

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Children will enjoy making their own snow globes to remind them of the joy that Jesus gives because He was born.

Joy Snow Globes

What You'll Need

- 6 oz baby food jars with lids (1 per child)
- scissors
- ribbon
- paint shirts
- paper towels or newspapers
- paintbrushes
- tempera paint (variety of colors)
- glue
- nativity scene stickers
- mineral oil or water (keep oil out of reach of children)
- glitter
- ¼ teaspoon

What You Do

1. Before class, wash and dry the jars and lids. Cut the ribbon into 12" lengths. Cover workspaces with paper towels or newspapers.
2. Let the children paint the lids a color of their choice, then set aside to dry. Help the children arrange the nativity stickers on the *outside* of the jar, starting with baby Jesus in the middle. Give the children one sticker at a time as you tell the story of Jesus' birth.
3. Fill the jar with mineral oil or water to ½ inch from the top. Mineral oil will allow the glitter to float more freely than water, but water will work. Add enough glitter to give the appearance of a light snow, starting with approximately ¼ teaspoon. Squeeze glue on the inside of the lid around the rim, then tightly screw on the lid. Help the children tie a ribbon around the rim.

Another Idea!

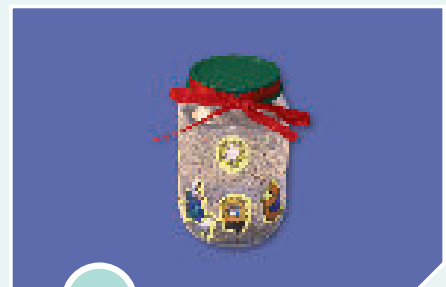
Use a larger jar, such as a small, plastic mayonnaise jar, and apply stickers that show the story of Jesus' resurrection. Put the birth of Jesus stickers on one side of the jar and the resurrection stickers on the other side. Talk about God's love for us shown through Jesus' birth and resurrection.



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