

Arts & Crafts For 3rd-6th Graders
Children's Ministry Seminar
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I. Purpose of Crafts/Projects

A. Reinforce the lesson.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

1. The verse on the craft should be pertinent to the lesson.
2. Can be used as illustration as lesson is discussed.
3. Discuss with class before starting the craft/project.
4. The craft can cover past and related lessons. [See Christmas ball].

B. Craft can be used by the parent to discuss and recall the lesson with the child.

1. Craft should have a verse or verses which re-tell a portion of the lesson.

C. Time to interact with children on a personal basis

1. Involve children in passing out materials.
2. Commend each child's efforts.
3. Personal instruction with a child.
4. Encourage children to help one another and interact.

II. Practical Considerations For Crafts For 3rd-6th Grades

A. A craft must be "challenging" while allowing for a sense of accomplishment.

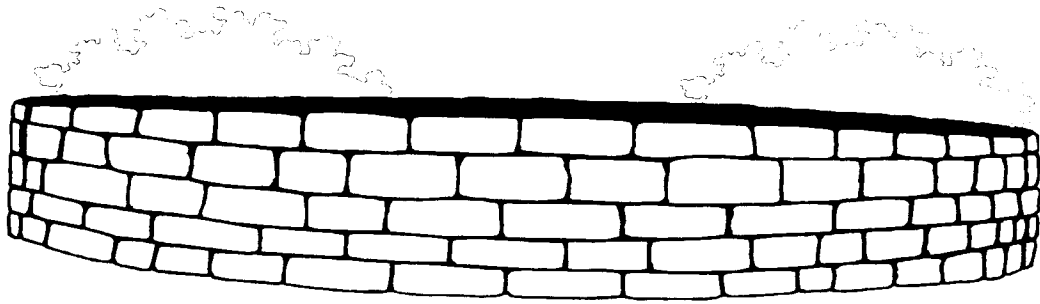
1. 3rd-6th graders enjoy putting things together.
2. They want to do more than "color" a picture.

B. An example done in advance is beneficial.

1. Identifies materials which will be needed.
2. Helps teacher in determining the time required to complete.
3. Identifies things which might be done in advance (depending on complexity).

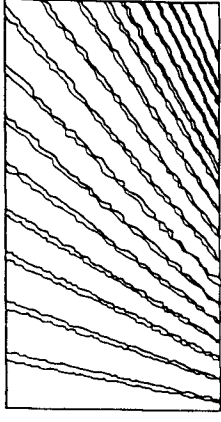
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- C. Craft must be simple/straightforward enough to be completed within the class period.
 - 1. A sense of accomplishment is achieved.
 - 2. Pre-cutting pieces can speed up assembly process.
 - 3. Copying different pieces on colored paper can reduce the effort of coloring.
 - 4. Select crafts whose materials are readily available.
 - 5. If parents come before children are done, encourage parent involvement.
 - D. Consider clean up time
 - 1. Limit access to materials which could become messy if use is not controlled. Consider the use of glue sticks or glitter glue.
 - 2. Involve children in cleaning up (e.g., collecting scissors, collecting & throwing away paper scrap).
- III. Benefits Of Crafts/Projects In Sunday School
- A. Glorify the Lord while learning more about Him.
 - 1. Children enjoy making things to show parents.
 - 2.. Children develop art skills.
- IV. Creating Different Crafts From A Single Picture
- A. Fold-out card.
 - B. Dimensional picture
 - C. Mobile
- V. Pop-up Crafts
- A. Simple fold-out
 - B. Double fold-out
 - C. Designing stand-up posts.
- VI. Adding Dimension To Crafts
- A. Using cardboard, foam board, mounting tape to make picture "stand out"
 - B. Adding dimension by "rounding" edges
 - C. Adding depth by layering.



"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24





A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

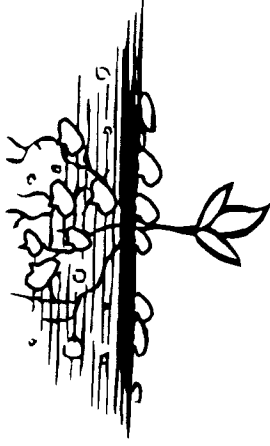
Luke 8:5

The Sower And The Soils

[Luke 8:5-15]

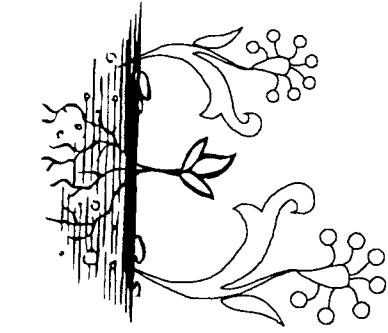
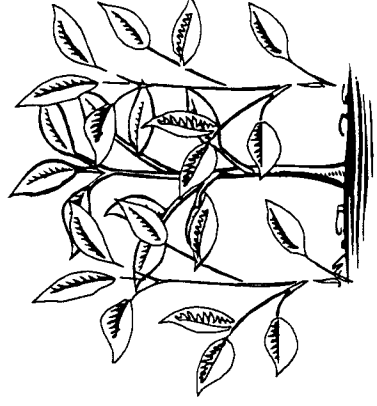
Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

Luke 8:6



But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 8:15



And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

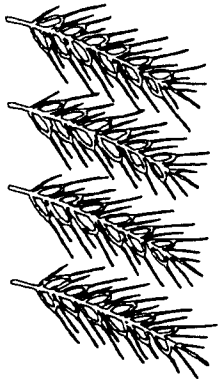
Luke 8:7

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And the one that fell among thorns are those who, when they heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Luke 8:13-14

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luke 8:11-12



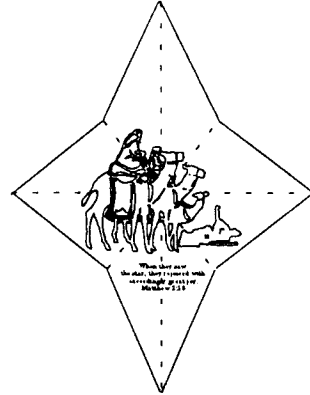
But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.

Luke 8:8

Christmas Star Ornament

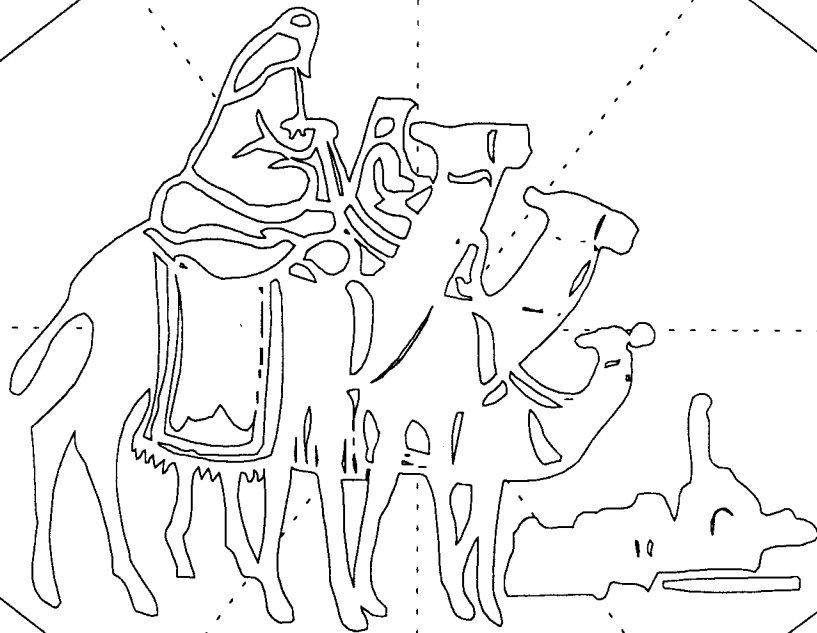
Materials Needed:

- a. Star pattern with picture and verse copied onto construction paper.
- b. Scissors
- c. Hole punch.
- d. Thread (to hang star).



Assembly Instructions for Each Star:

1. Cut out star.
2. Color picture.
3. Fold star along dotted lines.
4. Form into 3-dimensional star by folding in along the diagonals of the star.
5. Punch hole at top of star and insert thread for hanging.



**When they saw
the star, they rejoiced with
exceedingly great joy.
Matthew 2:10**

Christmas Mobile

Materials Needed:

- a. Square sheet of construction paper.
- b. Christmas pictures and scriptures.
- c. (Optional) Colored sheets of construction paper (as background border for Christmas pictures)
- d. Scissors
- e. Hole punch.
- f. Thread (to hang mobile).
- g. Glue.

Assembly Instructions for Each Christmas Mobile:

1. Fold square sheet of construction paper into quarters.
2. Cut to form a circle.
3. Create mobile by alternating cuts from opposite sides of the quarter circle.
4. Unfold mobile and stretch out; punch hole at top for hanging.
5. Cut out pictures and scriptures; color as desired.
6. (Optional) Glue pictures onto construction paper to form a border.
7. Punch holes in pictures to hang from top of mobile or from picture above.



"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12



Paper Plate Ornament

Materials Needed:

- a. 6-3/4" red or green paper plates (dessert plates).
- b. 4-3/4" circles containing Christmas pictures and scriptures.
- c. Thread/ribbon (to hang ornament).
- d. Glue/glue stick -or-
- e. Hot glue gun & hot glue sticks.
- f. Scissors
- g. Gold rick-rack or glitter (optional).



Assembly Instructions for Each Paper Plate Ornament:

1. Cut out 4-3/4" circle containing Christmas picture and verse.
2. Color the Christmas picture.
3. Glue Christmas picture to inside of plate.
4. Loop ribbon/string for hanging and attach with a staple.
5. (Optional) Decorate edge of ornament with gold rick-rack or glitter.



When he arose, he took the young
Child and His mother by night
and departed for Egypt ...
Matthew 2:14

glue on
plate



And they came with haste and found
Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying
In a manger. Luke 2:16

glue on
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And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:9-11



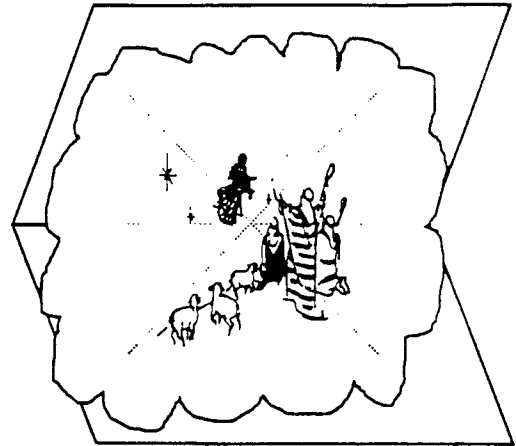
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And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.
Luke 2:4-5

Simple Christmas Pop-Up Card

Materials Needed:

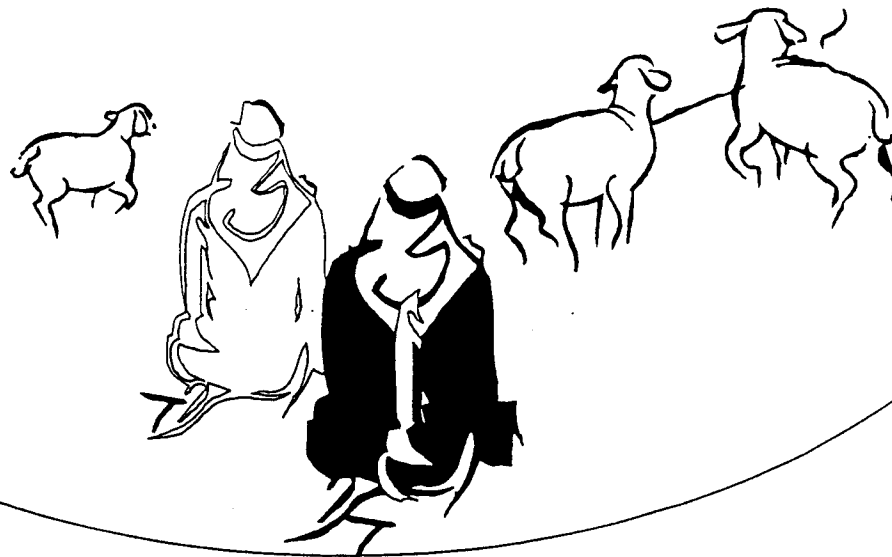
- a. Christmas-theme picture copied onto construction paper or card stock.
- b. Card backing on colored construction paper or card stock.
- c. Crayons/markers.
- d. Glue/glue stick.
- e. Scissors.



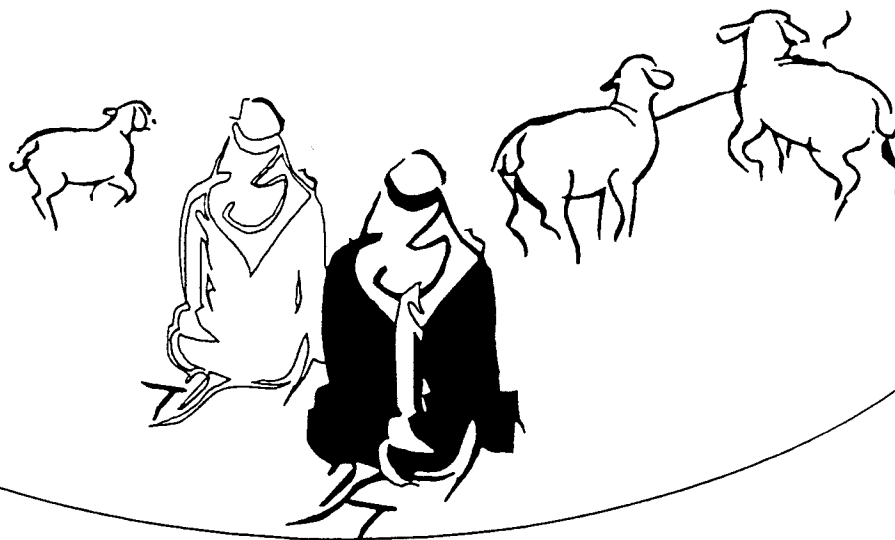
Assembly Instructions:

1. Color Christmas-theme pictures for cover and inside of card.
2. Cut out pictures for cover and inside of card.
3. Fold inside picture along dotted lines so that picture “pops up/out” when the card is opened.
Glue inside of card to backing paper being careful not to glue portion which “pops up/out”.

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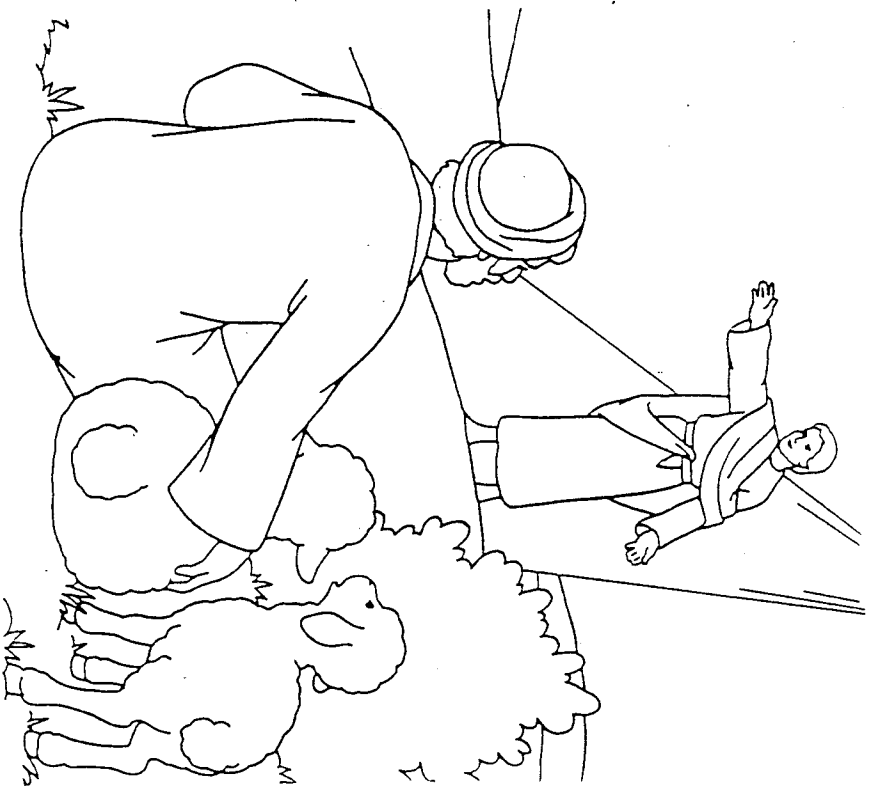
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