

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Elementary Classrooms

Kids will love making this Bible storytelling craft.
And you'll have fun using the craft to help kids review the wonderful stories of Jesus.

Story of Jesus Wreaths

What You'll Need

- cards, stickers, or pictures that show Jesus and the people who were part of His birth or life
- green paper plates (1 per child)
- scissors
- white glue
- pencils (1 per child)
- green tissue paper
- ruler
- precision knife (adult use only)
- ribbon or yarn
- hole punch

What You Do

1. Using the precision knife, have an adult cut a 2½" circle from the center of a paper plate to form a wreath. Punch two holes (about 1" apart) at the top of the wreath. Cut pictures from cards that show people or items related to Jesus' life or birth.
2. Glue four or five pictures to the paper plate wreath. Cut 1½" squares of green tissue paper. (Hint: If you have folded sheets of tissue paper, measure and cut off 1½" lengths while the paper is still folded, cutting through all layers of tissue. These strips can then be quickly cut into 1½" squares.) Crinkle one square of tissue paper around the eraser-end of a pencil. Hold and dip the tissue square in glue and then place it on the wreath. Continue adding tissue squares, covering the wreath but allowing the pictures to peak through.
3. Cut an 18" length of ribbon or yarn. Thread it through the holes at the top of the wreath and tie it to form a hanger.

Let kids share the story of Jesus as they show their wreaths and tell about the pictures they have chosen for their wreaths. Encourage kids to take their wreaths home and tell the story of Jesus to friends and family.

Another Idea!

Hang "Story of Jesus Wreaths" around your classroom or throughout your church building. Kids will have fun showing and sharing about Jesus as others view the wreaths.

