

Choosing Right From Wrong

(A Five Day Study on Making Good Decisions)

Day 1

Decisions, Decisions!

Lesson: Joshua Leads Israelites

Bible Verse: James 1:5

Craft: WWJD Decision Key Ring

Day 2:

Caretakers of God's Temple

Lesson: Our Bodies are a Temple to God

Bible Verse: Psalm 19:9

Craft: Keep Clean Soap Carving & Bath Buddy

Day 3:

Garbage In, Garbage Out

Lesson: Jesus Tells the Greatest Commandment

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:11

Craft: Hide His Word Heart Pillow

Day 4:

Satan Stinks!

Lesson: Who Do We Imitate?

Bible Verse: Matthew 26:41

Craft: "Satan Stinks" Megaphone

Day 5:

It's Ok! What Can It Hurt?

Lesson: Sin is All Around Us

Bible Verse: Colossians 1:13

Craft: Belt of Truth

Day 1 Craft: WWJD Decision Key Ring

Decisions! Decisions!

Why This Craft: This week at Bible club the children will be learning about making decisions. The most important thing that each child needs to take from these lessons is how to choose right from wrong. In today's story the children will learn about a man named Joshua and how he lead Israel. In the story WWJD is mentioned. WWJD stands for What Would Jesus Do. The children need to realize that when faced with decisions they can ask themselves, "what would jesus do" in order to help them make that decision. The craft for today is a WWJD Decision Key Ring. Our hope is that the children will use this have this key ring with them at all times (maybe wearing it in their pockets or on their belt). We want the children to be able to look at this when hard decisions come their way and make their decisions based on what Christ would do.

Supplies Needed:

- key ring (1 per child)
- decorative beads (2 per child: I used an angel and heart shaped bead for this sample)
- 30" rainbow satin cord (1 piece per child)
- WWJD Beads
- 17 pony beads

Instructions:

1. Follow all instructions of "PREPARE BEFORE_HAND".
2. String one cord through an angel bead and string the other through the angel bead in the opposite direction.
3. Pull tight pushing the bead up to the key ring.
4. String 8 beads on each cord and string the ninth bead onto one cord and loop.
5. Continue around the loop, pushing the right hand cord through the left side beads and the left hand cord through the right side of the beads.
6. String both cords through the angel bead one more time.
7. Bring cords down.



8. String the left hand cord through a “W” bead and string the right hand cord through the same bead in the opposite direction.

9. Continue with another “W” bead, a “J” bead, and a “D” bead.

10. String both cords through the 9th pony bead in the opposite direction.

11. String on a heart or decorative bead.

12. Tie off and trim the cords.

Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND:

- Cut one 30” cord for each child.
- Stiffen each ends of the cord with glue and let dry.
- Fold satin cord in half and half hitch it to a key ring (place the folded end down through the key ring and drawing the cord ends through the folded loop.)
- Create a material packet for each child. Include:
 - cord hooked on key ring, beads (see supply list).



Day 2 Craft: Keep Clean Soap Carving & Bath Buddy Our Bodies Are a Temple to God

Why This Craft: Yesterday the children learned about how they should make decisions. Joshua was a great leader and a great example of a decision maker. Today the children will be learning how to take care of God's temple. The main point for today is that our bodies are a temple to God. The lesson will focus on how our bodies are like temples to God and how we need to take care of our bodies. The children will learn ways that they can take care of their bodies (ex: eating right, exercising, not smoking, etc.) In crafts the children will be making two crafts but both of these correlate together. The first is a Keep Clean Soap Carving. They will be carving pictures or words into soap. This is a reminder to keep their bodies clean. The second will be a Bath Buddy Craft. This craft could be used as a gift that the kids to give to someone. This craft should remind the children to live clean lives---inside and out.

Supplies Needed (Keep Clean Soap Carving Craft):

- pencils & plastic carving utensils (1 per child)
- Ivory soap (1 bar per child)
- crayons



Instructions (Keep Clean Soap Carving Craft):

1. Give each child carving utensils and a bar of soap.
2. Allow the children to trace a design for their carving into the soap with a pencil. (ideas: cross, initials, picture of family, hearts, etc.)
3. Use plastic utensils to carve out their designs. (remind the children to be careful...and the younger children may need help with this.)
4. Children can add color to their designs by coloring their carvings with crayons.
5. Tell the children to place their sculpture someplace (not in the sun) where it will remind them to lead a clean life for the Lord!

Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND (Keep Clean Soap Carving Craft):

- Buy IVORY soap (ONLY WORKS WITH IVORY SOAP!!)
- Create a sample craft for the children.



Supplies Needed (Bath Buddy Craft):

- washcloth (1 per child)
- bars of soap (1 per child...OR you could use the soap they used in the soap carving)
- assorted ribbon or cord.



Instructions (Bath Buddy Craft):

1. Hand out a supply bag to each child.
2. Place the bar of soap in the center of the washcloth.
3. Gather up the edges of the cloth and tie them securely with ribbon/cord.

****** Have the children take it home and use it to remind them that it is important to lead a clean life----inside and out!******



Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND (Bath Buddy Craft):

- Create a supply bag for each child. Include: soap, wash cloth, and ribbon.
- Make a sample craft to give to the children.



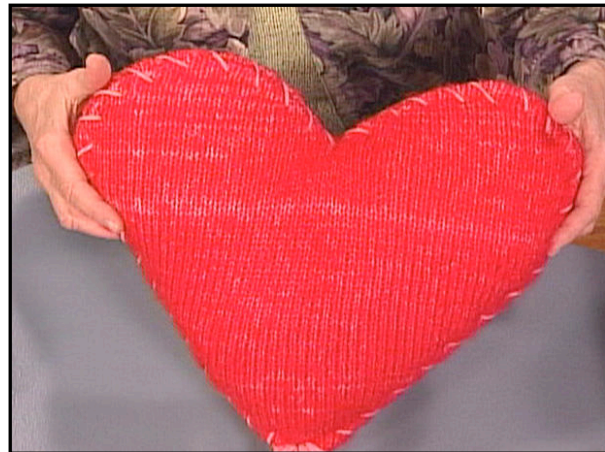
Day 3 Craft:

Garbage In, Garbage Out: Jesus Tells the Greatest Commandment

Why This Craft: All week the children have learning about how to make godly choices. Today they will be learning about temptations. In today's world it is often hard, especially for children, to determine right things from wrong things. In the world that these children live in, they see more of the wrong things. It is our job to teach them about the right things of this world and pray that it sticks with them throughout their lives. The memory verse is so fitting for today's lesson. Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." If we put the word of God in the hearts of these children, they will be able to recall His Word during tough times. In crafts today the children will be creating a heart pillow. The heart shaped pillow is a symbol of the children's hearts. Inside of the pillow the children will put a Memory Verse printout of Psalm 119:11. This craft will help remind the children to keep God's Word in their lives, and most importantly, in their hearts.

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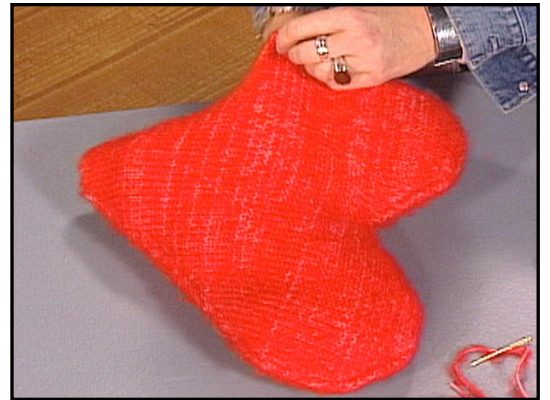
- Psalm 119:11 printout (see below)
- scissors
- fabric for pillows
- heart-shaped template
- yarn
- plastic safety needles
- pillow stuffing
- decorative supplies (foam stickers, fabric markers, etc.)



Instructions:

1. Hand each child a supply bag with the following: 2 pieces of pre-cut heart shaped fabric, yarn, Psalm 119:11 printout, & pillow stuffing).



2. Take out the 2 pieces of pre-cut heart shaped fabric and line them up so that the edges match.
3. Help each child thread the plastic safety needles with yarn.
4. Show the children how to begin stitching the pillow with the yarn using a “through and out” method. (TELL THEM TO LEAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO PUT THE STUFFING)
5. Have the children stuff the pillow until it is half way full.
6. Place the Psalm 119:11 memory verse in the pillow on top of the stuffing.
7. Finish stuffing the pillow with pillow stuffing.
8. Sew up the remaining part of the pillow using the thread.
9. Children can decorate the outside of the pillow with foam stickers or decorative supplies if time allows.













Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND:






- Trace a heart template onto fabric. (You will need 2 pieces of heart shaped fabric per child)
- Pre-cut all of the heart-shaped fabric.
- Pre-cut yarn (3 ft. per child)
- Print & cut out Psalm 119:11 memory verses.
- Make supply bags for each child that includes: 2 pieces of pre-cut heart shaped fabric, stuffing, 3ft. piece of yarn, and Psalm 119:11 printable.



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Day 4 Craft: “Satan Stinks” Megaphone

Satan Stinks: Who Do We Imitate?

Why This Craft: All week the children have been learning about how to choose between right and wrong. Today the children will learn about Satan and how he wants us to be involved in things that are wrong. The key message of today is “Satan Stinks”. The craft for today is a “Satan Stinks Megaphone.” Not only do we want the children to KNOW that Satan stinks, but we want them to tell others that Satan stinks. They can use their Megaphones to do the Satan Stinks” cheer during Bible Story time as well.

Supplies Needed:

- Megaphones (you can order these at Oriental Trading, etc.)
- decorating supplies (ribbons, stickers, markers, paint, glitter, beads, jewels, etc.)
- Satan Stinks printable
- glue.



Instructions:

1. Hand each child a megaphone. (Some of the pre-ordered megaphones will still need to be put together with tape or glue.)
2. The children will glue the “Satan Stinks” logo onto their megaphone.
3. The children will decorate their megaphone with ribbons, stickers, markers, paint, glitter, beads, jewels, etc.

Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND:

- Make a sample craft for the children.





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Day 5 Craft: Belt Of Truth

Sin is All Around Us: It's Ok! What Can it Hurt?

Why This Craft: Monday through yesterday the children have learned about how to defeat the devil by trusting God and knowing right from wrong. Yesterday the children learned that Satan really does STINK! Today the children will learn about deception! Sin is all around us, especially all around these children. These children come in contact with sinful situations every single day. In today's lesson the children will be shown how to determine if Satan is deceiving them. In crafts today the children will be making a Belt of Truth. There are a lot of things on television and in video games that are fake. A lot of things in the world are fake! We can't believe everything we see and hear, but we can believe the things we read in the Bible. The Bible is God's truth. If the children know God's truth, found in the Bible, they will be able to see Satan's deception. Ephesians 6:14 tells us to "stand firm with the belt of truth around your waist." The belt of truth will help the children remember to rely on God's Word when they think they are being deceived by Satan.

Supplies Needed:

- Brown yarn
- Duct Tape
- Scissors
- Brown Felt (or foam)
- Manilla Folders
- hole punch
- Decorations (stickers, glitter, markers, jewels, etc)

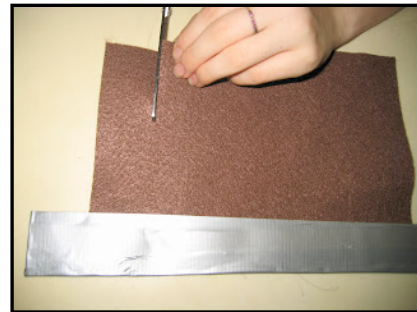
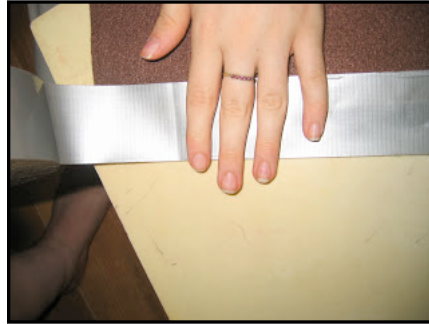
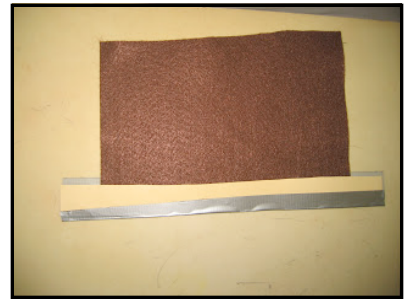


Instructions:

1. Hand each child a pre-cut strip of the manilla folder and a piece of felt.
2. Cut a piece of duct tape (should be longer than the manilla folder piece)
3. Place the felt onto the sticky side of the strip of duct tape.



4. Place the manilla folder piece over the felt and duct tape.
5. Fold the duct tape over the top of the manilla folder piece.
6. Place a second strip of duct tape over the manilla folder piece & duct tape cut to the same length as your first piece.
7. Push the pieces firmly together.
8. Fold the top of the second piece of duct tape over the top of the other piece.
9. Cut strips up nearly to the top of the duct tape. (It will look like leather strips)
10. Punch holes in the duct tape piece for string.
11. Thread the strip through the two holes. (this will go around the children's waist)
12. Write the word "TRUTH" on the belt with a marker.
13. Decorate & Wear!



Materials To Prepare BEFORE-HAND:

- Cut strips out of the manilla folders.
- Pre-cut pieces of string.
- Make a sample craft to show the children.



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