

# Joseph Bottle Puppet

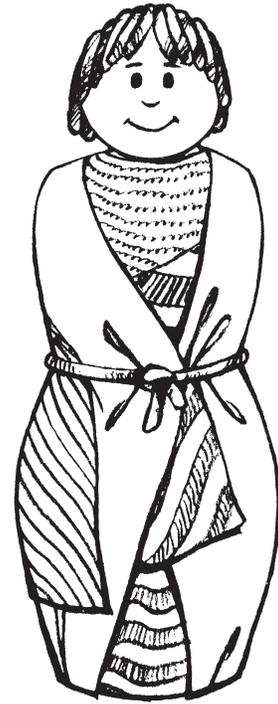
## Lesson 1: Joseph and His Brothers

### You Need

- Styrofoam ball
- Plastic soap bottle
- Fabric scraps
- Yarn
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- *Optional:* Additional bottles to make more people

### Get Ready

- Gather supplies and set them out.
- Make a sample.



### Introduce the Craft

**Say** Joseph had troubles with his brothers, but God was with Joseph, working all things for good.

**Ask** Have you ever argued with a brother or sister or friend? **Accept answers.**

**Say** All of us have done things that hurt others. We all sin. But God loves us so much that He sent a Savior to fix all the brokenness sin causes. Who is this? **Jesus!** God forgives us for Jesus' sake. And no matter what happens, God is at work for our good. You can trust God's promises to love and care for you even when you have trouble. Nothing can separate you from His love in Jesus.

Today you'll make a bottle puppet of Joseph wearing his fancy coat. Use it to tell the Bible story to your family. As you tell about Joseph and his jealous brothers, talk about getting along with one another and also forgiving and loving one another.

### Do This

- Use markers to draw a face on the Styrofoam ball.
- Glue pieces of yarn on the ball for hair.
- Cut colorful material scraps and glue them on the soap bottle for clothes.
- Create a belt by tying a piece of yarn around the middle of the bottle.
- Glue the Styrofoam ball to the top of the bottle.
- Use your Joseph puppet to retell the Bible story.
- *Optional:* Roll strips of material and glue them to the sides of the bottle for arms. Make more bottle people for Joseph's brothers. Use them to dramatize the story.

# "Jesus Is with You" Night-Light

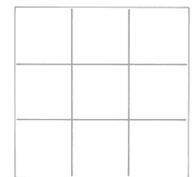
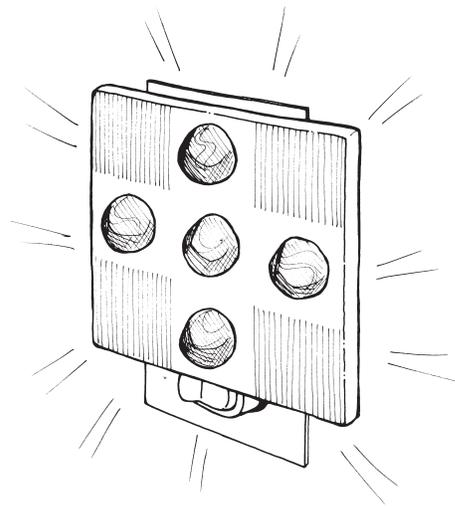
Lesson 2: Joseph's Troubles

## You Need

- 3¼" square of 3/16" glass with sanded edges
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Glass or ceramic paints
- Paintbrush
- Oven
- Clear epoxy glue (adult supervision needed)
- 5 flat marbles, various colors
- Toothpicks
- Night-light fixture (available in hardware stores)

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Ask** How do you think Joseph felt when he was in jail? *Sad, lonely, afraid, yet sure of God's love.*

**Say** God didn't make things better for Joseph right away, but He was with Joseph during his dark times in jail, helping him to learn patience and trust.

**Ask** How was God at work for Joseph's good? Discuss.

**What** are some of the troubles you have? *Suffering, sickness, etc.* **How** is God at work for your good when you have troubles? *Accept answers.*

**Say** Jesus is our light in the darkness. He paid for our sins on the cross. He promises to be with us always, in good times and bad. Because God has sent Jesus to save us from the prison of our sin, we can trust His promise to work all things for our good too. Today you'll make a night-light. When you turn on your night-light, you can remember that Jesus is with you, even in the dark times when you have troubles.

## Do This

- Trace around the glass square on tracing paper.
- Trace the grid pattern onto the square. Place the pattern under the glass.
- Use glass or ceramic paints to paint each square. (Light colors work best.) Let dry.
- Follow paint instructions to bake the paint onto the glass; cool.
- With an adult's help, apply epoxy glue to the marble backs with a toothpick. Arrange the marbles in a cross shape on the glass grid. Let dry.
- Attach the glass piece to a night-light fixture with epoxy glue. Let the glue dry for 24 hours before using the night-light.

# Treasure Keeper

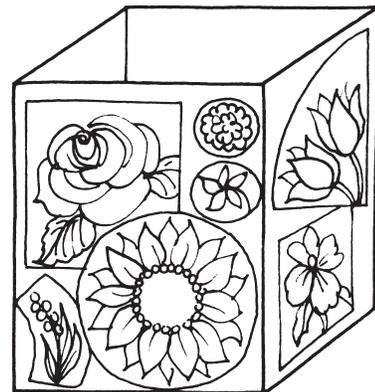
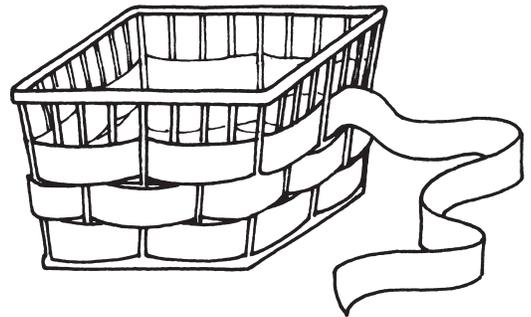
Lesson 3: Joseph Feeds Egypt

## You Need

- A variety of boxes (cigar, shoe, fruit, tissue, plastic)
- Decorating supply options: stickers, craft paint, magazine pictures, white glue, construction paper, ribbon, paper twist, rick-rack, fabric, plastic canvas, yarn, puff paint, glitter paint

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** During the years of plenty, God worked through Joseph, who oversaw the storage of grain in storehouses so the people would not starve during the years of famine. The storehouses kept the food clean, dry, and safe so that it would be there when they needed it.

**Ask** What do you treasure? *Accept answers.*

**Say** When we talk about valuables and treasures, we usually think of things that cost a lot of money, but what are some other valuable things? *Family and friends, good experiences, a good education, keepsakes, etc.*

Today you'll make treasure boxes to remind you of how God provides for you. You can put Bible verses inside to remind you that God's Word is our treasure because it tells us about Jesus and how He paid for our sins so we can be forgiven and have life with Him forever.

## Do This

- Choose a special box in which to collect and save your favorite items, such as Bible verse cards, favorite photos, pencils and pens, or items from nature.
- Decorate your box in one of the following ways:

Weave strips of paper, ribbon, fabric, paper twist, or rick-rack through plastic fruit baskets.

Cut out pictures of tropical flowers or animals.

Glue them to your box as you would for a collage.

Apply a thin coat of white glue over the entire box to seal it.

# Forgiveness Bookmark

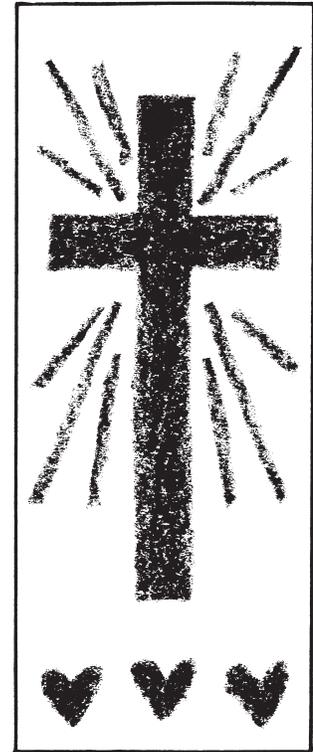
Lesson 4: Joseph Forgives

## You Need

- White construction paper
- Fine-grit sandpaper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Newspaper
- Iron (adult use only)
- Clear adhesive paper

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Ask** What are some things that make you angry with other people? **Accept answers.**

**Say** Joseph could have been angry with his brothers. But God helped Joseph to forgive them. Joseph is a picture of Jesus, through whom we are forgiven.

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." When we pray that, we are confessing that we sin every day. But we ask God to forgive us for the sake of His Son, Jesus, who paid for our sins on the cross, instead of punishing us. And God does forgive us! God also helps us to forgive others.

Today, you'll make a cross bookmark. You can use it in your Bible as a reminder of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus.

## Do This

- Cut matching rectangles from construction paper and sandpaper.
- Color firmly on the sandpaper to create a Christian design.
- Place the construction paper squarely on top of the drawing. Place both on top of several sheets of newspaper.
- With a dry iron set on medium, press over the white paper, then carefully lift it away.
- The transfer of the sandpaper design will appear. When cool, cover with clear adhesive paper. Trim to fit.

# Moses Shape Collage

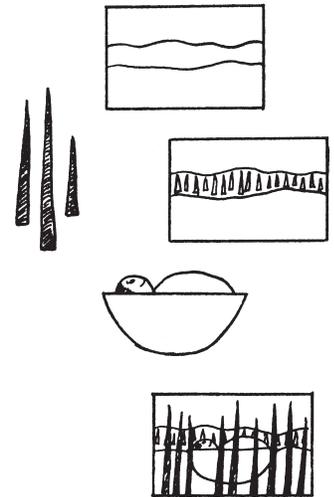
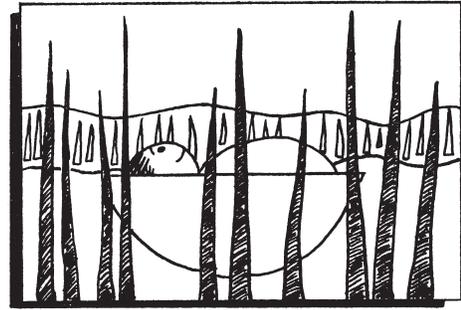
Lesson 5: The Birth of Moses

## You Need

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** God loved Moses. He planned for Moses to rescue God's people from slavery in Egypt.

**Ask** Who were some people God worked through to care for Moses and keep him safe? His mother, his sister, the princess. What did they do? **Accept answers.** God loves and cares for us too. **How?** Through family, teachers, church, etc.

**Say** God especially showed His love for us by sending Jesus to be our Savior. Through Jesus, God delivers us from sin and eternal death. Moses' basket was a little boat that kept him safe from death. God's church is our boat. It is where God gives us His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper to forgive our sins and give us life eternal.

**Say** Today you will make a baby Moses collage to remind you that just as God took care of Moses long ago, He takes care of you now.

## Do This

- Use a blue piece of construction paper for a background.
- Cut a strip of yellow construction paper for sand. Glue it across the background above the water.
- Cut different lengths of thin triangles from green construction paper for reeds. Glue reeds along the sand.
- Make Moses in his basket. Cut a half-circle for the basket. Cut a small half-circle for Moses' head. Cut a half-oval for Moses' body. Glue the shapes onto the paper.
- Glue more reeds on the picture, hiding Moses in his basket.
- Use markers or crayons to draw Moses' face and hair.
- Frame the picture by gluing it to a larger piece of construction paper.
- *Option:* Cut out shapes and glue them on for Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter. Cut Moses' face and hair from construction paper.

# Holy Ground Footprints

Lesson 6: Moses and the Burning Bush

## You Need

- Large bucket or pan, at least 5 inches deep
- Sand
- Water
- Plaster of Paris
- Small bucket & stirring stick
- 2 paper clips
- Acrylic paint

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** When the church service starts, we light candles to show that we are in God's presence.

**Like Moses, who took off his shoes when God spoke to him, we are on holy ground. God talked to Moses from the bush.**

**Ask** How does God talk to us? *Through Baptism, where He calls us by name and makes us His children; through His Word, the Bible.*

**Say** God called Moses and made him fit for service in His kingdom. Today you'll make a print of your own foot. It can remind you that God also calls you and makes you fit to serve Him. He takes away your sin. He gives you many ways to serve others.

**Ask** What is something God has for you to do today? *Lead students in a discussion on ways they serve God and their neighbor.*

## Do This

- Fill the large bucket with 5 inches of sand. Moisten the sand and pack it down well.
- Firmly press both feet in the sand to make the impressions about 1½ to 2 inches deep.
- Mix plaster according to package directions so that it has a thick, creamy consistency. Pour wet plaster gently into the footprints.
- Open two paper clips. Bend each into a U shape.
- As the plaster begins to harden, push the open ends of the paper clips into the top of the plaster feet to make a hanging loop.
- After 20 to 25 minutes, gently dig the feet out of the sand molds. Brush away excess sand.
- Set the footprints sole-side-up in the sun and let harden completely.
- Paint with acrylic paints as desired.

# Heart Frog

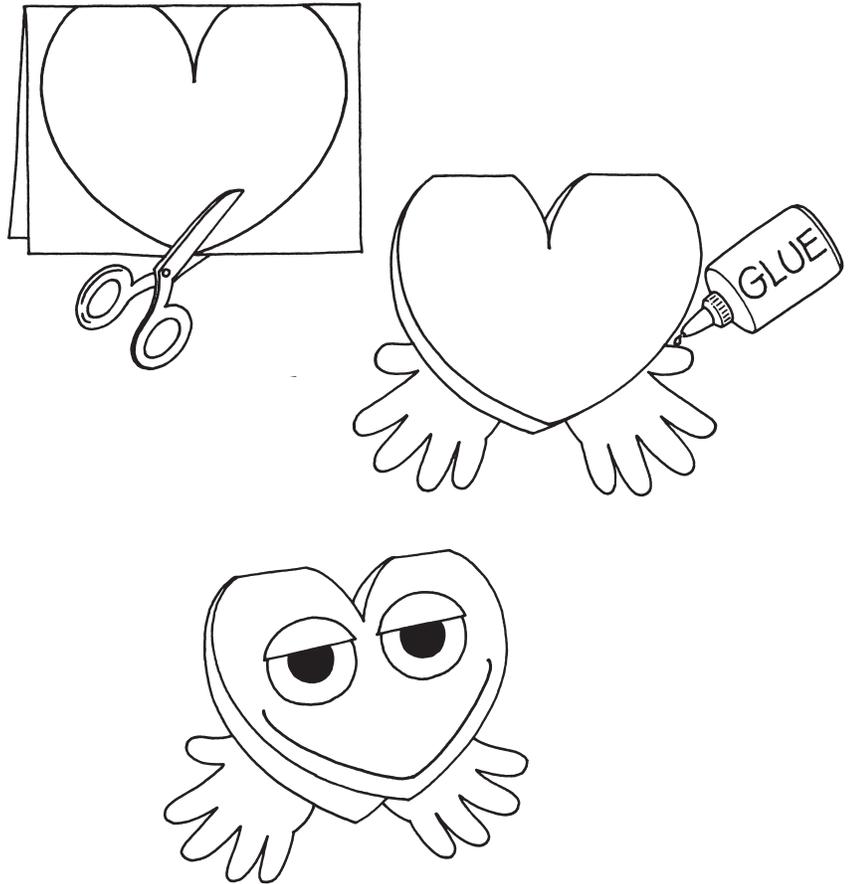
Lesson 7: Moses and the Plagues

## You Need

- Colorful construction paper 12" × 18"
- Black and yellow construction paper scraps
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Marker

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** The Egyptians experienced some dreadful plagues, didn't they? I wonder . . . which plague would be your least favorite? Locust? A river of blood? Frogs everywhere? Let students share. Show sample frog. **Today you'll make some frogs as a reminder of the plagues. Your frogs may look cute, but the real plagues were serious business. Through them, God was at work to save His people from the bondage of slavery. Like Pharaoh, we are sinful and think that we do not need to listen to God.**

**Ask** What are examples of times we don't listen to God? **Accept answers.**

**Say** God's people were slaves in Egypt. We are slaves to sin. But God sent Jesus to deliver us. With an outstretched arm, the children of Israel were set free. With outstretched arms (stretch out your arms), Jesus suffered and died on the cross to free you from sin.

## Do This

- Fold the large construction paper in half.
- Draw a large heart shape with the top curved parts of the heart on the fold. Cut these out to make the frog's body.
- Draw around each of your hands on another sheet of large paper. Cut these shapes out for the frog's feet.
- Glue them onto the bottom of the frog's body.
- Cut out the eye shapes from black and yellow paper. Glue them to the frog.
- Use a marker to add a mouth.
- Write a special promise from God's Word inside the frog's mouth (e.g., Psalm 46:1: "God is our . . . help in trouble.")

# House Doorstop

Lesson 8: The Passover

## You Need

- Shoeboxes or low-cut boxes of various sizes
- Empty corrugated light-bulb cartons
- Corrugated cardboard pieces
- Masking tape
- Acrylic paint & paintbrushes
- Cup of water & paper towels
- Wallpaper scraps
- Craft glue
- Felt & fabric scraps
- Hot-glue gun & glue sticks (adult use only)
- *Optional:* Rocks

## Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say Today, we're making houses to remind us of when God protected the people of Israel so they were passed over and protected from death.** Show sample house.

**Ask When you think of blood, do you think of life or death?** *Accept answers.*

**Say Bloody scrapes and injuries can be scary. They remind us that life is fragile; destruction and death are real. Yet, your body requires blood to live. Without blood, there is no life. The children of Israel were saved by the blood of the lamb painted on their doorways. You are saved by the blood of a lamb too. It is the blood of the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, that covers you with salvation. You can make the doorframe of your house red as a reminder of this, or paint a red cross on your door. You can put stones in your house and use it as a doorstop at home. It will remind you that God protects our homes from evil and defends us from danger! He saves us through Jesus's work on the cross. He will always care for us.**

## Do This

- Paint the shoebox inside and out as desired.
- Make walls from folded light-bulb cartons and cardboard pieces.
- Attach with masking tape or hot glue.
- Glue wallpaper and fabric scraps where desired for wall coverings.
- Glue felt where desired for floor coverings. Let dry.
- Add a Bible verse to the roof of your house, such as, "Fear not! Behold, your God will come . . . and save you." Isaiah 35:4:
- *Optional:* Add rocks inside your house to give it weight to use as a door stop.

# Tambourine

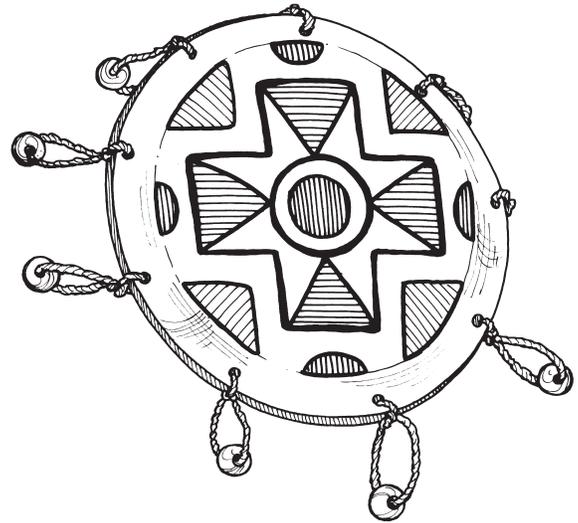
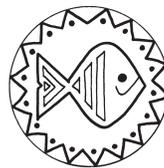
## Lesson 9: Crossing the Red Sea

### You Need

- 2 heavy-duty paper plates
- Markers
- Masking tape
- Paper punch
- 9 wooden beads
- 9 10" lengths of twine
- Craft glue

### Get Ready

- Make a sample.
- Set out supplies.



### Introduce the Craft

**Ask** How have you used water today? **Accept responses.**

**Say** When you wash your face, brush your teeth, or rinse your dishes, you may not think about how essential water is to life. Still, water can also do great harm too. We see this with the Egyptians who drown. God uses the very substance that can kill us to bring us life. He led the children of Israel through the waters of the Red Sea to a new life of freedom.

**Ask** What did the people do when they were safe on the other side of the waters? **They sang a song to praise God.**

**Say** The Bible also says that Miriam took a tambourine and led the women in a song and dance. Miriam sang, "Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15:21).

**Today you will make a tambourine to remind you of God's deliverance of the Israelites. It can also remind you of how God uses water in Baptism to deliver us from our sins and give us new life in Jesus. That's worth celebrating too!**

### Do This

- Draw geometric designs with Christian shapes on the bottoms of both plates.
- Temporarily tape the plates together, with the insides facing each other and designs on the outside.
- Punch nine equally spaced holes around the edges.
- Remove the tape. Tie twine in each hole, leaving 4-inch-long ends.
- Thread a bead onto one end, then tie the ends together.
- Shake the tambourine to make the beads hit the plates.

# Napkin Rings

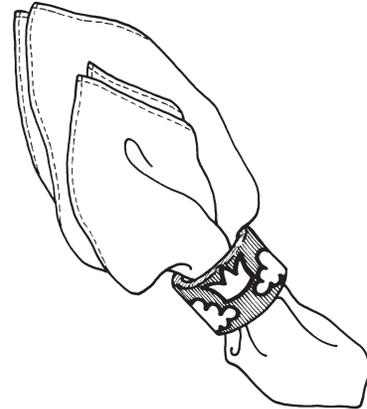
Lesson 10: God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail

## You Need

- Empty cardboard tubes (e.g., paper towel or wrapping paper tubes)
- Decorative adhesive paper or construction paper
- Craft knives (adult use only)
- Scissors
- Fine-point permanent markers
- Paper napkins
- Bibles
- *Options:* Stickers or self-sticking jewels; wooden napkin rings, acrylic paint & paintbrushes

## Get Ready

- Before class, cut the cardboard tubes into 1½-inch sections with the craft knife. Make six napkin rings for each student.
- Cut six 1½-inch × 6-inch strips of adhesive paper or construction paper for each student.
- Print Bible Words on strips for younger students.
- Set out supplies & make a sample.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** God’s children of Israel were hungry and thirsty! Always the good Father, God sustained His children and gave them food and drink. God continues to work today through farmers, grocers, and your mother and father to provide you with daily bread.

**Ask** What do we mean by “daily bread”? “Daily bread” is everything God gives us to sustain life.

**Say** Today you are going to make napkin rings that you can use to hold your napkins at dinner time. You can write a Bible verse on them to remind you that God provides for you too. Show samples. Our Father in heaven gives us even more than bread for this life. He also gives us the Bread of Life, His own Son, Jesus, who gives us forgiveness and eternal life.

## Do This

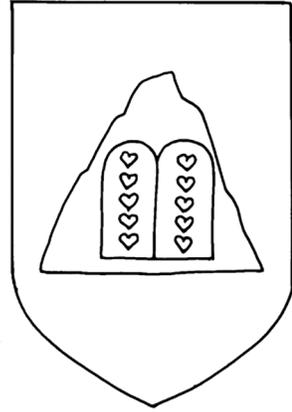
- Print a favorite Bible verse, such as “The Lord will provide” (Genesis 22:14) or “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good” (Psalm 107:1) on a slip of paper. Center the verse on the strip, leaving a half inch of blank space on each side. Repeat, writing a verse on each slip.
- Peel the backing off each strip and carefully wrap it around each napkin ring; alternately, if using construction paper slips, glue each strip to a ring.
- Decorate napkin rings using markers, stickers, jewels, and the like.
- *Option:* If using wooden rings, paint designs on them with acrylic paint. Let dry. Add Bible Words with a permanent marker.
- Put a napkin in each ring.

# God's Law Banner

## Lesson 11: The Ten Commandments

### You Need

- Patterns of mountain, tablets of stone, and banners (end of craft)
- Construction paper or felt rectangles in similar size
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue stick
- Sequins
- Yarn for hanging
- Hole punch
- *Option:* Paper plate, streamers & jingle bells



### Get Ready

- Make a copy of the pattern page for each student.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.

### Introduce the Craft

**Say** Today you will make a banner to remind you of today's lesson. Show sample banner.

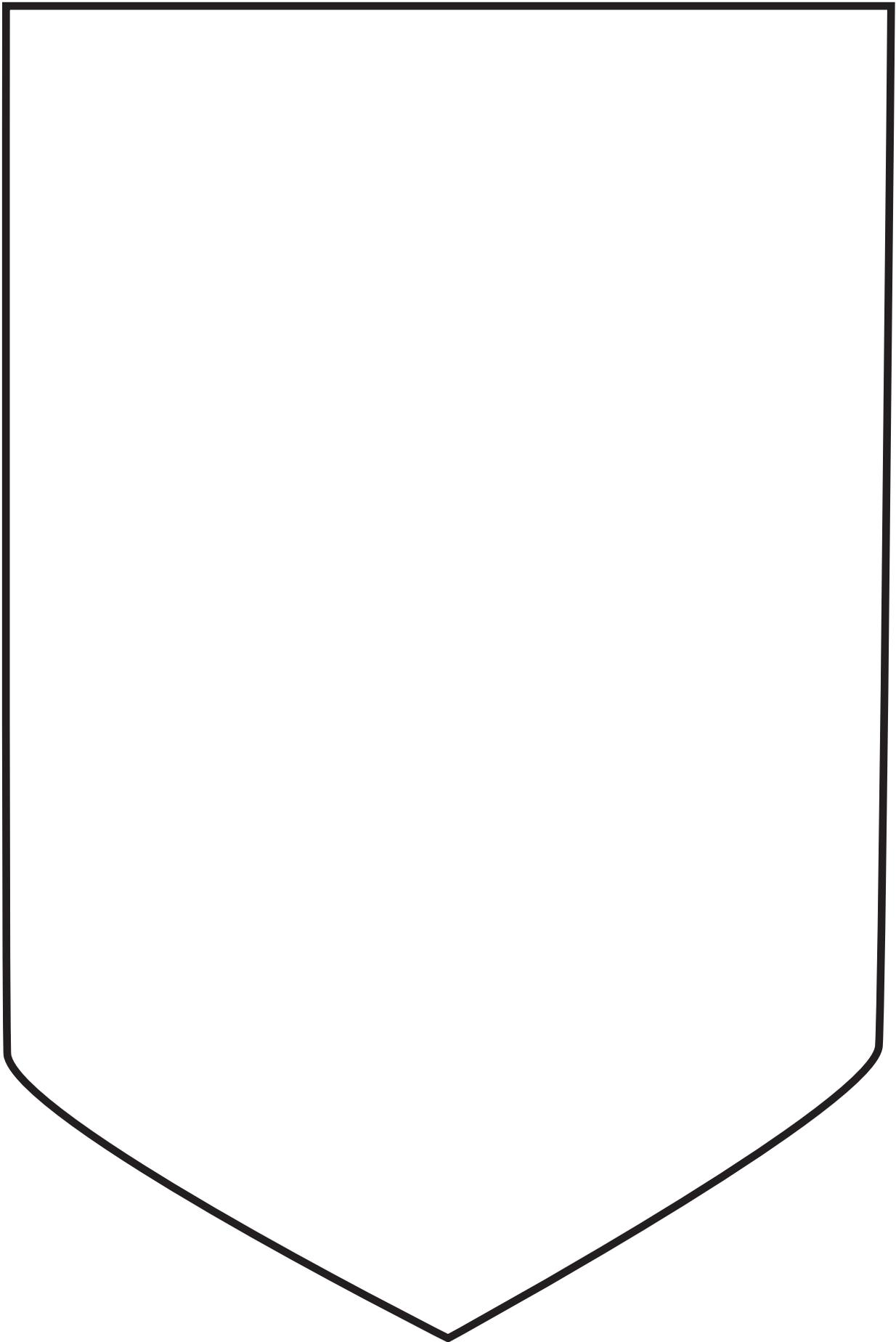
**Ask** What do you see on this banner? **Accept answers.** God gave the Law to Moses on tablets of stone. God's Law is good, but it can also be terrifying. Why? **Because we can't keep the Law. It shows us we are sinners who deserve God's punishment.**

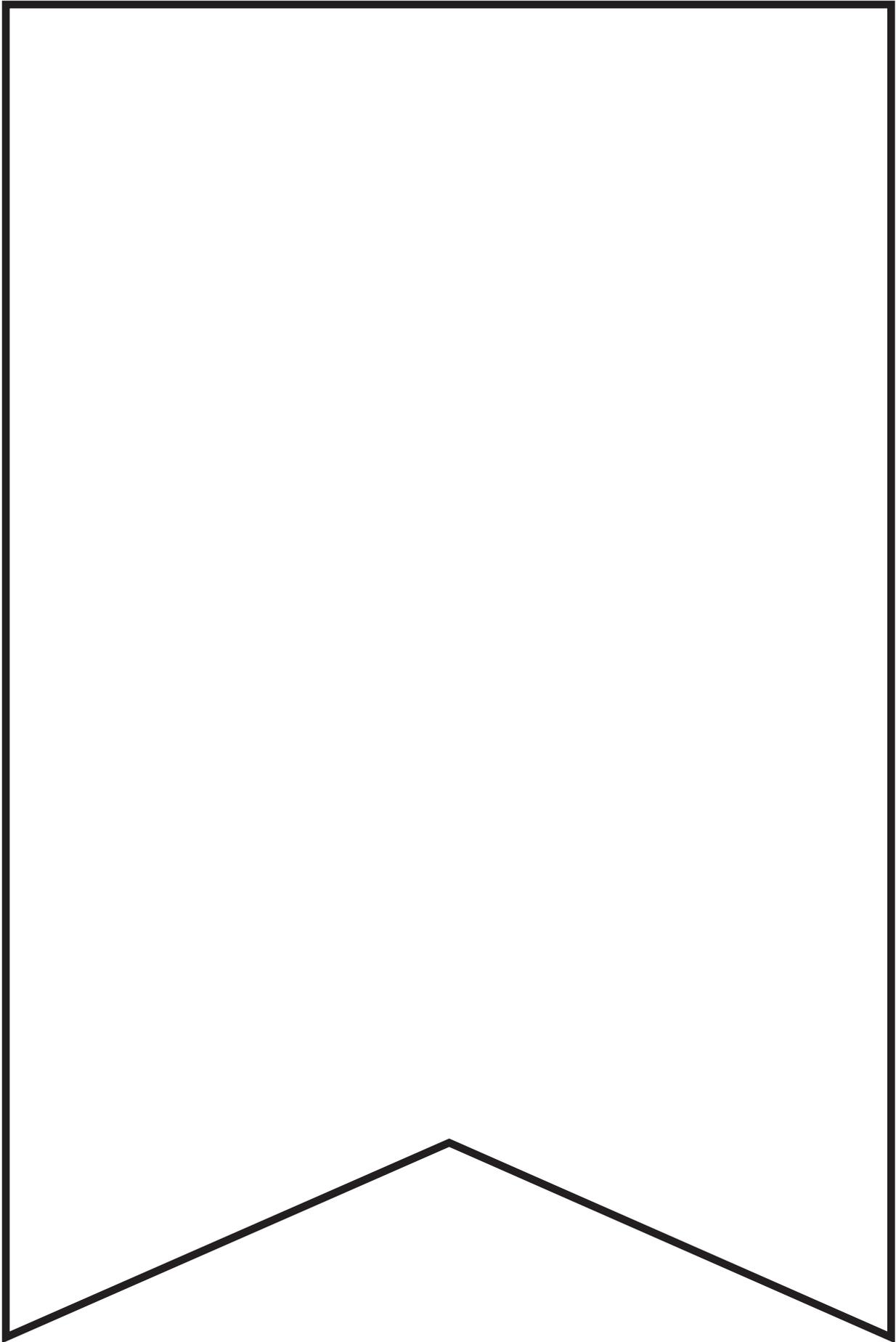
**Ask** Whom did God send to keep the Law for us? **Jesus!**

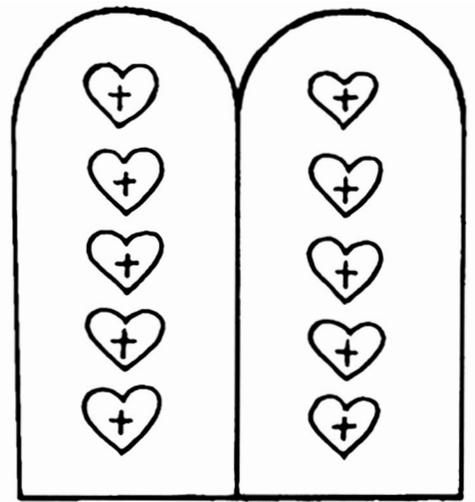
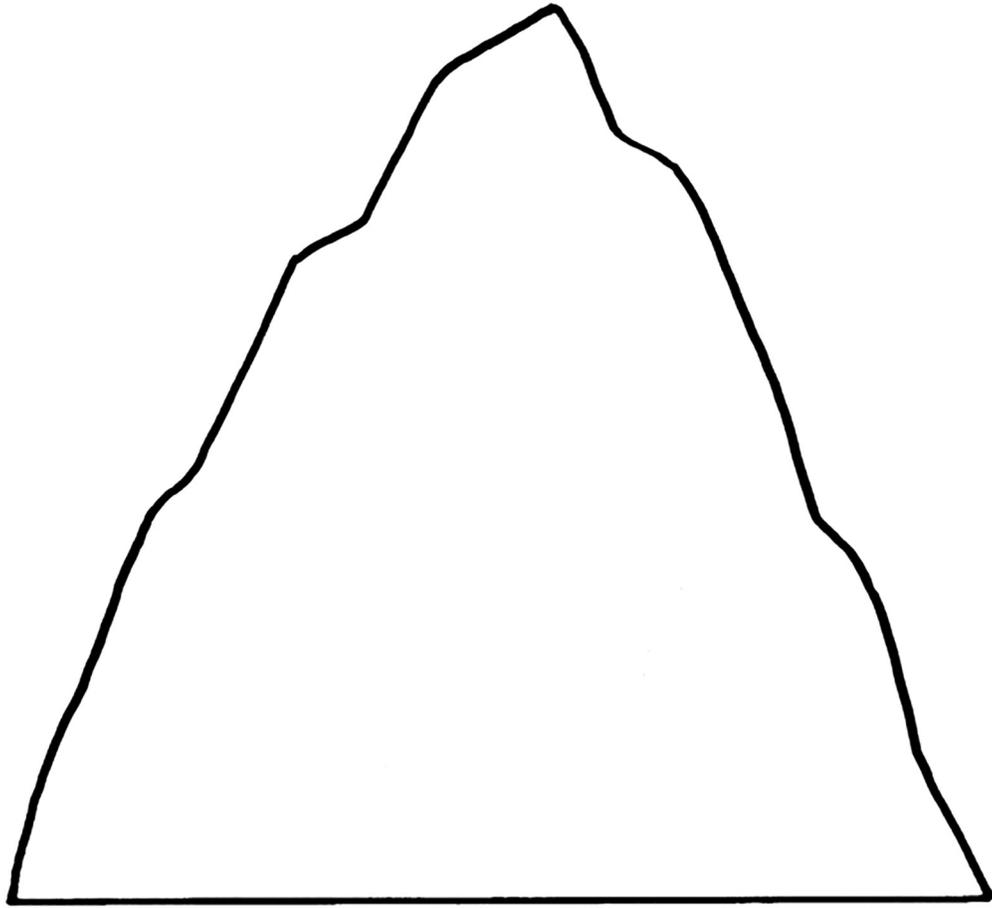
**Say** Jesus kept the Law perfectly for us, and then He took our punishment by suffering and dying on the cross for us! You can hang your banner at home as a reminder of this good news!

### Do This

- Choose a banner shape pattern. Cut paper or felt piece to match.
- Cut out the mountain and tablets pieces or trace around them onto construction paper or felt.
- Using craft glue, attach the mountain and tablets to your construction paper or felt background.
- Use markers, glue sticks, and sequins to decorate.
- Punch two holes in the top and string with yarn for hanging your banner at home.
- *Option:* Glue the figures to a paper plate instead of a banner background. Make your plate into a tambourine by adding streamers and jingle bells. With a marker, write the Bible words on the back of your plate.







# Church Bank

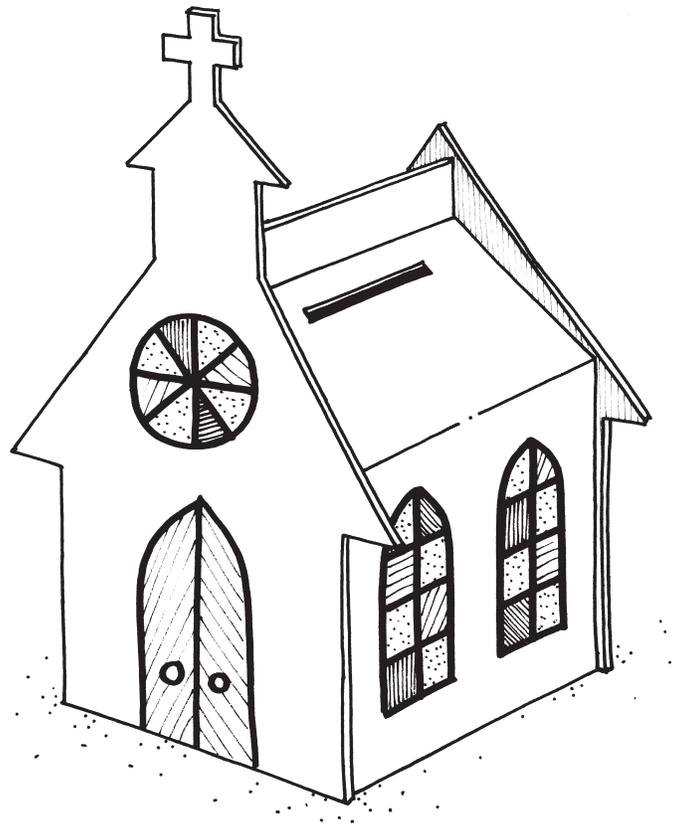
## Lesson 12: Worship in the Tabernacle

### You Need

- Half-pint milk carton, washed and dried
- 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" × 11" strip of white paper
- Craft glue
- 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" × 11" cardstock
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers
- Church pattern (end of craft)

### Get Ready

- Wash the inside of the milk cartons with a bleach solution (one capful bleach to one gallon of water). Dry.
- Make a copy of the church pattern for each student.
- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



### Introduce the Craft

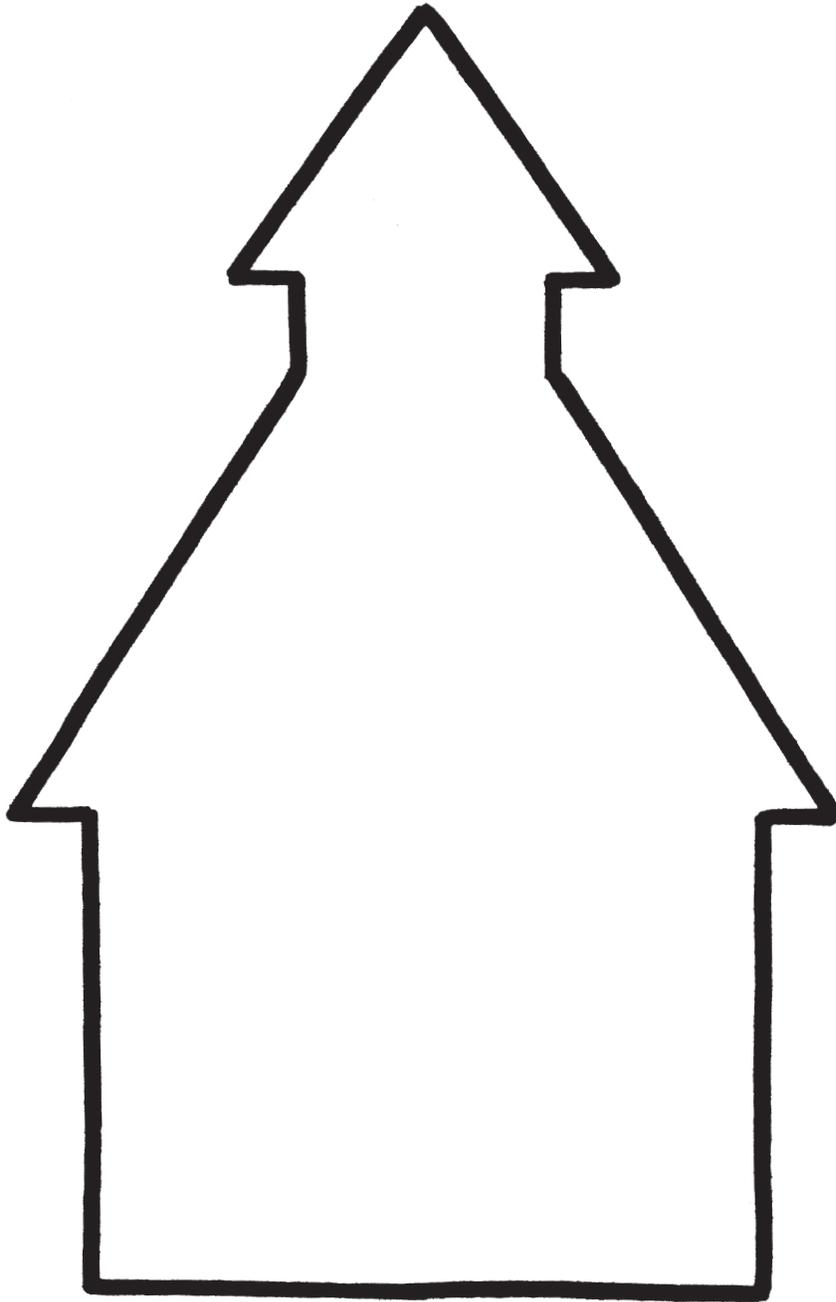
**Say** God dwelled with His people in the tabernacle. Through the sacrifices the priest made there, God forgave the sins of His people. These sacrifices pointed to Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice on the cross. God's Son, Jesus, came to earth to live with us in the flesh. He is true God and true man. When Jesus returned to heaven, He promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. Even though we can't see Him, Jesus is still with us, just as He promised.

**Ask** Where do we see Jesus now? He comes to us through His Word and Sacraments. These give us faith in Christ and the forgiveness of sins He earned for us on the cross.

**Say** Today, you'll make a church, a reminder that Jesus is with us as He promised. Show your sample. You can make your church into a bank, and save money in it. You can use the money you save to put towards a project that will help tell others about Jesus, our Savior.

### Do This

- Beginning at the bottom edge of the milk carton, wrap and glue the strip of white paper up and over the top of the carton and down around the bottom, covering the type on the carton.
- Cut out the church pattern, and trace around the pattern onto a piece of cardstock.
- Cut out two church patterns from the cardstock. Glue the first church piece to the carton as the front of the church.
- Cut another piece to use as the back of the church.
- Use markers to draw a door and windows on the building.
- Cut a slit in the side of the carton for adding offering money to the church.



# Cross Sandpaper Pendant

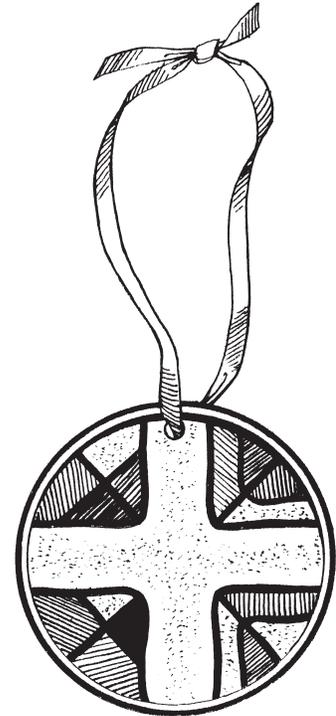
Lesson 13: The Bronze Serpent

## You Need

- Plastic lid
- Sandpaper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Markers
- Ribbon or shoelace
- *Option:* Tempera paint

## Get Ready

- Set out supplies.
- Make a sample.



## Introduce the Craft

**Say** God forgave His people when they grumbled and complained in the desert. He told Moses to make a metal snake on a pole and have the people look at it so they would not die.

**Ask** Do you ever grumble or complain? **Accept answers.**

**Say** We all sin every day in what we think, what we say, and what we do. But God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus was lifted up on a cross to take the punishment of our sin; then He rose again on Easter. Because of Jesus, God forgives our sins and gives us life with Him forever. Show your sample.

**Today, you'll make a sandpaper cross pendant that you can hang up at home. When you look at it, you can remember how God loves you and forgives you for Jesus' sake.**

## Do This

- Trace the lid onto the piece of sandpaper.
- Cut the circle out, trimming it slightly so it fits inside the plastic lid. Glue in place.
- Draw the outline of a cross on the sandpaper.
- Use markers to outline the cross and color in its background. Leave some of the sandpaper uncolored.
- Punch a hole at the top of the lid, and tie ribbon or a shoelace through it.
- Wear the cross or hang it up at home as a reminder that Jesus died on the cross for you.
- *Option:* Paint the cross and its background with watercolors or tempera paint. Write "He died for me" or a Bible verse on the cross.