

Craft Teaching Guide

Love Him Love Them VBS, 2017



Craft

Getting Ready for Craft Rotation

- Study the lessons. Allow Him to teach you as you study beforehand what you will teach the children.
- Pray for the children that will enter this rotation. Pray that God will teach them through you.
- Gather Supplies
- Choose from the craft options that will best suit your church's needs.
- Prepare examples of each craft you will use. This will give children a visual for what they will create.
- The **“bold”** text is a scripted guide given to help you know what to say as you teach the lesson. Read over and adjust as you feel God lead, but we hope this helps you prepare and teach your lesson.
- Challenge children to use the crafts they make as they love God and love others this week.

Day 1: Recycled Fun

“Today you are learning about how God is our Creator. God has given us so many things in His creation. We can be thankful for the many things God has given us in America. Children in Haiti do not have many of the toys and things to play with like we have. Many children, that are not able to buy toys, make toys and games from items they recycle from the trash or from things in creation. Today we are going to make games using recycled items or things from creation.”

Make the crafts and then, as time allows, children can play with the craft games they made. Keep game pieces in Ziploc bags with children’s names on the outside to help children not lose their game pieces.

Craft 1: Make a Puzzle

Materials: craft sticks and tape (or magazine pictures, cereal box pictures or other item for children to draw on), Ziploc bags, scissors, sharpie, crayons/markers/pencils

Children can use craft sticks to make a puzzle. If children use 5 craft sticks, their puzzle will have 5 pieces. Lay the sticks down and tape the sticks together on one side to help it stay stationary as children draw. Children will turn the sticks over and draw on the opposite side from the tape. Children could draw things in creation, mountains to represent the Haiti mountain range, or any picture they would like to draw and color. Once children are finished with their drawing, they can peel off the tape. Then, children will mix up their craft sticks and put it back together. Another way to make a puzzle would be to use a piece of cardboard to draw a picture on or use a cover of a cereal box or a magazine picture etc, and cut the pictures into large pieces to make puzzle pieces. After children make their puzzles, they can trade with others as they let other children try to put their puzzle together. Keep pieces in Ziploc bags with children’s names on the outside to help children not lose their pieces.

*There is an idea, found on the internet, to use these puzzles to show love to others. Children can make the puzzles and then they can give the puzzle as a gift for someone else. See this activity at

<https://www.compassion.com/kids-magazine/art-projects-for-kids.htm>

Craft 2: Tick-Tac-Toe (using rocks and sticks)

Materials: 6 rocks per child, sharpie or paint to draw on rocks, 4 sticks per child, zip lock bags

Children will use rocks as the x/o in Tic-Tac-Toe. Children can draw, paint, or write x/o (or use color or another symbol they want to draw on the rocks). Put an ‘x’ (or other symbol/picture/color) on 3 rocks, and an ‘o’ (or other symbol/picture/color) on the other 3 rocks. Children can use sticks for the game board as they play Tic-Tac-Toe.

Craft 3: Concentration

Materials- rocks, pictures and glue, or markers for drawing (or bottle caps, small items from nature and glue), Ziploc bags

Children can glue Haiti pictures on rocks or draw things on rocks. Make sure there are pairs of the same picture or drawing. As children play, they will turn over the rocks to find the matches. Children can also use bottle caps. The bottle cap idea was found at <https://www.compassion.com/kids-games.htm> Bottle Cap Memory. Glue things from nature like grass, rocks, sticks, etc, inside the bottle caps.

Challenge to Children:

“How can you use these crafts to show love to someone this week?” Discuss ideas of whom children can give their games to or play their games with as they show God’s love this week to others.

Day 2: Washcloth Animals

After you have collected soaps, you may do this activity to send to the children in Haiti, or you can purchase soap and washcloths before today's craft rotation to have ready to use during craft today. Children can give the craft made today to others in your community, or for Haiti. See the challenge at the end of the lesson.

Make a Wash Cloth Bunny to give with soap for children in Haiti, or to give others in your community.

"Today you are learning about how *Love Him Love Them* helps children in Haiti with clean water and other things they need. You are also learning how we have a sin problem that makes us all dirty, but Jesus can wash our sin away. As we make our craft today, think about how we can show others the love that God has shown us."

Materials:

Per child: Washcloth and soap, two eyes, rubber bands, a large cotton ball for tail and a pom for nose, glue or glue gun, ribbon

Directions:

First, place soap bar at one of the corners of the washcloth. Place it far enough from the edge so that one of the corners can fold up over top of it. Roll it up in the wash cloth until you can fold the opposite end over the top. Glue that end down with glue or glue gun. Once the end is glued down, gather the two sides and place rubber bands around them. Separate those two sides so they fall on each side of the soap bar. Now you have the ears! Next, add your eyes and nose to make a face. Then, add your cotton ball or pom to the back end to make a tail. Last, add a bow to hide the rubber band and your cute washcloth craft is finished.

Challenge to Children:

"How can you use this craft to show love to someone this week?" Discuss ideas of who children can give their wash cloth animal to as they show God's love this week to others. Children can send these to Haiti, or if you bought soap for children to do the washcloth animals and children are also bringing in soaps this week for children in Haiti, you could use the animals as gifts for others around your community (shelters, nursing homes, etc), and use the donated soaps collected for children in Haiti.

*An additional idea is to use colored beads for making bracelets and necklaces as children learn to share the gospel with others through those color beaded crafts.

Day 3: Wordless Books

Children will make wordless books to learn and share the plan of salvation with others.

Materials: stapler, scissors, construction paper colors- yellow, green, black, red, white
Cut each paper to the desired size. You can make small booklets to save on paper usage.
Have children order the papers as you teach what each color represents. Then, a leader can staple the booklet for each child. The children can use the books as they share God's love with others.

Black is for our sins.

Red is for Jesus dying for our sins.

White is for how Jesus washes us clean when we ask Him to forgive us.

Green is for how we grow in our relationship with God.

Yellow is for Heaven.

Children can practice sharing Jesus with others in their group as they retell what the colors represent.

You can teach older students how missionaries, in some places of the world where Bibles are not allowed, use wordless books to share Jesus with others.

Challenge to Children:

"How can you use your book you made to show love to someone this week?" Discuss ideas of who children can give their wordless books to this week as they tell someone about Jesus.

Day 4: Instruments

Choose which instruments you would like children to make: Kazoo/Drum/Tambourine

Make a Tambourine/Maraca (paper plate)

Materials: Paper plates, dry lentils, markers and crayons, stapler, optional- hole punch and ribbon

Directions:

Put a handful of lentils on a paper plate. Fold the plate in half and staple the edges closed. Next, decorate the plate and begin to shake as you play to the beat of your favorite songs. You can hole punch areas around the edge and tie ribbon to add more decorations to your instrument.

Make a Kazoo

Materials: Toilet Paper Rolls, paint/markers, wax paper, rubber bands

Directions:

Decorate toilet paper roll using paint or markers. Then, cut a square of wax paper and wrap it over the end of toilet paper roll and secure with a rubber band. Let the kids hum or sing into them and make music to their heart's content.

Make a Drum

Materials: clean round container like a coffee can or aluminum can, balloons, electrical tape or masking tape, rubber bands (optional)

Directions:

First, stretch the balloon around the can. Use your fingers to open the balloon up and expand it so it fits over the top of the can. Next, lay another balloon flat on the hard surface. Do not blow it up; you want to use a limp balloon. Using scissors cut small holes into the balloon. Holes do not need to be uniform or perfect, as they are more for decoration. Then, stretch the cut up balloon on top of the balloon on the can. Double layering the balloons will make the drum more durable, and the holes on the top layer will add a fun decorative effect. Lastly, wrap tape around the can to secure the balloons. Enjoy!

You can also use rubber bands and simply place them around the can to keep the balloons attached. You can add more weight to the drums by filling the container up with a handful of rice or dry lentils before you stretch the balloon on the top of the container. Make drum sticks out of pencils and tissue paper or simply use your hands to drum along to your favorite song.

Challenge to Children:

“How can you use your instrument to show love this week?” Discuss ideas of how children can use their instrument to show love to God and others this week.

Day 5: Caring Crafts

Today children will make crafts to give someone in the community, or to someone they know.

Cards:

Materials- scissors, construction paper, markers/crayons/pencils, glue, (cute add-ons for cards- tissue paper, stickers, etc)

Children can create a card to give someone on the church prayer list or shut in, etc. Have prepared phrases for children to copy that will bring words of encouragement to the people who will receive the cards. Children can also create a card to invite someone to church.

Praying Hands:

Materials- item for handprint and message to go on, easy clean-up paint, big shirts or other items to put over children's clothes, plastic tablecloth or items to cover painting surface, paper towels/wipes and other needed supplies for clean-up

Paint each child's hand print and write below the handprint, "These little hands prayed for you today."
Have children pray for the person who will receive their craft.

Challenge to Children:

"How can you use these crafts to show love to someone this week?" Discuss ideas of who children can give their crafts to, as they show God's love this week.