

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, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, glue, tape, and other common classroom supplies available each week.
- Look in the Craft Patterns folder on the Express Activities & More CD when a lesson calls for a pattern or template. Make copies of these before class begins.
- Skim the supply list at the beginning of the quarter to find items you need to gather or do ahead of time. Each week, gather other supplies as noted in the lesson.

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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Descending-Dove Mobile

Lesson 1: God Sends the Holy Spirit

You Need

- Red or orange Mylar sheets or see-through binder dividers (available at dollar or office supply stores)
- White craft foam, 1 sheet per 6 to 8 kids
- Fishing line or clear monofilament
- Scissors
- Single-hole punch
- Pencil
- Fine-tip permanent marker
- Descending dove & spiral patterns (Express Activities & More CD) & copy paper

Get Ready

- Make a sample and hang it from the ceiling.
- Make copies of the dove and spiral patterns.
- Gather supplies and set them out.



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Leaping Puppet

Lesson 2: Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

You Need

- White cardstock or poster board
- Brass paper fasteners (½ inch; available in office supply stores)
- Single-hole punch
- Crayons or colored pencils & pens, lead pencils, or fine-tip markers
- Yarn or doll's hair in assorted colors
- Wiggle eyes (8 to 10 mm diameter)
- Craft glue, wooden craft sticks, scissors & transparent tape
- Puppet pattern (Activities & More CD), either 4-joint or 8-joint, 1 each
- *Options:* Set out flowers for the puppets' hair, gems to make puppet jewelry, and the like. Have children color their puppets at home.

Get Ready

- Make copies of the puppet pieces for all participants.
- Set out puppet pattern, a pair of scissors, a wooden craft stick, and paper fasteners (four or eight) for each student.
- Set out hole punches, glue, tape, wiggle eyes, and yarn or doll hair.
- Make a sample to show the students.



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Descending-Dove Mobile

Lesson 1: God Sends the Holy Spirit

Introduce the Craft

Say Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, God sent the Holy Spirit. We call this special day Pentecost. Point to the sample. Red is the color of Pentecost. It reminds us of the tongues of fire that rested on the disciples' heads when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The bright red (or orange) spiral falls downward in our mobile and reminds us of fire. Point to the dove. The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Ask When did the Holy Spirit descend like a dove? At Jesus' Baptism.

Say The Holy Spirit works through His Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion to give you faith and keep you in faith. This mobile will remind you of Pentecost and your Baptism, when the Holy Spirit worked to forgive your sins and bring you to saving faith in Jesus.

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Do This

- Cut out the dove pattern; then use a pencil to trace around it onto the white craft foam. Cut out the dove and set it aside.
- Place the circular spiral pattern under a sheet of Mylar and use a permanent marker to trace around the spiral onto the Mylar. Cut the Mylar along the lines.
- Use a hole punch to make a hole in the tight end of the spiral, where marked on the pattern. Use the tip of a sharp pencil to bore a hole into the tail of the white dove.
- Cut a 2-foot length of fishing line (monofilament) and run it through the hole in the Mylar spiral. Make sure to leave several inches of fishing line extending from the top for hanging the mobile. Tie a knot in the fishing line to attach it to the Mylar. Let the longer end of the fishing line drop down along with the Mylar, which is now hanging as a descending spiral.
- Thread the dove onto the bottom of the fishing line so it hangs near the bottom of the spiral. Knot the fishing line to secure the dove, and trim the excess fishing line.

Leaping Puppet

Lesson 2: Peter and John Heal the Lame Man

Introduce the Craft

Show children your sample puppet and lay it down to look like it cannot walk.

Ask What does *lame* mean? Being unable to move or walk easily. What happened when Peter and John healed the lame man? He leaped up and walked. Show children how your sample puppet can leap up, walk, and dance.

Say Jesus gave Peter and John the power to heal people. Jesus also heals us in another way. He died on the cross to pay for our sins and the sins of the world. When Jesus did this, He healed our broken relationship with God. Now, by believing in Jesus as your Savior, you receive forgiveness for your sins, and you will go to heaven someday.

Say Today, you will make a leaping puppet to remind you that Jesus' love, death, and resurrection bring healing and joy.

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Do This

- Trace around the puppet pattern onto paper, and cut out the pieces of your puppet.
- Punch holes where the X marks are.
- Attach the arm and leg pieces of the puppet, using brass paper fasteners.
- Print your name on the back of your puppet.
- Draw a face on your puppet.
- Color your puppet (if there is time), temporarily unfastening joints to get color on all pieces.
- Tape a wooden craft stick to the back of the puppet's head.
- Glue on wiggle eyes and hair.

Heart-in-Hand Warmer

Lesson 3: God's Servant Stephen

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You Need

- One-size-fits-all stretchy gloves, 1 each
- Felt
- Scissors
- Embroidery thread
- Large-eye needle, plastic, if available
- Rice, beans, or lentils
- Funnel
- *Option:* Fabric glue and small scraps of cardboard

Get Ready

- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Cut the pieces of felt into small squares, approximately 2 × 2 inches. Precut the hearts for younger children.
- Thread the needles ahead of time for younger children.
- Make a sample to show the students.



Mini Scroll

Lesson 4: Philip and the Ethiopian

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You Need

- White legal-size paper, 1 sheet per student
- Hebrew name of Jesus (Activities & More CD)
- ¼-inch-diameter wooden dowels, 12 inches long, 2 per student
- Markers or crayons & red ribbon
- Corrugated cardboard, cut into 4-inch squares, 1 per student
- Several thread spools or similar-size circles for tracing
- Hole punch & white or glitter glue

Get Ready

- Cut ribbon into 30-inch lengths. You will need one per student.
- Copy the Hebrew name for Jesus onto legal-size paper for each student.
- Set out markers or crayons, glue, hole punches, and spools of thread for group use.
- Give each student two dowels, cardboard, ribbon, and paper.
- Make a sample to show the students.
- *Note:* Quarter-inch dowels work with holes made by standard hole punches. Adjust holes of cardboard, as needed, to fit dowels.



Heart-in-Hand Warmer

Lesson 3: God's Servant Stephen

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Introduce the Craft

Say After Jesus went back to heaven, the disciples chose Stephen and six other men to serve people in the church and take care of their needs. Some people did not want Stephen to talk about Jesus. They threw stones at him. Stephen prayed for them and asked God to forgive them.

Ask Who is your enemy? Those who persecute the Church or who harm us personally.

Say Jesus' love moves us to reach out with a warm hand and heart to those who persecute or harm us. Today, you will make heart-in-hand warmers. Show sample. Your mom or dad can heat the warmer in the microwave for you to keep in your pocket on a cold day as a reminder to share the love of Christ Jesus with those around you with a warm hand and heart toward everyone.

Do This

- Split each set of gloves between two children, so each child has one glove.
- Fold the felt square in half, and then cut out a heart.
- Stitch the heart onto the glove (recommended), or adhere with fabric glue. If you glue the heart to the glove, place a piece of cardboard in the palm of the glove first to prevent the glue from bleeding through.
- Use the needle and thread to sew two-thirds of the way across the glove opening, using a whipstitch. Do not cut off the needle and thread yet.
- Use a funnel to fill the glove with rice, beans, or lentils, and then continue to sew the opening of the glove shut.
- Parents may heat the glove at home in the microwave in 15-second increments until warm, but not hot.
- *Option:* Make a set of heart gloves to give away.

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Mini Scroll

Lesson 4: Philip and the Ethiopian

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Introduce the Craft

Say The Ethiopian man in the Bible lesson was reading the Book of Isaiah from God's Word. This book would have been written in Hebrew. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. The man said no and asked Philip to explain it. So Philip did. He told him that Isaiah was telling about how the Messiah, Jesus, would come and save us from our sins.

Ask What was the Book of Isaiah written on? A scroll. Show sample scroll. Today, you'll make a mini scroll like this. The word on it is written in Hebrew just as the Book of Isaiah was. I wonder . . . what do you think it says? Accept answers.

Say It says *Yeshua*, which is Hebrew for Joshua. *Yeshua* means "The Lord saves." It is Jesus' name in Hebrew.

Do This

- Use markers or crayons to color the letters on your scroll paper. *Option:* Trace the letters with glitter glue. Let dry.
- Attach a dowel to each short end of the paper as follows: Put a bead of glue along the edge of the paper. Roll the edge of the paper around the dowel and hold in place several seconds. Put another bead of glue along the edge of the paper next to the dowel. Roll dowel onto this so it is held in place by the two lines of glue. Roll toward the center. Unroll.
- Repeat for the other end.
- Trace around a spool of thread onto cardboard to make four end caps for your scroll. Cut out. Punch a hole in the center of each circle. Put the circles over the ends of the dowels and push till they almost meet the paper scroll.
- Roll each side toward the center to make a scroll. Tie with ribbon.
- *Option:* Add a cross or Bible verse to the scroll.

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