

Lord's Supper Banner

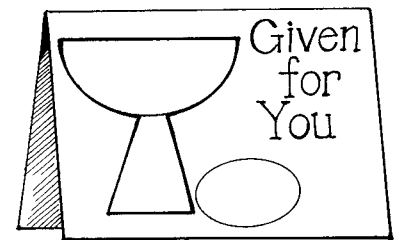
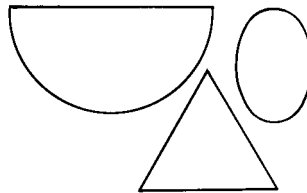
Lesson 1: Jesus Changes Water into Wine

You Need

- Construction paper or felt (gold & brown), 9 × 12", 1 per student
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wooden dowel, 1 per student
- Letter stencils
- Fringed ribbon
- *Optional:* Use the shapes to make a card or table tent.

Get Ready

- Enlarge and copy the patterns.
- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



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 of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, 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 the Lord's Supper, we receive Jesus' true blood along with the wine for the forgiveness of sins. Show banner.

Today, you will make a banner like this to remind you that God's love and forgiveness is given for you in the Lord's Supper.

Do This

- Using the patterns, cut one gold triangle, one gold half-circle, and one brown oval.
- Glue the two parts of the cup together. Glue to banner.
- Glue the bread to the bottom of the cup. See diagram for placement.
- Write "Given for you" on the banner. Or using a letter stencil, trace around the letters, cut them out, and glue them to the banner.
- Cut fringe the width of the banner and glue to the bottom, or fringe the felt or paper by cutting snippets into the bottom using a pair of scissors.
- Fold the top of the banner over a wooden dowel and secure in place.
- *Option:* Use paper to make a table-tent card as shown.

Cardboard Play Church

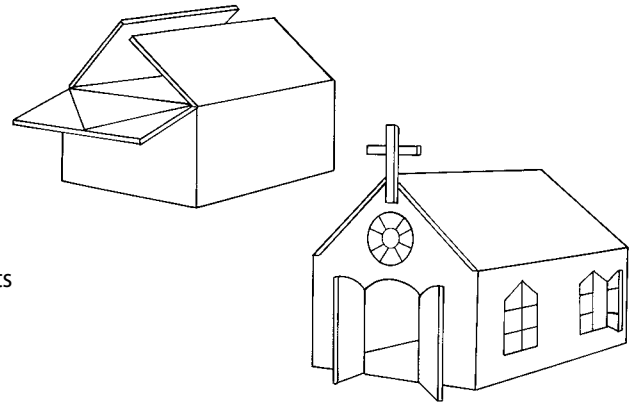
Lesson 2: Jesus Clears the Temple

You Need

- Cardboard box
- Scissors or knife
- Markers or crayons
- Colored pencils
- Craft sticks or cardboard scraps
- *Options:* Other decorating supplies (e.g., stones, colored mylar sheets or tissue paper, fabric) & glue

Get Ready

- For younger children, draw the church outline on the box, and cut out or hinge the top, windows, and the front door.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample church.



Introduce the Craft

Ask Why was Jesus angry in today's Bible story?

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? Accept answers.

Say In church, 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.

Today, you will make a play church from a box. Show sample. **It can remind you that Jesus clears away your sin through the forgiveness He earned on the cross for you and that He makes you part of His Body, the Church.**

Do This

- Draw an outline of a church on the box.
- Have an adult cut out or hinge the top, windows, and the front door.
- Cut the end flaps to make a triangle.
- Tape the ends to the side panels to make a roof.
- Make a cross from cardboard scraps or craft sticks. Add it to the top.
- Draw in the details, and color.
- *Options:* Decorate your craft to look like your church. Add color with paint, adhesive-backed paper, or fabric. Make furnishings for the inside of your church. Use mylar sheets or tissue paper to make stained glass windows.

Baptism Banner

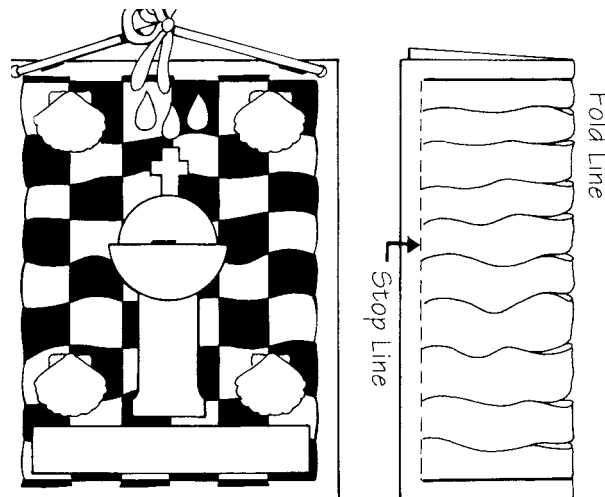
Lesson 3: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

You Need

- Construction paper (dark blue, brown, yellow, light green & white)
- Gold wrapping paper
- Scissors & glue
- Black marking pens
- Yarn or string
- Tape
- Copies of the patterns (at end of activity)

Get Ready

- Ask your church office staff or pastor for a list of the children's Baptism dates. For children who have not been baptized, let your pastor know so he can talk to the parents about Baptism. In class, instead of writing the child's Baptism date on the banner, write: [Child's name] is God's child.
- Cut green paper into 1 × 11-inch strips. Each child needs six strips.
- Set out materials.
- Make a sample banner.



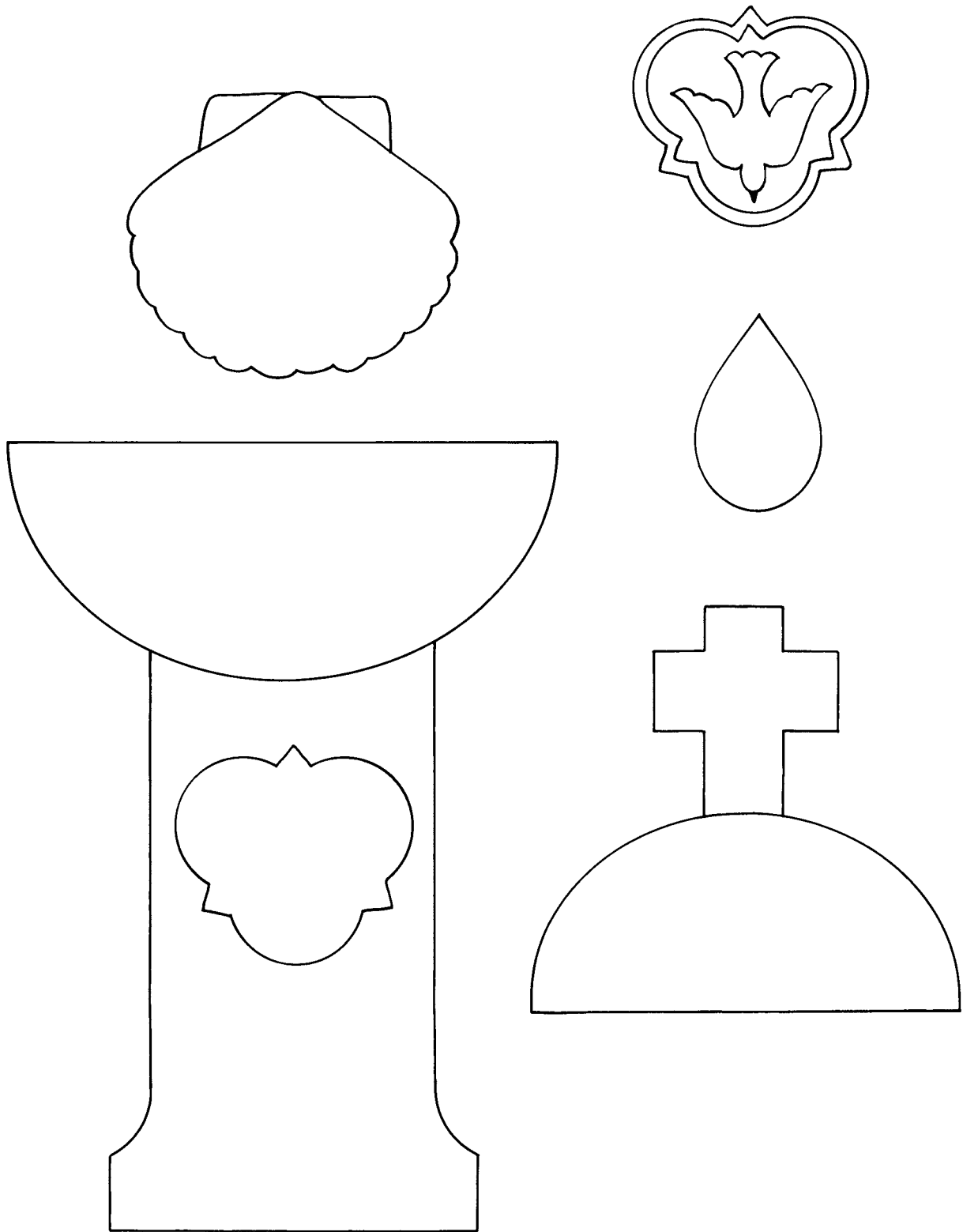
Introduce the Craft

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 through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Today, you will make a Baptism banner to remind you that you are God's child. Show banner, pointing out the shells, font, and cross. Through the Holy Spirit's work in Baptism, God forgives your sins for Jesus' sake and makes you His child. Reborn in the Spirit, you see your sinfulness and the salvation that is yours in Jesus Christ.

Do This

- Fold a 9 × 12-inch piece of blue paper in half lengthwise. Draw a 1-inch border around three unfolded edges. This will be the stop line for cutting. Cut from the folded edge of the blue paper to the stop line. Make the end cuts straight lines. The rest of the cuts can be wavy. See diagram. Unfold paper.
- Use green strips to weave in and out between the cuts in the blue paper. Tape ends in place on opposite side.
- Cut out a baptismal font from the brown paper.
- Cut a cover and cross for the font from the gold wrapping paper. Glue it to the brown font. Use a black pen to outline the gold piece. Glue the font to the banner.
- Cut out four shells and a Holy Spirit symbol from yellow paper. Glue to the banner.
- Cut water drops from blue paper. Glue to banner.
- Use string or yarn to make a hanger for the banner. Tape ends to the back of the banner.
- Teacher: Write child's name and Baptism date on banner.



Story Puppets

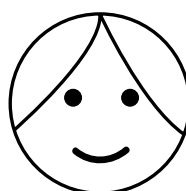
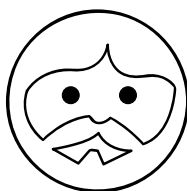
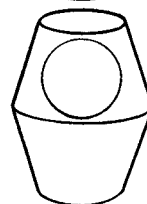
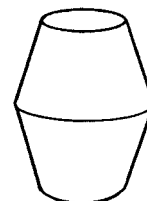
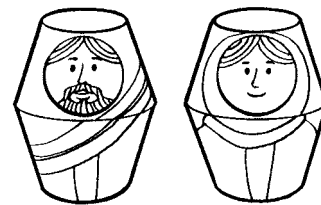
Lesson 4: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

You Need

- Cardboard egg cartons
- Scissors & glue
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Copies of patterns (end of activity)
- *Optional:* Paper or foam cups, yarn & fabric scraps

Get Ready

- Copy the patterns for each child.
- Set out supplies.
- Make sample puppets.



Introduce the Craft

Say Jesus offered the woman living water.

Ask What is living water? The water “welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14) 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.”

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 Today, you’ll make story puppets of Jesus, the woman, and the well. You can use them to tell the Bible story and how Jesus gives us the living water of Holy Baptism and His Word, through which He forgives our sins and gives us new life in Him.

Do This

- For each set of puppets, cut five egg cups from the egg carton. Trim them so the top edges are in even circles.
- Spread glue on the cut edges of four egg cups and fit them together to create a pair of egg shapes.
- Color and add details with markers to represent Jesus and the woman. Glue on circle faces.
- Make the remaining cup look like a well. Cut paper rocks from construction paper to glue around the well. Cut a blue circle to place inside the well for water.
- *Option:* Add yarn for hair or fabric scraps for clothing.
- *Option:* Use paper or foam cups to make puppets and a well.

God's Word Bookmark

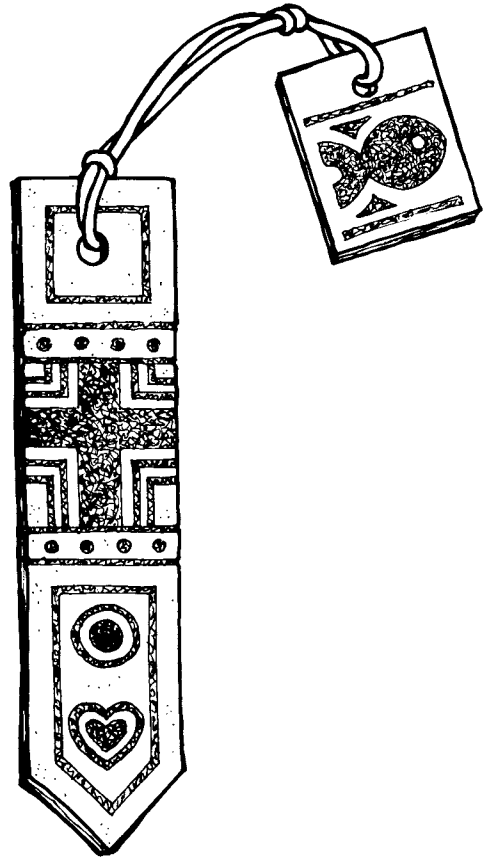
Lesson 5: Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth

You Need

- Thin cardboard
- Ruler & scissors
- Craft leather scraps & leather cord or yarn
- Utility knife (adult use only)
- Awl or leather punch (adult use only)
- Christian symbol ink stamps (cross, fish, heart, butterfly)
- Nontoxic stamp pads
- Permanent markers
- *Option:* Use craft foam instead of leather. Glue the shapes onto the foam.

Get Ready

- Have an adult prepare materials. Cut leather strips and squares with a utility knife. Use an awl or leather punch to make a hole in the top center of the both leather pieces.
- Cut patterns (square, arrow, rectangles) from cardboard.
- Make a sample, and set out supplies.



Introduce the Craft

Say The people in Jesus' hometown did not see who Jesus really was. Sin got in the way. They still thought of Him as Joseph's kid. They couldn't see that Jesus was God's Son, the one who would forgive their sins. People still reject Jesus today. In fact, no one can believe in Jesus as Savior on his or her own.

God reveals who He is through His Word and Sacraments. They show us that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe.

Today, you will make a Bible bookmark. Show sample. **Jesus uses His Word, the Bible, to show us who He is—our Savior from sin. You can use your bookmark in your Bible to mark your daily readings as you learn about Jesus and follow Him.**

Do This

- Choose patterns and trace around them to make designs on the leather or foam pieces.
- Stamp Christian symbol shapes onto the leather or foam.
- Color with permanent markers.
- Let dry.
- Attach the smaller rectangle to the larger one with a length of knotted leather cord or yarn.

Fishers-of-Men Mobile

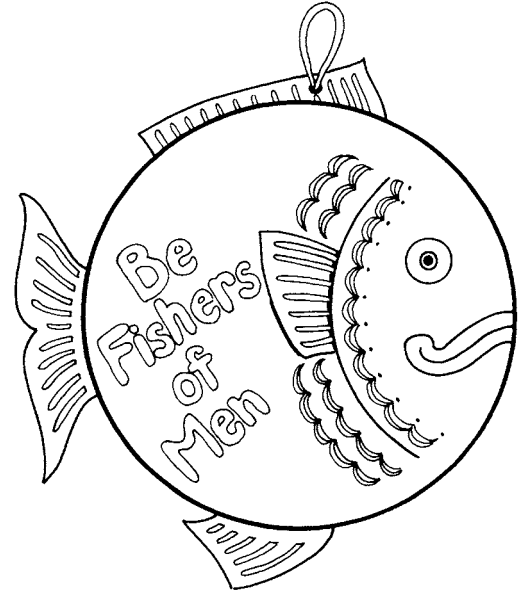
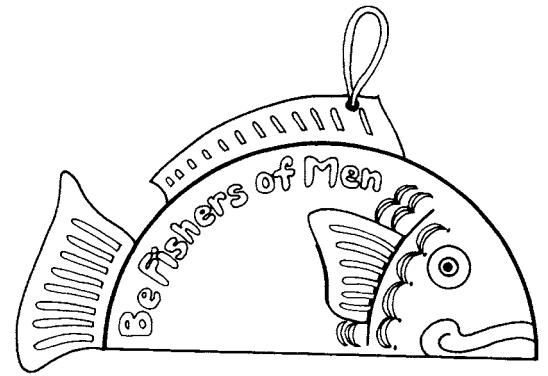
Lesson 6: Jesus Calls Disciples

You Need

- Paper plate
- Markers or crayons in assorted colors
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- *Optional:* Decorating materials (e.g., sequins, buttons, tissue paper, rickrack)

Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Write “Be fishers of men” on the board or pieces of paper for students to copy onto their fish.
- Set out supplies.



Introduce the Craft

Say Peter, Andrew, James, and John were ordinary people—fishermen—but Jesus called them to be His disciples. He said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). Jesus taught them about God’s love and equipped them to be the first pastors in the Church. Jesus continues to call pastors today.

Ask What do pastors do? They preach, baptize, and distribute the Lord’s Supper. They teach what God’s Word says. They care for God’s people.

Say Not all of us are called to be pastors, but Jesus has called each of us to be His child and to follow Him too. Today, you will make a fish that says, “Be fishers of men.” It can remind you that Jesus equips you to follow Him. He blesses you so you can “shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15) as you share His love and forgiveness.

Do This

- Use either a half or whole paper plate to make your fish.
- Use a marker or crayon to draw in the eyes and scales. Write “Be fishers of men” on the sides of the fish.
- Cut construction paper fins and tail. Glue them to your fish. Color the scales with a light crayon.
- Punch a hole in the top of the fish, and tie a piece of yarn through it.
- *Options:* Cut tissue-paper scales. Glue them to the fins and tail by brushing each piece with a mixture of water and white glue. Use fringes of paper or yarn to make the fish’s tail and fins. Add sequins to the fish. Use buttons for the eyes.

Get-Well Basket

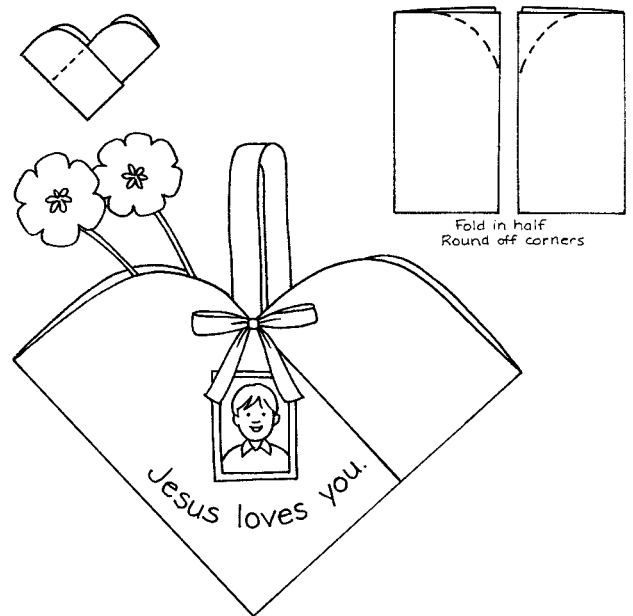
Lesson 7: Jesus Heals Many

You Need

- Construction paper
- Magazines
- Scissors & glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Index cards, pens & Bibles
- *Options:* Seed packets, picture of Jesus

Get Ready

- Collect magazines with pictures or flowers, or buy packets of flower seeds.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample basket.



Introduce the Craft

Say Who has been sick recently? Why do we get sick? Accept answers.

Yes, germs make us sick. But the real culprit is sin. Sick, hurting, and death are all part of living in a sinful world. There is only one cure for this kind of sin-sickness: Jesus! Jesus showed His power over sin, death, and the devil by healing many people and casting out evil spirits. He heals us too. He takes care of our physical bodies, but He also heals us for all eternity. Jesus overcame sin, death, and the devil for us and gives us an eternal home in heaven with Him, where we'll have no hurt, no sickness, no scrapes.

Today, you will make heart-shaped baskets with flowers. Show your sample. **You can hang your basket on someone's doorknob or give it to a friend, a neighbor, or someone who is sick or sad to share Jesus' love.**

Do This

- Fold two pieces of construction paper. Cut off the top outer corner of each piece, as shown.
- Place the folded papers together to make a heart-shaped basket. Glue in place.
- On index cards, write Bible verses or caring messages, such as "Jesus loves you." Place messages in your basket.
- Cut pictures of flowers out of magazines. Glue to paper. Trim around each one, and glue your flowers to pipe cleaner stems. Put them in your basket.
- *Option:* Add a picture of Jesus to the front of your basket. Add seed packets to the basket.

Forgiveness Mat

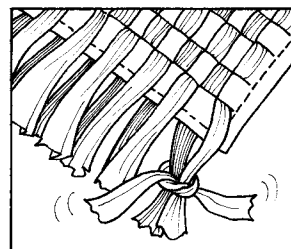
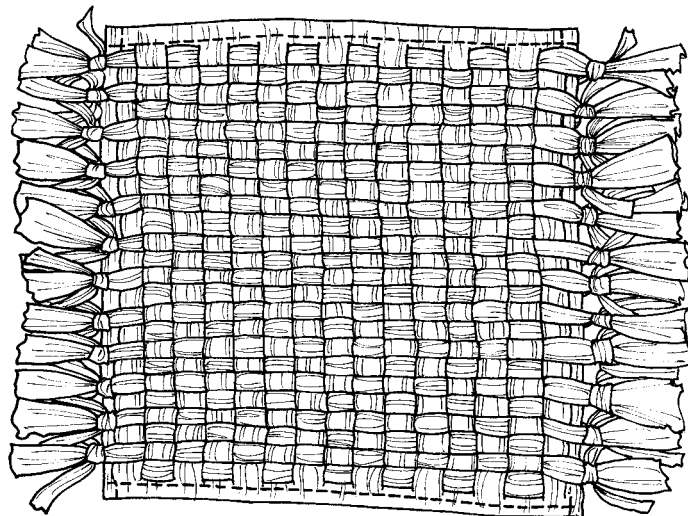
Lesson 8: Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed

You Need

- 12 × 12" pieces of white cotton cloth, 1 per student
- 2 × 16" strips of red cotton cloth, 20 per student
- 1 × 4" strips of red cotton cloth, 20 per student
- Scissors
- Sewing machine (adult use only)
- *Option:* Use red and white construction paper. Omit fringe.

Get Ready

- Cut the number of white cloths and red strips you will need for your class. For large classes, you will want to enlist help, or if you have older students in your class, you can assign them this task in class. If you cut the cloth in class, bring your sewing machine or ask someone in the congregation who machine-sews to come to class to sew the edges of each white mat (see below).
- Use a sewing machine to sew a straight stitch ¼ inch in from each of the four edges of each 12 × 12-inch piece of white cloth.
- Make a sample, and set out supplies.



Introduce the Craft

Ask Could the paralyzed man make himself better? **No. Only Jesus could forgive his sins and make him well.**

Say We are sinful and cannot make ourselves better either. Only Jesus can. Just as the friends of the man who couldn't walk carried him to Jesus on a mat, so God gives us family and friends who bring us to Jesus. They tell us about Him and bring us to church, where the Holy Spirit works through God's Word and Sacraments to bring us to faith in Jesus and help our faith grow strong.

Today, you'll make forgiveness mats as a reminder of our lesson. The red strips in your mat stand for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. The white cloth reminds us of Jesus, who was perfect and without sin.

He paid the price for our sins on the cross. We all need the forgiveness that comes as a free gift from God when we believe in Jesus as Savior. The little mat can also remind us that God can use us to bring our friends to Jesus.

Do This

- Cut horizontal slits across the white cloth, leaving ½ inch uncut at the end of each side.
- Weave the 16-inch red strips of cloth into the slits. Push them snugly against one another.
- Adjust the woven strips so there is 2 inches of strip left evenly at the ends of the mat for fringe.
- To finish the mat and secure the woven strips, use the 4-inch strips to tie a knot around the edges of every two strips.

“Follow Me” Jewelry

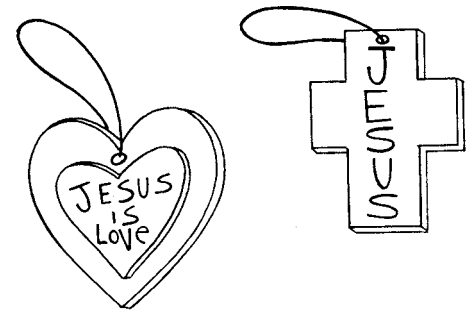
Lesson 9: Jesus Calls Matthew

You Need

- White bread
- White glue
- Food coloring
- Ziplock bag
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters (e.g., cross, heart, gingerbread man, foot)
- Pencil
- Acrylic sealer
- Safety pin, cord, or ribbon
- *Options:* Embellishments (e.g., sequins & other trims), magnetic strips

Get Ready

- Cover working surface with plastic tablecloths.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Say Like Matthew in today’s lesson, we are completely unworthy of serving Christ. Instead, Jesus came to serve us. How? He kept God’s Law for us and died to pay for our sins. Through Baptism and His Word, He calls us from our sin to the salvation that He won for us on the cross!

Today, you’ll make Christian witness jewelry as a reminder of Jesus, who calls you to follow Him and learn of Him. Show sample. The jewelry can remind you to follow Jesus in all you say and do. You can also give your jewelry to someone who needs to hear that Jesus came to be his or her Savior from sin.

Do This

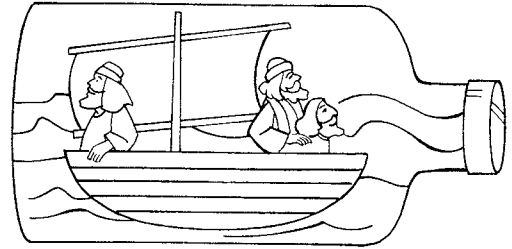
- In a ziplock bag, mix together bread and glue. Use 1 tablespoon of glue for each slice of bread.
- Add food coloring. Knead for 8 to 10 minutes until smooth, pliable, and uniform in color.
- The dough will be sticky, but will change when kneaded. Add flour or water if the dough is too sticky or stiff.
- Roll out the dough. Cut out shapes. Use a pencil to write words in the dough.
- To make a medallion, poke a hole in the top with a pencil. Let dry. Paint with acrylic sealer.
- String the medallion on a cord or ribbon to wear.
- For pins, glue a safety pin to the back.
- *Options:* Decorate with sequins or other embellishments. Glue magnetic strips to the back of the shape to make a refrigerator magnet.

Wave Story Bottle

Lesson 10: Jesus Calms a Storm

You Need

- Clear plastic bottle
- Vegetable oil
- Water & blue food coloring
- Scissors
- Plastic packaging tape
- Permanent markers
- *Options:* Picture of disciples in a boat or Jesus stilling the storm, glitter, acrylic paint or paint markers



Get Ready

- Rinse out bottles and let them dry.
- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.
- *Option:* Find and make copies of a picture of the story for students to trace around onto their bottles (or trim and glue to their bottles).

Introduce the Craft

Say Bad weather—tornados, hurricanes, snow, hail, thunderstorms, and the like—can be scary. Because we are sinful, we fear and forget that God cares. Worse than a storm, the wobbly world of sin surrounds us. But Jesus says, “Peace! Be still! Why are you so afraid?” Today, you heard how Jesus calmed the storm with His word.

Ask I wonder . . . how does Jesus calm the storm of sin? He calms the storm of sin by His work on the cross. He gives us eternal peace

Say Today, you will make a story bottle. Show sample. Draw the disciples in their boat on the outside of the bottle, surrounded by waves. Add waves inside too. Shake the bottle to show the storm. Let the water settle to show how Jesus calmed the storm and kept His disciples safe. Jesus keeps us safe through His Word. He promises to be with us always. He tells us, “Do not fear, only believe” (Mark 5:36). Use your boat at home to tell the story and share these promises from Jesus.

Do This

- Set the bottle on its side. Use permanent markers to draw a story scene on the bottle, such as a boat with the disciples in it. Draw some waves around the boat. *Option:* Insert a picture of the story in the bottle. Trace around the picture on the outside of the bottle and color it. Remove picture.
- Fill the bottle with water, leaving space at the top. Add several drops of food coloring and several tablespoons of vegetable oil. Add glitter, if desired.
- Tighten the lid and tape it in place.
- Hold the bottle sideways and tilt it back and forth to make waves.
- Tell the story of Jesus and the storm. Use the bottle to demonstrate the waves before and after Jesus told them to be still. Shake it for the storm. Let it settle to show Jesus calming the storm.
- *Option:* Paint the scene with acrylic paints.

“Do Not Fear” Wall Decoration

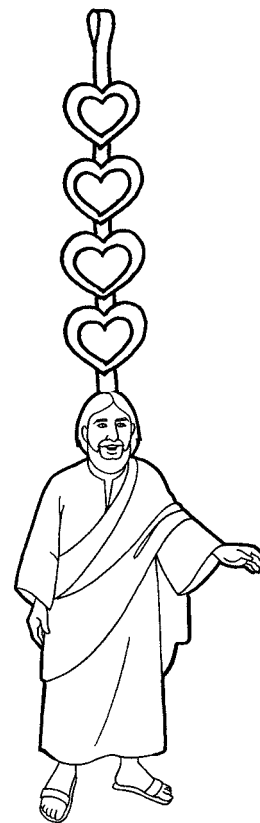
Lesson 11: Jesus Heals Jairus’s Daughter

You Need

- Heart & Jesus patterns (end of activity)
- Red & white construction paper
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Glue
- Markers & pen
- *Optional:* Thin cording or ribbon and other embellishments (e.g., yarn for Jesus’ hair, fabric for His cloak)
- *Option:* Use red and white fun foam for the hearts.

Get Ready

- Copy the hearts and Jesus patterns for each student.
- Cut the ribbon into 24- to 30-inch lengths.
- Set out materials.
- Make a sample hanger.



Introduce the Craft

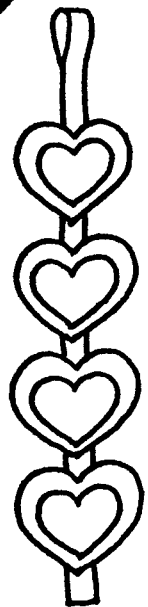
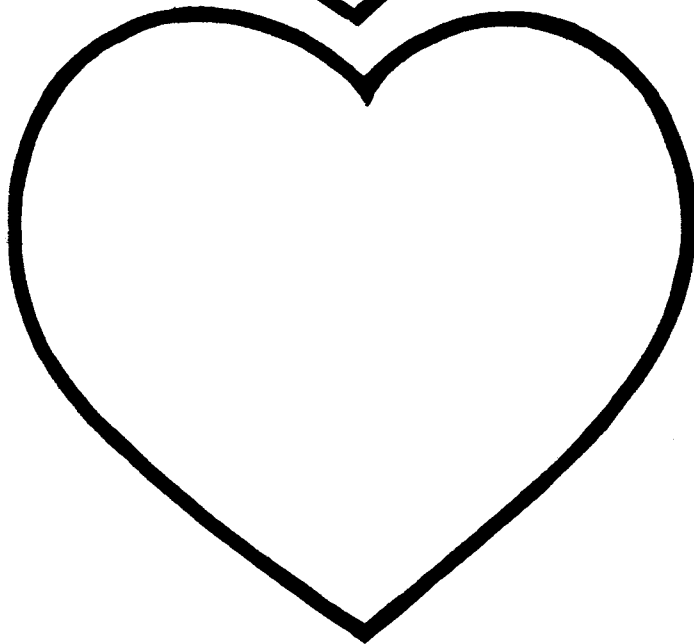
Ask What did Jesus do when He saw the little girl? He touched her and brought her back to life. I wonder . . . what are ways Jesus touches us? Let children think about this.

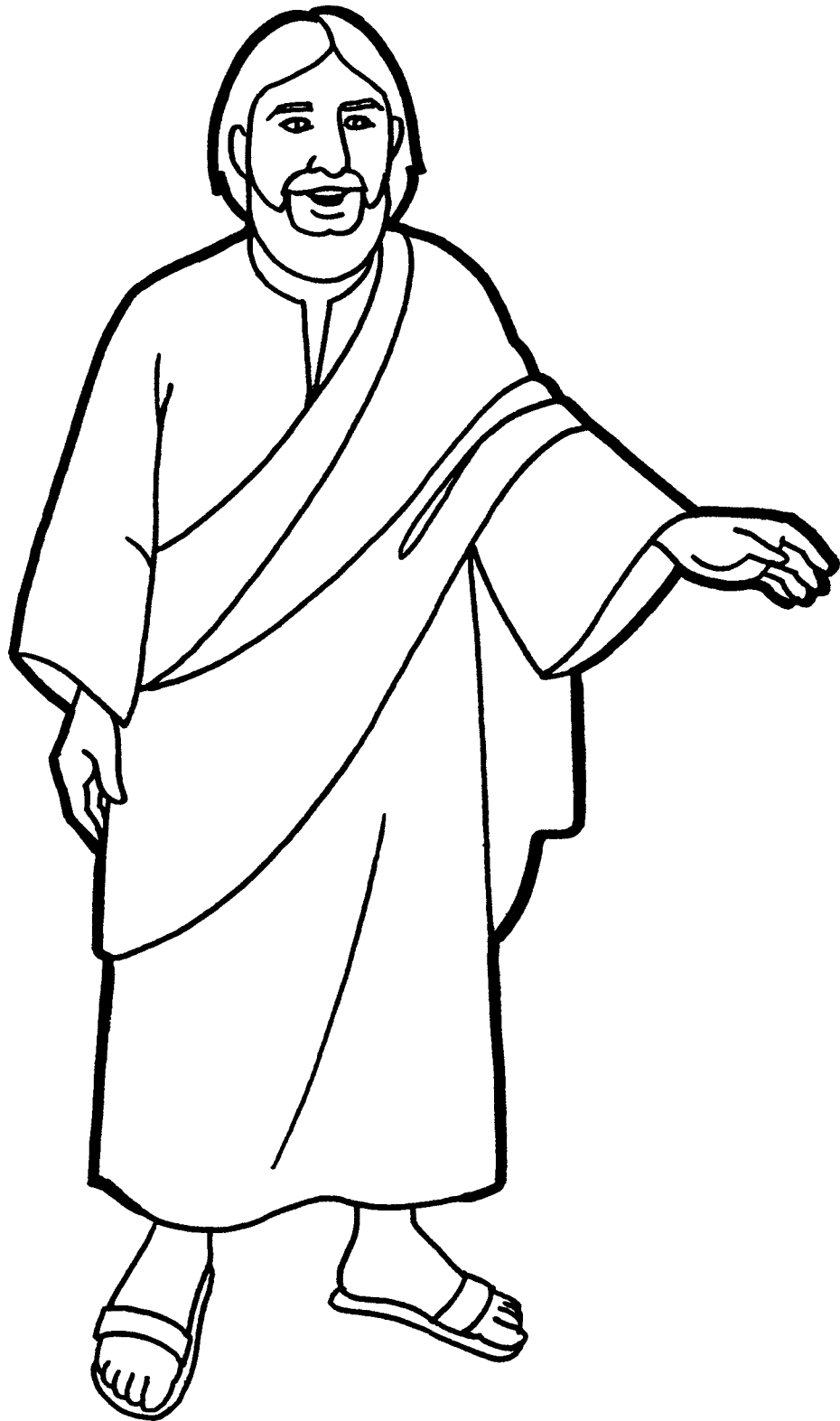
Say On our own, we are spiritually dead because of our sin. But Jesus touches our ears with His Word. He touches us with water and His Word in Baptism. He gives us His body and blood with the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper. Through these Means of Grace, He makes us spiritually alive, giving us the forgiveness He won for us on the cross and life with Him forever.

Today, you’ll make a wall decoration to remind you of Jesus’ love and promises. When you are anxious or worried or sick or afraid, Jesus tells you, “Come to Me. Do not be afraid.” He promises to be with you always. Even when you die, Jesus promises to give all who have faith in Him eternal life with Him in heaven.

Do This

- Use the large heart as a pattern to cut four large hearts from red paper.
- Cut out the small hearts. Trace over the letters with a dark pen or marker. Glue one to each large heart.
- Cut Jesus out of white construction paper. Color Him.
- Make a loop at the top of the ribbon for a holder. Glue or tape in place. *Note:* If you want to loop your decoration over a door handle, make the loop big enough for that purpose. Otherwise, you can make the loop smaller and use a tack to hang it from the wall.
- About 3 inches from the top of the hanging, glue the first heart. Continue to glue the hearts on the ribbon, leaving space between each one. Glue Jesus to the bottom.
- *Options:* Add yarn for Jesus’ hair. Add fabric for His cloak. Use cording or thin ribbon to outline the smaller hearts. Make a hanging with only hearts and omit Jesus figure.





Storytelling Tube

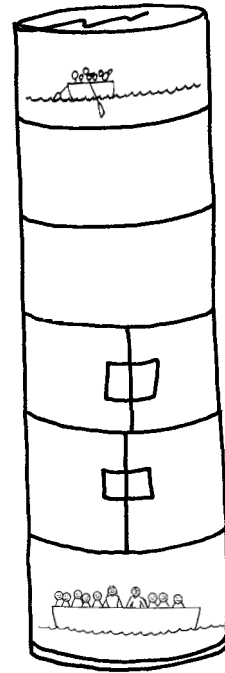
Lesson 12: Jesus Walks on Water

You Need

- Paper-towel tube, gift-wrap tube, or Pringles can
- Scissors
- Tape
- Markers or crayons
- Copies of “Jesus Walks on Water” story strips (end of activity)

Get Ready

- If using gift-wrap tubes, cut to fit size of story strips.
- Make copies of the story strip page.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



Introduce the Craft

Ask What does it mean to put or keep our eyes on Jesus? *It means that we have faith in Jesus as our Savior.*

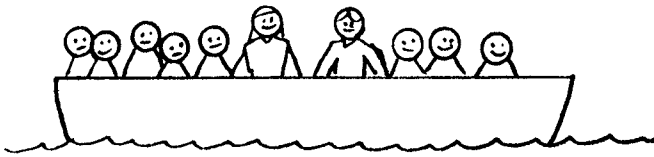
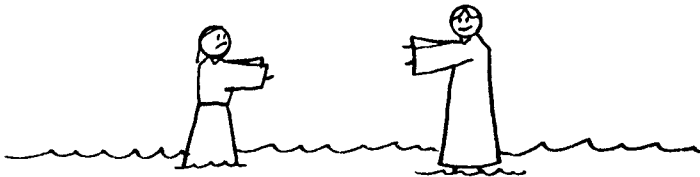
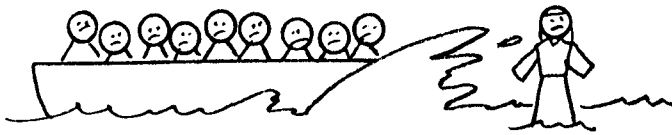
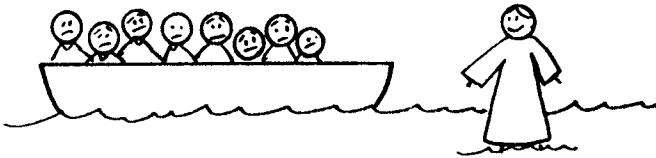
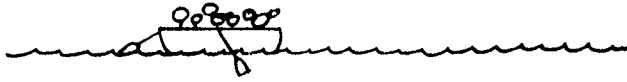
Say By faith, we believe Jesus forgives our sins and gives us eternal life. We believe that He has power to help us in all things.

Even though we believe in Jesus, we are like the disciples. When troubles come, we get scared. We take our eyes off Jesus and look at our troubles instead. Thankfully, Jesus loves us and forgives us even when we fail to trust.

Today, you will make a story tube. Show sample. **You can use it to tell today’s Bible story and share how Jesus was with His disciples in the storm and took care of them. He is with you too.**

Do This

- Color the strips with the story scenes.
- Cut the strips apart, and tape each strip in a ring so that it can slide onto your tube.
- Slide rings onto your tube in story order.
- Use your story tube to retell the story of Jesus walking on the water.



Bible Story Spiral Scope

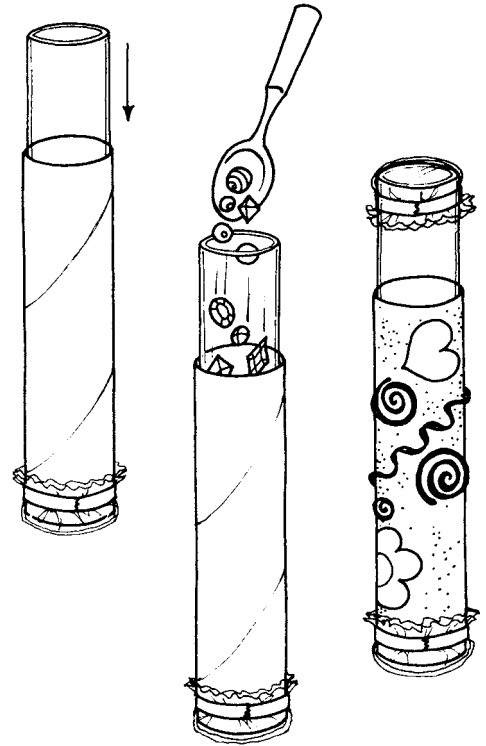
Lesson 13: Jesus Heals a Blind Man

You Need

- Paper-towel tube
- Sheet of clear drafting film (made of mylar & acetate) or heavyweight clear mylar or polypropylene sheet protectors, cut into 5 × 10" pieces
- Clear plastic food wrap
- Masking tape
- Colorful plastic beads & jewels
- "Jesus Heals a Blind Man" picture (end of activity)
- Markers or crayons

Get Ready

- Cut sheet protectors or drafting film sheets into 5 × 10-inch pieces, to fit inside the paper-towel tubes.
- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



Introduce the Craft

Say Close your eyes. Imagine the world without the gift of sight. The world would be a dark, even frightening, place.

Ask If you were blind, what would you miss seeing the most? Accept answers.

Say Sin blinds us so that we cannot see Jesus. A life without Jesus would be even more dark and frightening. It is spiritual blindness. There would be no hope. No forgiveness from sin. But Jesus give us faith and forgiveness—He gives us spiritual sight.

Today, you'll color a picture of the Bible story and make it into a spiral scope. Show sample. Hold your scope up to the light and turn it to enjoy a kaleidoscope of colors. You can also shake it as a noisemaker to thank and praise God for His gift of sight. Jesus gives you spiritual sight too. Praise Him! With Jesus, your future is bright!

Do This

- Roll the clear drafting sheet or divider into a cylinder. Slide it into the paper-towel tube.
- Cover one end of the tube with a double layer of clear plastic wrap. Tape the wrap down with masking tape so it doesn't come off the end of the tube.
- Place a number of brightly colored plastic beads and jewels into the open end of the tube. Cover that end of the tube with a double layer of plastic wrap.
- Look at the images. Add or remove the beads and jewels until you get a mixture you like.
- Secure the double layer of clear plastic wrap over the open end of the tube with masking tape.
- Color the picture of Jesus healing the blind man. Trim it to fit around the tube. Tape in place.
- *Option:* Omit wrapping tube with coloring page. Instead, decorate it with colorful stickers, markers, and paint.

