

DAY 1: BARRICADE DOOR HANGER					
4-by-12-inch white foam board	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00		\$0.12
¾-by-1-inch orange craft foam	16/child	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.04
16-inch strands black cord	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$2.99/14 yds		\$0.09
Theme stickers		LifeWay	\$3.99/10 sheets		\$0.21
Awl (leader use only)					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.46
TIME:			5-11 minutes	CRAFT KIT	\$0.65

KIDS SAY: "I'll hang this on my door." "This is fun."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Use tape: Stick a length of tape to the table. Have the kids draw diagonal lines then cut the tape & place it on the board.

DAY 1: JESUS LOVES ME BAG VOTED KIDS FAVORITE					
8-by-10-inch bags w/handles	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$5.99/12		\$0.50
Thin cardboard		Recycled			
Painter's tape		Dollar Tree	\$1.00/54 feet		\$0.01
Chalk in a variety of colors		Dollar Tree	\$1.00		\$0.08
Hairspray (leader use only)		Dollar Tree	\$1.00		\$0.08
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.67
TIME:			5-10 minutes		

KIDS SAY: "Pretty, and obviously fun." "I like this idea."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Be sure bags are plain paper, not glossy. The chalk didn't stay on the glossy bags.
- Dark colors look best. You may need metallic markers to write on darker bags.
- Write first to avoid smearing the chalk with your arm.

DAY 1: WASHER BRACELET					
16-inch strands of cord	2 pieces of 2 colors/child	Hobby Lobby	\$4.99/100 yds		\$0.08
7/8-inch flat metal washers	1/child	Lowes	\$1.28/6		\$0.21
Extra fine-point markers	Several for kids to share				
Pony bead	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$5.19/1000		\$0.01
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.30
TIME:			10-20 minutes		

KIDS SAY: "Cool!" "This bracelet is knotty."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Mistakes with the permanent marker can be removed with alcohol.

DAY 2: FORGIVEN BACKPACK TAG					
Pony beads	2/child	Oriental Trading	\$5.19/1000		\$0.02
Cross beads	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$6.58/100		\$0.07
Beads to spell "FORGIVEN"	1 set/child	Oriental Trading	\$5.78 about 10		\$0.57
16-inch stands of cord	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$4.99/100 yds		\$0.02
Key rings	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$4.69/200		\$0.03
Ziplock bags	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/45		\$0.03
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.74
TIME:			6-15 Minutes	CRAFT KIT	\$0.55

KIDS SAY: "I'll put this on my backpack."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Remind the kids to keep the letters facing the same direction.

DAY 2: I-BEAM PUZZLE					
Large craft sticks	7/child	Oriental Trading	\$7.98/500		\$0.12
Ziplock bags	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/45		\$0.03
Self-adhesive magnets	7/child	Oriental Trading	\$4.18/72		\$0.41
Painter's tape	8 inches/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/54 feet		\$0.02
White copy paper	1/child	Walmart	\$3.97/50		\$0.08
Bible Point Template					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.66
TIME:			16-20 minutes		

KIDS SAY: "This is cute."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Try not to have the sticks too tightly taped together. After the paper is glued to the sticks, fold one section at a time and cut along the fold.
- Call time on the coloring, so that the kids have time to cut the puzzle apart.
- Use the magnetic tape that comes in a dispenser.

DAY 2: GLOW IN THE DARK SLIME VOTED KIDS FAVORITE					
Glow in the dark glue	5 oz/4 children	Walmart	\$4.47/5 oz		\$1.12
Water	5 oz/4 children				
Baking soda	1/2 Tbs/4 children	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/16 oz		\$0.02
Small, round plastic containers	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/10		\$0.10
Contact solution	1 Tbs//4 children	Walmart	\$4.88/24 oz		\$0.03
Measuring spoons	1 and 1/2 Tbsp/4 children				
Plastic mixing bowls	1/4 children				
Plastic mixing spoons	1/4 children				
COST PER PROJECT					\$1.27
TIME:			6-10 Minutes		

KIDS SAY: "I love it!" "It was so fun!"

SUGGESTIONS: Put the slime in small, round plastic containers with the lid decorated to look like a manhole cover.

DAY 3: ETCHED IN STEEL CROSS VOTED KIDS FAVORITE					
Black craft foam		Hobby Lobby	\$1.89/12x18		\$0.15
Foil tape		Walmart	\$7.67/45yds		\$0.06
Self-adhesive jewels	11/child	Oriental Trading	\$7.38/500		\$0.17
Self-adhesive magnet strips	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$4.18/72		\$0.06
Dull pencils	1/child				
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.44
TIME:			8-12 Minutes	CRAFT KIT	
					\$0.55

KIDS SAY: "Lord, help me make this cross!" "Awe!" "Super cool!"

SUGGESTIONS:

- The tape will curl when the backing is removed.

DAY 3: PRAYER TOOL BOX					
12-by-12-inch metallic poster board	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$1.19/22x28		\$0.30
Velcro® circles	1 set/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20		\$0.05
Self-adhesive address labels	3/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/25		\$0.12
Blank index cards	5/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/100		\$0.05
Black card stock	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$8.99/50		\$0.18
Theme stickers		LifeWay	\$3.99/10 sheets		\$0.21
Tool Box Template					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.91
TIME:			8-14 Minutes		

KIDS SAY: "I have a lot more things to be thankful for." "This is interesting."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Use a "D" die cut to make the handle. The center can be cut in half to make the corner pieces.

DAY 3: CONSTRUCT IT YARN ART					
Paper Plate	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20		\$0.05
Yarn	2 yards/child	Walmart	\$2.94/236 yds		\$0.04
Plastic Needle					
Awl (leader use only)					
Tape					
Woven Heart Template					
Hole punch					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.09
TIME:			14-20 Minutes		

KIDS SAY: "This is pretty." "I'll put this on the fridge."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Pre-thread the needle and show the kids how to make sure they are using only one strand of yarn.

DAY 4: JESUS LOVES...MIRROR					
4-by-6-inch pieces of brown craft foam	1/ child	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.10
2½ -by-3½ -inch self-stick mirror	1/child	Amazon	\$12.99/24 6x9		\$0.14
Self-adhesive magnet strips	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$4.18/72		\$0.06
Theme stickers		LifeWay	\$4.49/10 sheets		\$0.25
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.55
TIME:			4-11 minutes	CRAFT KIT	\$0.60

KIDS SAY: "It works!" "I'll put this on my locker."

SUGGESTIONS:

- Put the mirror on first to make sure the writing isn't covered.
- Take over-the-shoulder pictures of kids looking into the mirror.

DAY 4: GALVANIZED COIN POUCH					
8½ -by-11-inch silver scrapbook paper	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$3.00/26"x25'		\$0.05
Thin cardboard	1/child				
Dull pencils	1/child				
Velcro® circles	1 set/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/20		\$0.05
Theme stickers		LifeWay	\$4.49/10 sheets		\$0.51
Pouch Templates					
COST PER PROJCT					\$0.61
TIME:			4-8 minutes	CRAFT KIT	\$0.55

KIDS SAY: "This feels like origami." "Why am I making a purse?" (4th grade boy-craft name was changed)

SUGGESTIONS:

- We ended up using silver wrapping paper instead.
- Have the kids use rulers to keep the lines straight as they are scoring.

DAY 4: BLUEPRINT MAZE VOTED KIDS FAVORITE					
Neon cardstock	1/2 children	Walmart	\$3.97/50		\$0.04
Laminator & Film	1/child				\$0.33
Circle magnets	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$7.99/50		\$0.16
Paper clips	1/child		\$1.29/100		\$0.02
16-inch strands of ribbon	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$.99/18		\$0.08
White cardstock	1/10 children	Walmart	\$5.48/150		\$0.01
Golf tee	1/child	Walmart	\$3.27/90		\$0.04
Hot glue gun and glue (leader use only)					
Construction Worker Template					
Maze Template					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.68
TIME:			5-13 minutes		

KIDS SAY: "We're making Bob the Builder!" "This is cute." "We could have races!"

SUGGESTIONS:

- Glue the ribbon to the blueprint instead of tying.

DAY 5: WISE BUILDER PHOTO FRAME VOTED KIDS FAVORITE					
Brown craft foam	1/ 4 children	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.06
Green craft foam	1/children	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.09
Yellow craft foam	1/72 children	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.02
White craft foam	1/72 children	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.02
Gray craft foam	1/18 children	Hobby Lobby	\$0.89/12x18		\$0.05
Magnets	1/child	Oriental Trading	\$4.18/72		\$0.06
House Template					
Fence Template					
Rock Template					
Roof Template					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.30
TIME:			5-7 minutes	CRAFT KIT	
					\$0.60

KIDS SAY: *"The wise man build his house upon the rock...." (singing)*

SUGGESTIONS:

- This is very heavy on prep time.

DAY 5: SOLID ROCK TRIVET					
4-inch square of wood	1/child		reclaimed wood		
Small felt squares	4/child	Hobby Lobby	\$0.99/9x12		\$0.03
River pebbles	1/child	Dollar Tree	\$1.00/bag		\$0.50
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.53
TIME:			15-20 minutes		

KIDS SAY: *"What's a trivet?" "I'll give it to my Mom."*

SUGGESTIONS:

- Remind kids to glue the flat side of the rock to the wood.
- We tried gluing rock paper to the wood and covering with clear, flat-backed marbles. This worked pretty well.

DAY 5: CONCRETE & CRANES TAPE MEASURE					
Rectangular box	1/child	Dollar Tree	10/\$1.00		\$0.10
1-by-12-inch strips of yellow paper	1/child	Hobby Lobby	\$9.99/4'x12'		\$0.01
1-inch strips of foil tape	1 inch/child	Walmart	\$7.67/45yds		\$0.01
Sticker paper	1/24 children	Staples	\$11.29/100		\$0.01
Black paper					
Sticker Template					
COST PER PROJECT					\$0.13
TIME:			8-11 minutes		

KIDS SAY: *"I'll use it to trick my Mom!" "This is cute."*

NOTES:

- I didn't have enough boxes, so I bought little gift boxes 10/\$1.00 and Dollar Tree. I just had to score the top flap so it could close. We didn't slide the 2 pieces of box together, we just used one box each. The tape was glued inside the top flap before it closed. Jell-O boxes would probably also work.
- It was hard to get the paper to stay glued to the box. Covering it with duct tape might be better.
- I cut 2 strips of black paper that could be wrapped around the box in both directions. This seemed easier than trying to fold the paper over the edges.

COMING IN UNDER BUDGET

High Steel Worship Rally

- Make I-beams from foam insulation: Cut 3 pieces; glue together to form an I-beam; paint
- Borrow metal trusses to suspend signs or I-beams from plastic chain.

Blueprint Bible Study

- Use chalk to draw blueprint on blue craft paper. Hairspray will keep the chalk from smearing.
- Make a window showing construction outside.
- Make a pegboard: lay a grid over cardboard and punch a hole at each intersection.
- Borrow a desk or drawing board.

Bulldozer Crafts

- Create a bulldozer: cover boxes with yellow craft paper; create a blade from curved cardboard covered with foil; use a cardboard tube for the smokestack; accordion-fold black paper to create tracks.

Excavator Missions

- Make an excavator bucket from a Styrofoam ice chest: paint the chest yellow; cut teeth from foam insulation, attach with toothpicks and hot glue; fill with Styrofoam rubble; tape to the wall; allow rubble to spill onto a table.
- Make rubble from balls of crumpled paper and chopped up Styrofoam. Dry brush with black paint to provide definition.

Food Truck Snacks

- Turn your serving window into a food truck by adding wheels made from inflatable tire floats. Make the hub cap from pizza pans.
- Make a food cart from a utility cart: remove the cap from one corner and insert a large umbrella; cover the base with reflective insulation roll.

Wrecking Ball Rec

- Make a wrecking ball from a hippity hop: cut the bottom off a large black trash bag; gather the bag and secure with a rubber band; turn the bag inside-out and put the hoppity hop inside; smooth the bag around the hippity hop and secure around the handle with tape; hang from plastic chain.
- Sponge paint a brick wall on plain cardboard boxes. Cover the floor with brick-themed table cover plastic.

Jackhammer Music

- Make a jackhammer: cut a small hole in a plastic trash can; insert on the handle of a free-standing dust pan; insert a dowel through the hole in the top of the dust pan and attach handles; create the bit from a paint scraper; make the shock from foam pipe insulation; place a weight in the dust pan and cover with rubble.

Make a pocket folder toolbox: Die-cut “D’s” from stiff, black paper. Use paper brads to attach the “D’s” to the open sides of the folder. Fold the inside cut from the “D’s” over the corners to create corner caps.

