
Lesson 12: Finding Jesus Craft

Objectives: Students will...

1) Make a wreath to remember ways they have found Jesus

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students? See Lesson 1

Supplies:

Attendance Sheet and Stickers

- Heavy Cardboard or Cardstock Paper - one per student
- Template of Wreath printed onto Cardstock paper or cut out to trace onto cardboard – one per student if cardstock, or one per class if template to trace
- Print “I have found Jesus” phrase onto cardstock paper or construction paper if you are using cardboard for wreaths – one phrase per student
- Exact-o knife – one for teacher to cut out inside of wreaths before class
- Hole punch – to share
- Yarn or String (1 foot length) - one per student
- White liquid glue (pour into small containers) – to share
- Small paint brush (one for each container of glue) – to share
- Picture of shells template - one set per student – there are two sets on each page
- Sea Shells (optional – can find at dollar or craft stores) – to share
- Dried Moss – to look like algae – to share
- Markers – one for each child

Optional:

Snack – your choice

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Lesson:

1) Introduction, preparation and craft

Before class: Gather supplies to make wreath. Cut wreath shapes out of heavy cardboard or cardstock paper using template and an exact-o knife. Cut yarn to size and hole-punch the two circles in the wreath template. Cut out phrases “I have found Jesus” (one for each student).

As students arrive: Take attendance and pour white glue into small containers – one container filled $\frac{1}{4}$ with glue for every 4 children. Set out wreaths, yarn, brushes, dried moss, and markers. (The sea shells and phrases will be brought out later.)

Have kids sit at the tables and chairs. Say to them, “**Today we are going to make wreaths, these wreaths are going to be ones you can hang up on your door or on the wall to remind you of our lessons and to remind you of how you have been looking for Jesus. These wreaths are special because we are going to use things we would find at the beach or river or sea to put on them. To begin with please take a marker and write your name on the back of the wreath, then take the string/yarn and tie it through two hole-punched holes this will ensure the wreath can be hung afterward**”

and tie a knot at each end, raise your hand if you need help.” Remind children that the two hole-punched areas are now the top of the wreath. You may also need to help small children tie the knots of the string or to write their names.

Time for Dried Moss and Sea Shells: Once everyone has the written their names and tied the strings to the wreath tell the children, **“Now we need to put seashells and moss on the wreath as the base. Take a brush and gently dip it in the glue, then spread the glue on the brush all over the wreath shape so that it is covered in a thin layer of glue.”** (use an old paint brush to make sure it is all covered) **Once you have the glue spread – take some moss and/or seashells and carefully place them all over the wreath so that the wreath is covered in a thin layer of mostly moss but a few shells. We need to leave some space around the wreath for some other special items so don’t cover it all in the seashells. Also leave room at the bottom as you will glue on a phrase. Now we will set it aside to dry.**

Coloring the phrase: Hand out the phrases “I have found Jesus” one to every child. While the wreath is drying have students color the paper “I have found Jesus”. Once done have them glue the phrase to the bottom of the wreath.

Coloring and Gluing on the Paper Sea shells: You can then have kids color, cut out, and glue on their beach treasures such as sea shells, pebbles, crab, etc. For older kids let them cut out the shells from the page, for smaller children have the shells precut if needed. Before gluing on the shells and beach treasures, have them write a word on each picture they colored of something that will remind them of how they found Jesus – by reading the Bible, hearing, believing, and obeying....

While the students color and cut ask them questions about:

What did they learn this summer about finding Jesus?

What do they remember?

What was their favorite part?

What was one thing they learned that they didn’t know before?

How will these lessons help them in their relationship with Jesus?

What are some practical things they can start doing or have started doing to help share the love of Jesus and the gospel with other people?

When done let the wreaths sit to dry and either hand them out to students at the end of services or for next week if necessary. Tell students to lay them flat so the shells and moss have time to harden and remain on the wreath when tipped up to hang.

Sing Songs:

Choose some songs to sing if time.

Prayer:

To close – If you didn’t already, ask each child what they remember most about the lessons they have been learning on finding Jesus this summer – Pray to Jesus being thankful for the students remembering their lessons and remembering the importance of finding Jesus everywhere and every day!