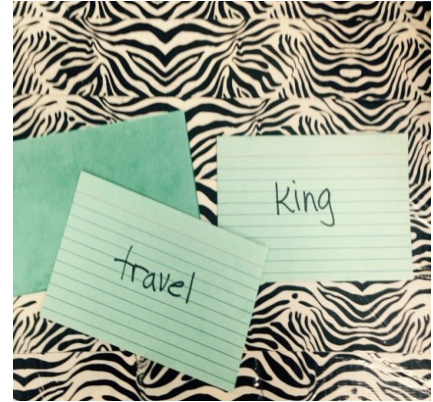


CHARADES

Items needed: Index cards, marker

It would be to the children's advantage to play this game after you read the Bible story and have had a chance to define story words that may not be familiar.

Write words that are a part of your Bible story on each index card: Ex: king, baby, star, time, gifts, travel, gold, frankincense, myrrh, search. Divide children into teams if you wish. The child draws a card and acts out the word without speaking so that his team can guess. Younger children may need the teacher's help.



SPREADING COLORS CRAFT

Items needed: White construction paper, markers in sky colors: blues, purples, greens, aquas; yellow construction paper, a bottle of rubbing alcohol

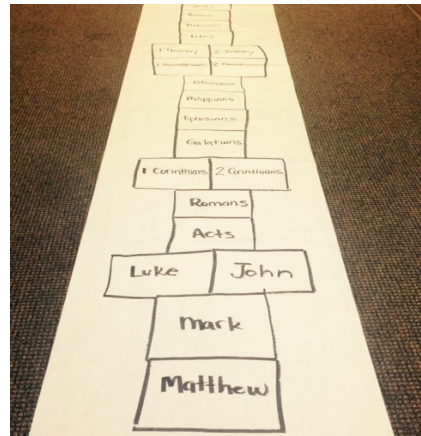
Make starbursts of color with markers and fill the page. Drip or spray rubbing alcohol on colored sheet and watch the colors spread. Lay the papers out to dry. Cut a star out of the yellow paper. When papers are dry, the children may glue the star to the paper and write their memory verse on the paper. Discuss how the word about Jesus spread and how the wise men found Him. Also discuss how we're supposed to tell others about Him.



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE HOPSCOTCH (New Testament)

Items needed: One very long piece of butcher paper, marker, and perhaps a cd or download of your favorite New Testament Books of the Bible song

Make a hopscotch pattern on the paper. (Think about it before you start drawing so that the books that are multiples can be side by side, such as 1 & 2 Corinthians). Older children can help make the hopscotch pattern and write the names of the books. Children can recite the books as they hopscotch by looking at the squares. You can also play a New Testament books song to aid in memorizing. Laminate the paper if you want it to last.



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