-tip markers
- Jesus and the Children picture (Activities & More CD), 1 each
- *Optional:* Fun foam or cardstock to reinforce the picture. Copy Matthew 22:37, Psalm 100:4, or another favorite verse on the board for students to copy onto their church peaks, or print the words on large labels.

Get Ready

- Make copies of Jesus and the Children (Activities & More CD).
- Set supplies on tables where children will work on craft.
- Make a sample to show the students.
- *Option:* Take digital pictures of the children or others in church. Print the pictures, trim to fit the fun foam or cardstock, and glue in place. Use it in place of the picture of Jesus and the children.



Given-and-Shed-for-You Flip Stick

Lesson 1: Jesus Changes Water into Wine

Introduce the Craft

Say When Jesus turned water into wine, He used an everyday physical thing—water—combined with His Word to show that He is true God.

In the sacraments, God also uses everyday physical things—water, bread, and wine—combined with His Word to show us that Jesus is our Savior. In Baptism, water combined with God’s Word washes away our sins. In Communion, we receive Jesus’ true blood along with the wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Today, you will make flip sticks that you can roll with your hands to show water “becoming” wine as in Jesus’ first miracle. Demonstrate with your sample. The words on these sticks also remind us of Communion. When you spin the sticks, think about how God uses everyday physical means—water, bread, and wine—to bring you to faith and to assure you of His forgiveness.

Do This

- Use a blue colored pencil or marker to fill the chalice under the word *GIVEN* so it looks like water.
- Use a dark red pencil or marker to fill the chalice under the word *SHED* so it looks like wine.
- Continue coloring, making both sides the same. Draw a cross on the chalices.
- Cut out the rectangles along the dotted line.
- Place both pieces of paper facedown, and coat with glue.
- Place the pencil or chopstick on top of the glue in the center of the *GIVEN* illustration. It should extend below the illustration, with some open space left on top.
- Place the *SHED* illustration over the pencil, like making a sandwich. Rub to secure it to the pencil and *GIVEN* illustration.
- Allow the flip stick to dry. Roll the pencil or chopstick between the palms of your hands to see the cup change from water to wine as a reminder of the Bible lesson and also of your forgiveness through Christ’s blood, shed for you on the cross.

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Church Frame

Lesson 2: Jesus Clears the Temple

Introduce the Craft

Say Often we think of Jesus as being loving and gentle. But in today’s Bible lesson, Jesus was angry.

Ask Why? Instead of worshiping God, the people at the temple were focusing on making money. But Jesus wants us to focus on our relationship with God.

What happens when we go to church to worship God? What gifts does God give us? We hear the Good News of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus. God makes us His children in Baptism. In the Lord’s Supper, He offers us the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross.

Say Today, you will make a church-shaped picture frame. It can remind you that Jesus clears away your sin through the forgiveness He earned on the cross for you and makes you part of His body, the Church.

Do This

- Glue the ends of four tongue depressors or jumbo craft sticks together to make a square.
- Glue two more tongue depressors or jumbo craft sticks to one side of the square to form a triangle church roof.
- Make a cross out of one regular-length craft stick (4.5-inch size) and one short mini craft stick. Glue the cross to the top of the triangle.
- Cut a picture of Jesus and the children to fit the square part of the frame. Glue it in place. *Optional:* Glue the picture to fun foam or cardstock first to reinforce it; then glue the square frame over the picture.
- Cut a piece of cardstock to fit in the triangle part of the frame and glue it in place.
- On the triangle-shaped piece of cardstock, print: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37) or “Enter His gates with thanksgiving” (Psalm 100:4).
- Color the picture of Jesus with the children.

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Ribbon Breeze Blower

Lesson 3: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

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You Need

- Recycled plastic lids, clear or opaque in any color, thin enough to be cut
- Scissors
- Curling ribbon, in two or more colors
- String or fishing line
- *Options:* Instead of plastic lids, use any sturdy ring-shaped object, such as the rims of disposable bowls or canning-jar rings. Use curling ribbon, or decorate white garbage bags with permanent markers and cut into long strips.

Get Ready

- Collect recycled plastic lids. Precut them for younger students.
- Make a sample to show the students.



Living-Water Cross

Lesson 4: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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You Need

- Cardboard, such as that from a cereal box, or poster board
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable cups
- Blue paint & paintbrushes
- Pencils, rulers, scissors, tape & school glue
- Newspaper & smocks or aprons; water for cleanup
- *Optional:* Silver or iridescent tinsel, tabs from soda-pop cans
- *Note:* Thicker cardboard may be used; however, it may require a blade for cutting. This should be done by adults only.

Get Ready

- Draw a cross on the cardboard or poster board, and cut it out for younger students.
- Stir equal parts blue paint and glue together in a disposable cup. Several students may share one cup.
- Make a sample to show the students.
- Cover tables with newspaper; help students put on smocks or aprons.



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Lesson 3: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

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Introduce the Craft

Say Nicodemus studied the Scriptures, but he couldn't understand them without Jesus. He was spiritually blind. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again; then He taught Nicodemus about the Spirit by talking about the wind.

Ask What does the wind look like? **Accept answers.** Point out that we can't actually see the wind, but we can often see the result of the wind blowing.

Say Today, you will make a ribbon breeze blower to see the work of the wind and to remind you of the work of the Spirit. Through the Spirit's work in Baptism, your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake and you are made God's child. Reborn in the Spirit, you see your sinfulness and the salvation that is yours in Jesus Christ.

Do This

- Use scissors to poke a hole in a plastic lid; then cut out the center of the lid to form a ring.
- Cut 8 to 12 lengths of curling ribbon, approximately 2 to 3 feet long.
- Fold the ribbon in half and thread the loop through the ring. Slip the tails of the ribbon through the loop and pull to attach the ribbon to the ring.
- Repeat with all of the ribbons, alternating color ribbons in a pattern, spacing them out about an inch apart around the circumference of the ring.
- Once attached, each ribbon has two tails hanging from the ring. Gather two adjoining ribbons (a tail from two different colored ribbons), and tie them in a knot about an inch away from the ring. Repeat this knotting around the circumference of the ring.
- Repeat the knotting to make a second layer of knots an inch down from the first set of knots.
- Cut a length of string or fishing line and tie both ends to opposite sides of the plastic ring for hanging in the wind or flying by hand through the breeze.

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Living-Water Cross

Lesson 4: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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Introduce the Craft

Say Imagine Jesus offering you living water. **What is living water?** The water "welling up to eternal life" (v. 14) is a picture of the life of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, within believers. The Spirit creates faith and gives us new, eternal life in Christ. See also John 7:37-39, where Jesus equates the Spirit, received by those who believe in Him, with "rivers of living water."

Ask How do you get this living water? **Jesus gives us the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin, in the living water of Holy Baptism and through His Word.**

Say Let's make a cross wall hanging that looks like water. When you hang it on your wall, it will remind you that Jesus gives you the living water of Holy Baptism and His Word, through which He forgives your sin and gives you new life in Him.

Sing "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633:1).

Do This

- Use the pencil, ruler, and scissors to draw and cut out a cross from cardboard. The cross should be approximately 8 inches tall and 6 inches wide. The bars should be about 1 to 1.5 inches wide.
- Cut a sheet of foil about 2 inches larger than the cross. Slightly crumple the foil; then uncrumple it and lay it out flat. Place the cross in the center of the foil.
- Cut into the foil diagonally on the four interior angles of the cross for easier wrapping. Wrap the foil around the cross. Tape as needed.
- Flip the cross to the front side. Apply a thin coat of the blue paint mixture on top of the foil. Allow some of the foil to show and some of the paint to pool so the cross looks like rippling water.
- **Options:** Apply a line of glue on the cross and adhere several strands of tinsel to give the appearance of water flowing out of the cross. Glue or tape a soda-pop tab to the back of the cross for hanging. This is best done prior to painting.

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