



The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You

Dear Miss Idea Hoarder! Share any ideas, ask questions ... or make confessions to ideahoarder@mmarksclassroom.com

Look what I found!



Building a church

Collect empty shoe boxes, oatmeal containers, small tea boxes, and other odd shaped boxes. Gather colorful straws, duct tape, pictures of churches around the world, artificial bales of hay (no larger than 4 X6 inch), and newsprint.

- Stuff the flimsy boxes with shredded paper or newspaper for stability.
- Use duct tape around the edges.
- Tape the pictures around the block area.
- Encourage children to create a building that could be a church.
- Remind children churches do not always look the same. God can use all kinds of buildings for worship.



Texture rubbings

Select fabric that has a rough texture, similar to corduroy, burlap, or lace. Locate flat objects that can be placed underneath paper easily such as toy train tracks, leaves, flat rocks, yarn, string, etc. Provide crayons, markers, paper, and masking tape.

Position a few objects under large sheets of manila paper while encouraging children to choose a crayon or marker to draw over the objects. It is helpful to use small pieces of masking tape to hold the paper in place. Invite children to choose other objects to change out from under the paper. Ask children to describe what they see as they use the marker or crayon on the paper. Children can make choices. God helps us make choices each day.



Tissue paper art

- Cut or tear multiple colors of tissue paper into small pieces
- Pour small amounts of glue onto butter dish lids or small paper plates
- Provide large sheet or sheets of butcher paper
- Provide Q-tips to apply the glue to the paper
- Print the bible verse for the session on the bottom of each paper

This can be a group activity or individual. Encourage children to create pictures applying glue to the tissue paper and pressing the paper onto the larger sheet of paper. As children work, remind them that God gave us eyes to see the colors, hands to create, and we can work together for His good to create new pictures. Ask children to re-tell the bible story as they work, reminding them of the verse for the session.



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