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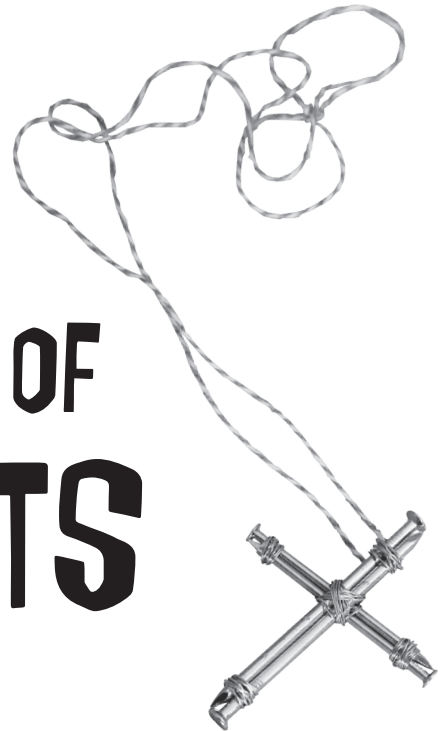


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# INTRODUCTION

It's been said that you just can't do children's ministry without crafts.

That's why we've taken 110 of the best craft ideas from *Children's Ministry Magazine* and put them all into one easy-to-use book. Gleaned from issues spanning ten years, these creative crafts are not only fun, but also easy to do.

A wide variety of children's ministry experts have contributed these craft ideas, so we know they work. Helpful illustrations mean you'll never have to guess the next step. Indexes make it possible to search by the scripture reference or season in the year, so finding the perfect craft will be easy!

Use this collection of craft ideas

- to find crafts for your next special event,
- to fill in the gaps of your curriculum,
- as a resource to help volunteers in their planning, and
- as an instant resource when you need an instant craft

Keep this book to hand—you'll use it often! It's a craft lifesaver for Sunday school, midweek groups and holiday clubs.

Now get crafty!

## PLEASE NOTE

Children's abilities differ, so always make sure you are satisfied the activity is appropriate and safe for the children in your care.

When taking photos of children, it is essential to obtain parental permission.





CRAFTS FOR

**ALL AGES**



# ANGEL POP ORNAMENTS



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

You'll need a lollipop, 2 white tissues, white string, a 15 cm square of yellow tissue paper and gold tinsel for each ornament. You'll also need felt-tip pens and glue. (Boiled-sweet lollipops can be a choking hazard for younger children so chocolate ones may be more suitable for them.)



## FOR EXTRA IMPACT:

- Read aloud **Luke 2:8–14**, and let the children act out the story. They can take turns being shepherds and angels.
- Ask the children why they think the shepherds were afraid.
- Let them take turns sharing about a time when they were afraid and someone comforted them.



Kids can make these fun ornaments to set in their Christmas tree branches, and then eat the lollipop after Christmas.

## WHAT TO DO

Place the centre of the white tissues over the lollipop, gather the tissues around the base of the sweet, and tie with string. Scrunch the yellow tissue-paper square in the centre, glue the centre of the square to the back of the tissue-covered sweet, and fan out the ends of the square to form the angel wings.

Next, glue a small circle of gold tinsel to the top of the lollipop as a halo, and decorate the angel's face with felt-tip pens. Tie string around the angel's 'neck', forming a loop to use as a Christmas tree hanger.

## ALLERGY ALERT

Be aware that some children have food allergies that can be dangerous. Know your children, and consult with parents about any allergies that their children may have. Also, be sure to read food labels carefully as hidden ingredients can cause allergy-related problems.

# ANIMAL ARKY



Kids learn about Noah's ark with this cooperative craft.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

You'll need 2 large boxes, brown parcel-wrapping paper or similar, yellow and grey acrylic paint, sturdy cardboard, white, yellow, pink, orange and black card, white, yellow, orange and black poster paint, paintbrushes, orange sugar paper, coat-hanger wire, glue (a hot-glue gun would be useful, for adult use only), clear packaging tape, scissors, a ruler, newspapers and painting shirts.

## WHAT TO DO

Cover your work area with newspapers, and give children painting shirts. Help the children paint and decorate the animals.

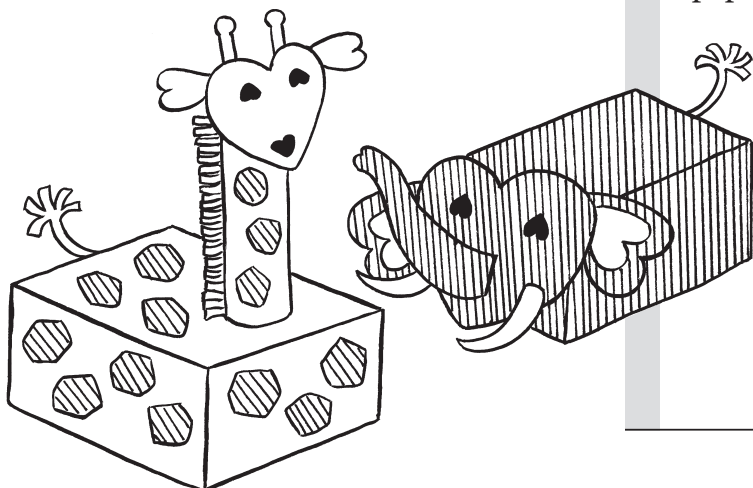
*For the elephant*—Cover the box with the parcel paper, then paint it with grey acrylic paint. Using sturdy cardboard, cut out one giant heart for the head and two medium-size hearts for the ears. Paint these grey. Cut out pink card hearts for the inside of the ears and stick them in place. Using black card, cut out two hearts for the eyes, a 25 cm tail and 30 cm tusks. Cut out two 5 cm x 70 cm pieces of card for the trunk. Paint these grey. Then curve a coat-hanger wire and tape it between the two pieces so it will appear that the trunk is curved. Tape the trunk together. Glue all the items to the box and reinforce them with clear packaging tape.

*For the giraffe*—Cover the box with parcel paper, then paint it yellow. Roll a sheet of yellow card into a tube for the giraffe's neck, and tape it. Glue fringed orange sugar paper to the giraffe's neck. Using sturdy cardboard, cut out one heart-shaped head, and paint it yellow. From the coloured card, cut out smaller hearts for the giraffe's ears, mouth and eyes. Cut out its antlers and tail, and patches for its body. Cut a neck hole in the box and insert the neck. Glue the items to the box and reinforce them with tape.



## FOR EXTRA IMPACT:

- Paraphrase **Genesis 6–9**.
- Let the children colour a large box as an ark, then act out the story of Noah.



# BABY MOSES BASKETS



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

You'll need Shredded Wheat® cereal or cornflakes, milk chocolate, a microwave and bowl for melting the chocolate, mixing bowls, dessert spoons, cake cases, jelly beans and red liquorice laces.

## ALLERGY ALERT

See page 10.



## FOR EXTRA IMPACT:

- Roll out some blue fondant icing or use blue cardboard. Place the basket on top of the blue 'water'.
- Read aloud **Exodus 2:1–10** as the children eat their snacks.
- Read aloud **Mark 6:30–44**. Ask the children to fill their baskets with jelly beans ('fish') and small pieces of bread to represent Jesus feeding the 5000.

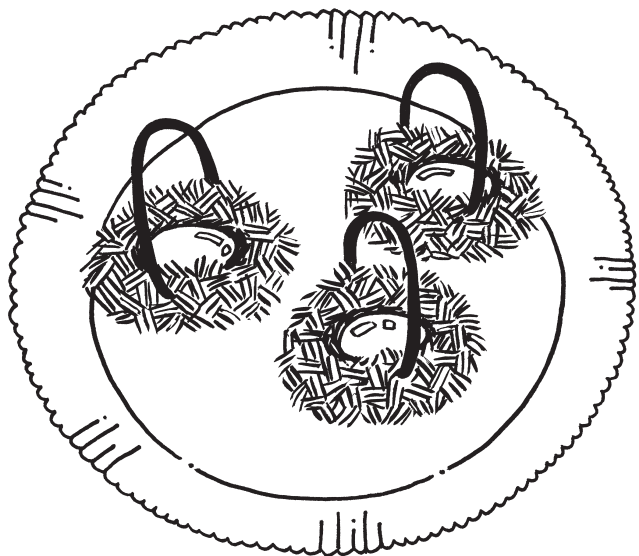
Kids love making these edible treats as they learn about Moses.

## WHAT TO DO

Ask the children to wash their hands, then form small groups and work together to make baskets. Place the Shredded Wheat® cereal or cornflakes in a bowl. Ask an adult to melt the chocolate, then pour the melted chocolate over the cereal and ask the children to mix it together using the dessert spoons.

The children can then spoon the mixture into the cake cases, pressing the spoon down in the centre of each one to make a 'basket'.

Use a piece of red liquorice lace to form a handle and attach it by sticking it into the top sides of the basket. Put a jelly bean in each basket to represent baby Moses.



# BALAAAM'S DONKEY



Kids learn about Balaam's experience with these cute talking donkeys.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

You'll need a Bible, brown paper bags (or if you can't find these, pieces of card folded in half so they can stand up), pink paint, paint brushes, card, wool, large googly eyes, scissors, glue and miniature marshmallows.



## FOR EXTRA IMPACT:

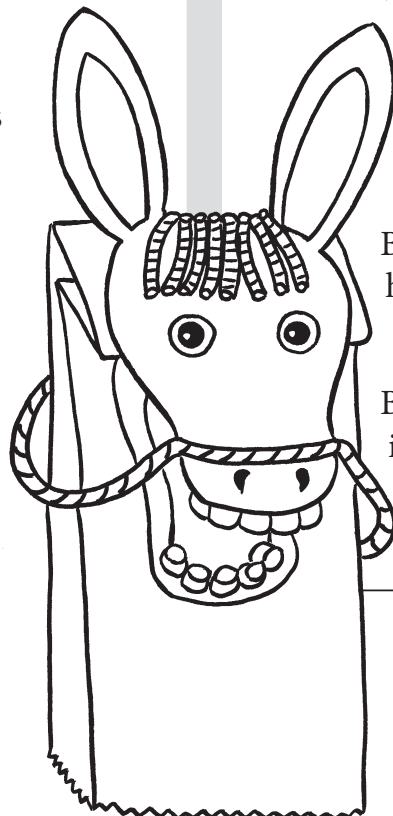
- Ask the children: have you ever been told off? How did you feel?
- Ask: why does God want us to obey his commands?
- Read aloud **Colossians 3:20**. Ask the children why it pleases God when we obey our parents.

## WHAT TO DO

Cut the donkey's face and ears from the card. Glue these and the googly eyes to the paper bag. Use wool to make the donkey's reins and mane. Paint the inside of the donkey's mouth with pink paint and glue on marshmallow teeth. (Remind the children not to eat the marshmallows after they've come into contact with the glue!)

Read aloud **Numbers 22:21-34**. Then say: when Balaam's donkey wouldn't obey him because it saw the angel of God, Balaam became very angry and scolded it. When God let the donkey speak, it asked Balaam why he'd got so angry. Then God opened Balaam's eyes so he could see the angel standing in the way. Balaam finally understood why his donkey wouldn't obey him.

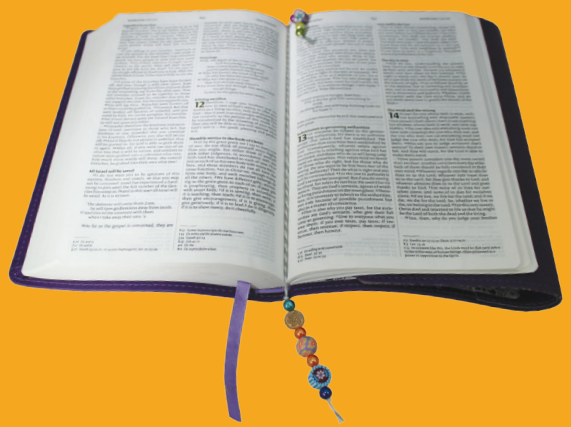
Ask: how do you think Balaam's donkey felt when it was being scolded? What did Balaam learn from his experience?





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