

Fun Crafts for Your Kids!

Below are several craft ideas that will help reinforce the theme of **God's All-Star Champions** VBS program! These crafts are optimized for kids ages 6-12.



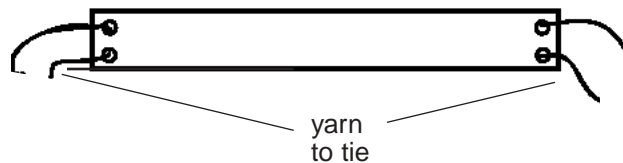
Ephesians 6:11-17

Fruit of the Spirit Mobile

Begin by making a stuffed rectangle, circle, or tree as in Activity 120 and write: "Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23." Then draw two each of nine fruits such as apples, oranges, bananas, etc. Glue and stuff them after writing one of the fruit on it. Hang the fruits from the larger shape using yarn and a stapler.

Belt of Truth

Students measure their waists with a piece of yarn, then cut the yarn and lay it on a piece of newsprint. Cut newsprint the same length as yarn and about 9 inches wide. Then fold the newsprint longways in thirds to make a stronger belt. Punch two holes in both ends as shown.



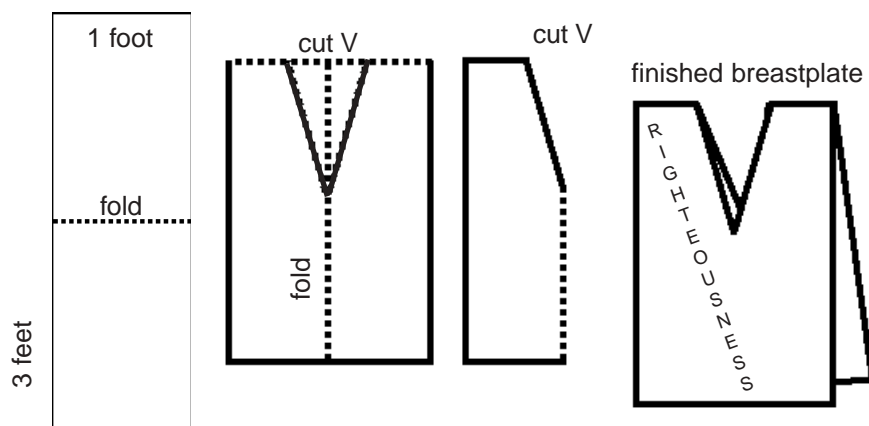
Thread two 10" lengths of yarn through the punched holes and tie to the paper belt. This will serve as the tie for their belt.

Suggestion: On back of belt, write: "I serve the God of truth, not the master of lies."

Breastplate of Righteousness

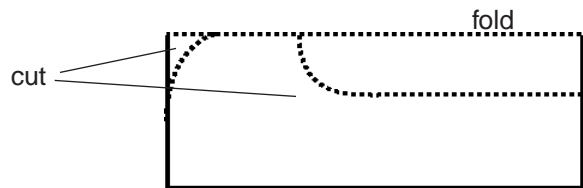
Cut a 1 foot x 3 foot length of paper. Fold the paper in half and cut a V in the middle of the fold as shown.

Decorate the breastplate with glitter and color with markers. On front, write: "RIGHTEOUSNESS." Breastplate will slip over head and need not be fastened.

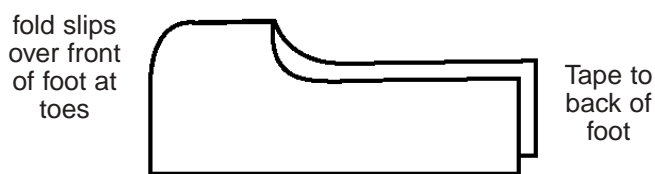


Footwear

Measure and cut two pieces of newsprint each 8" x 12". Fold each piece in half and turn to the side, so you have a paper folded 4" tall and 11" wide. With the folded edge facing upward, cut as follows: Begin 4" from the left and cut down 2", then turn scissors and cut across the back as shown.

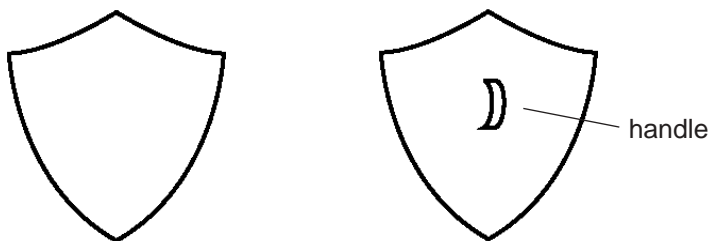


Left edge of paper is the front of footwear. Round off the point of the left edge slightly with scissors. Write: "Gospel of Peace" on the toe of footwear and decorate. Make two and tape onto feet at the back as shown.



Shield of Faith

Cut a shield from a piece of construction paper in a shape similar to the one illustrated.



Trace this shape onto newsprint and cut out. On the newsprint shield, write: "FAITH" in glue. Sprinkle on gold or silver glitter.

Staple the newsprint shield to the construction paper one, leaving an opening. Stuff some crumpled newsprint into shield, then staple the opening shut. Cut a strip of newsprint 4" x 8". Fold in half to make handle 2" x 8" and tape to back of shield for a handle.

Helmet of Salvation

Cut two V shapes. The width at widest part of V should be about 12 inches. Turn so that the point of the \wedge faces upward. Fold point over slightly and glue, tape, or staple. (This rounds off the point.) Leave sides open, but overlap the two outer points and glue, tape, or staple each side. Leave the bottom open to fit over student's head. Decorate helmet with glitter. Write "SALVATION" down the middle of the helmet front with markers or glue.

Sword of the Spirit

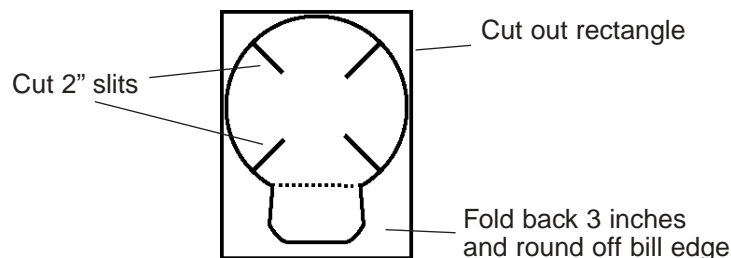
Fold a 30" x 20" strip of paper longways about five times to make a long, thin, sword blade. Glue or staple the long edge. Make a handle from yellow construction paper. Cut two cross shapes. Glue to each side of blade and glue or staple two handles together at the end. With glue, write "WORD OF GOD" down the blade and sprinkle gold or silver glitter in the glue. On the handle, write BIBLE.

Suggestion: If students have made the entire suit of armor, have them model their creations in front of the congregation. They may recite the verse about each piece from Ephesians 6:11-17.

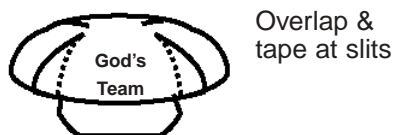


God's Team Cap

Cut the front or back from a large paper bag. Lay it flat with any printing to the bottom. Trace a piece of 8-1/2" x 11" paper (or make an 8-1/2" x 11" rectangle using a ruler) and cut this rectangle out of the paper bag. Fold back one edge about 3 inches. This will be the front of the cap, and the folded piece will be the bill. Cut to round off bill edge as shown. Tape or glue.



Then round off the back edge. Make a 2" to 2-1/4" cut in each corner. Overlap cut edges and tape together as shown.



Decorate caps with markers or crayons.

Idea: Write on the front just above bill: "God's Team."