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# Welcome

## To a World of Paper and Words

Making paper cards, gifts, and decorations is fun and inexpensive. Explore new ways to lead kids to make things, add personal touches, and share words that connect with friends, family, and help them reach out in love to others.

## Words Begin in Your Heart

*A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. LUKE 6:45*

Being kind makes people feel happier and more accepted. It's contagious. These fun crafts sprinkle joy in the lives of the makers and the lives of those who receive them as gifts. Little words and tiny gifts can have a strong positive impact to encourage and give hope to others.

## Courage with Words

It takes courage to help people and reach out in friendship. Some of the biggest fears for many people is speaking in public, fear of rejection, and meeting new people. Learning how to harness the power of words is one way to teach children how to overcome these fears.

## The Power of Words

Words have power. They stay with us and we recall them, both the positive ones that make us feel better, and the ones that hurt us. Words are the basic building block of friendships. Words open doors to knowledge and growth.

### A Word about Safety

Leaders should monitor children for safety as they complete the crafts. Only adult leaders and helpers should use sharper tools, irons, or needles.



In John 1:1, Jesus is called *Logos*, meaning **the Word**. Throughout the New Testament, we see how Jesus' powerful words bring hope and joy to others. He calls us all to use our words thoughtfully, to share our faith, and to love others through our actions. Making and sharing these crafts are one way we can do that.

## Go Beyond the Craft

This book helps guide children to add words to the crafts they make, expressing kindness, joy, encouragement, hope, friendship, and other positive feelings. Use this book as an activity resource any time you have a group of kids together learning about God and the Bible.

# Supplies & Tools

Having a good supply of the materials listed below will meet a great deal of your needs. A few of the crafts call for specialty items, so be sure to check the materials list for each craft.

In addition, some tools have been suggested. Some, like the scoring board, may not be necessary to complete the crafts, but can give a more polished look to the finished craft.

★ **Adhesives:** Double-sided tape, liquid glue (both white and tacky), tear tape (double-sided tape that can be torn—available at craft stores), foam mounting tape, glue dots, or pop dots (glue dots that are thick to add dimension), occasionally a low-temperature glue gun (with adult supervision) or clear packing tape

★ **Brads:** (a.k.a. paper fasteners) Available in a wide variety of colors and styles.

★ **Cardboard**

★ **Coloring & Writing Instruments:** crayons, colored pencils, gel pens, markers, etc.

★ **Decorating Materials:** Beads, wiggle eyes, glitter, adhesive-backed jewels, craft-foam shapes, paper flowers, stickers, stamps and stamp pads, or anything that can be added as decoration (See Decorate It Up! on p. 13.)

★ **Envelopes:** Normally A6 (regular card size) or letter size envelopes

★ **Foam Core**

★ **Hole Punches**

★ **Index Cards**

★ **Needles:** Used to punch smaller holes—a piece of cardboard under the item will help punch the holes more easily

★ **Newspapers or Plastic Tablecloths:** For all the crafts, we recommend covering tables with newspapers or plastic tablecloths. This is especially important any time you are using paint with children. If you have carpet, you may want to cover the floors as well.

★ **Paint:** Water-based for easy cleanup

★ **Paper:** Many of the crafts work best with lightweight papers like construction paper and copy paper. Other papers include:

- **Acetate:** Found in office-supply stores for making transparencies, report covers, or in packaging
- **Cardstock:** A variety of colors and patterns as well as weights; when specifically call for, heavy cardstock should be 100 lb. or heavier to work properly
- **Patterned Paper:** Decorative paper, available in craft stores in letter and 12x12-inch sizes
- **Tissue Paper**
- **Wrapping Paper**

★ **Paper Bowls, Cups, Plates**

★ **Paper Cutting Tools:** For many crafts, scissors and rulers are required. If an adult leader or helper is doing a lot of the prep, a paper cutter will make this easier. (See Paper Crafting Techniques, p. 9.)  
In addition, keep a supply of scissors on hand for children to use with all the crafts.

★ **Paper Straws**

★ **Paperclips**

★ **Pipe Cleaners**

★ **Poster Board**

★ **Ribbon**

★ **Rulers** Keep a supply on hand for all the crafts.

★ **Scoring Board:** Available at craft stores (See Paper Crafting Techniques, p. 9.)

★ **Skewers or Toothpicks:** Length can matter in many of the crafts

★ **Stapler** and lots of staples, available in lots of colors

★ **Thread:** Basic white sewing thread is best, but you can use monofilament (fishing line) instead.

★ **Velcro®** or adhesive hook-and-loop dots and squares

★ **Yarn or String**

# Paper Crafting Techniques

Knowing some of the basic techniques of working with paper will result in sharper looking projects. Practice the techniques below so that you can instruct children in how to do them when the technique is called for in a craft.

## Paper Grain

Paper grain is the direction in which its fibers align. All paper has a grain, although it makes a bigger difference in cardstock. Hold a paper on one edge and see if it naturally curves down. Then turn the paper ninety degrees and hold it on the edge. See if it naturally curves down. Whichever way it curves more naturally is the grain of the paper. If you trim and score a paper with the grain it will fold more easily.

## Folding and Scoring Paper

Everyone knows how to fold a piece of paper. But scoring the paper first creates a crease that allows the paper to fold more easily and results in a better looking line.

To score a fold, use a stylus and a ruler. Press the ruler down firmly on the paper at the place you want a fold. Then take the stylus and draw a line along the ruler's edge. Press down firmly enough to create a valley in the paper to allow the paper to fold easily, but not so firmly you make a hole!

Here are some items you can use instead of a stylus

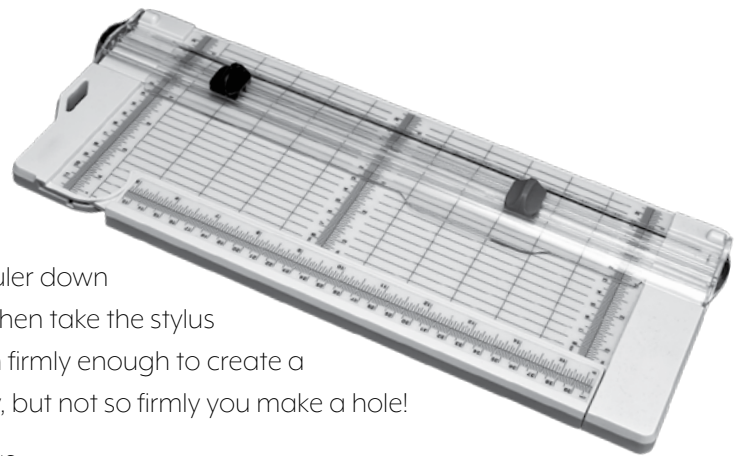
- Flat side of a knife
- Pen or pencil
- Toothpick or skewer
- Back of scissors
- Ruler
- Bone folder
- Paperclip
- Scoring board (pictured above)

**Note:** Crafts which require scoring will indicate "Scoring materials" in the **What You Need** list. If you have a scoring board, use that. If not, follow the directions above, using the suggested tools.

## Cutting Slits or Shapes in the Center of a Paper

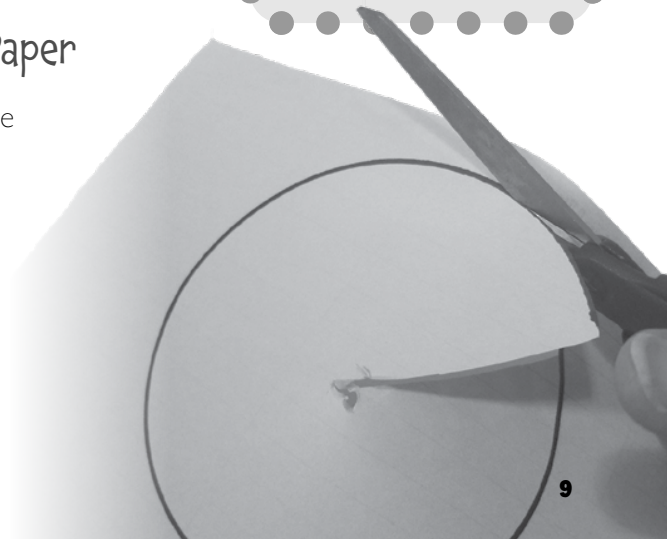
To use a paper trimmer to cut a slit into a sheet of paper, place the paper under the trimmer where you need the slit and move the blade to the beginning of the slit. Then put it down and push the blade to the end of the slit.

If you need a shape other than a straight line, poke a hole into the center of the shape with the point of your scissors, and then cut the shape out from the inside (see image at right).



### Quick Tip

When cutting out shapes with scissors, you will have more control if you hold the scissors in position and move the paper.





# How to Use This Book

This book is packed with crafts that make wonderful gifts. This article will tell you how to understand the layout of the instructions for the crafts.

## Outreach Ideas

Each section begins with a description of the craft as well as Outreach Ideas to put the crafts to practical use.

## Age Level

This indicates for which age level the craft is most appropriate:

- ★ means the craft is appropriate for younger elementary age levels.
- ★ means the craft is appropriate for older elementary age levels.
- ★★ means the craft is appropriate for ALL elementary age levels.

## Scripture

There are Bible verses connected to each craft. It's important to talk about the Scripture with children. Begin by reading the passage aloud.

## What It's All About

This section has guided conversations you can use with children to connect the activity to the craft. Throughout the book, text set in **bold** type is to be spoken aloud.

## What You Need and Preparation

Before class, gather the items from the "What You Need" list and follow the instructions under "Preparation." Your gathering of materials will be easier or in many cases unnecessary if you have already collected the "Supplies & Tools" listed on page 8.

Unless otherwise indicated, all directions for photocopying patterns assumes they will be photocopied onto regular white copy paper.

## What Children Do

Instruct children in the easy step-by-step instructions to complete the activity.

## Teaching Tip

It's a good idea to complete each craft yourself ahead of time, before leading the children to make the craft. That way, not only will you be better able to give instructions and help, but you will have a sample of the craft for children to use as a reference as they work.

## Laminate It!

Some of the patterns and diagrams are designed to be photocopied and shared between children. Others may be used in more than one craft. In either case, laminating the cards can make them more durable.

Instead of laminating, you could cover patterns and diagrams with clear Con-Tact paper or clear packing tape.

## Optional and Alternate Ideas

Occasionally, there will be optional techniques or supplies, or alternate ideas for the crafts. Choose what will work best for the children making the crafts.

## S.T.E.A.M. Lesson Extensions

At the back of the book are several pages of Lesson Extensions. These are ideas to further the learning of crafts in the areas of Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics. Use the suggested ideas as part of the classroom learning, or send them home with kids to do at home with their families.

# Greeting Cards

Opening the mailbox and finding a card is exciting! It can light up our day and give us a warm fuzzy feeling if the words are kind or silly. It's also a rare treasure to get such joyful mail. Most people use the speed of phone calls, text messages, and emails. Handwritten messages show someone cares. Making a card is an expression of caring, a gift of kindness.

The Apostle Paul took the time to write and send letters.

## ***HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL. 1 CORINTHIANS 16:21***

The letters Paul wrote are called *epistles*. These epistles form many of the books in the New Testament. In writing his epistles, Paul dictated to scribes, called *amanuenses* (uh-MAN-yoo-ehn-sees), who would write down his words. Then, at the end of the letter, Paul would take the pen in hand to write a few closing thoughts in his own handwriting. It was a way to validate that the words written by scribe were correct, and also to give extra meaning to those last few, handwritten thoughts.

Paul wrote words to praise people, spoke of praying for them, and expressed love for the people who would read the letters. Paul shared his faith in Jesus when he wrote to people—both by hand or by scribe.

Make cards and think about what to write in them. Give cards to friends who are sick, feel sad or bad, to celebrate a special day, or just to say hello. You don't need a holiday to spread cheer. You can do it every day with handmade cards. Learn new skills in how you cut, fold, and decorate cards to make them special.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Cards are great for sharing words of encouragement, love, the good news about Jesus, or other positive messages.

Here are a few outreach ideas for the crafts in this section:

- ★ Make cards for groups like a military base or nursing home. Be sure to include an encouraging message inside.
- ★ Send a special hand-written greeting to someone with a card created especially for them.
- ★ Make a card as a gift that someone else can send. Leave the inside of the card blank. Consider gifting the card to a women's shelter or other place where people do not have money. If you do, be sure to include a stamped envelope in case they wish to mail the card.
- ★ Make a card as a group to send expressions of love and care to someone from your class or church who is ill or struggling.

# Basic Cards & Embellishments

Age Level: ★★

*In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.* JOHN 1:1-4

## What It's All About

**The Word of God is powerful. Our words also have power, so be careful using words in writing and speaking.**

**Make different cards to match the giver and the reason for the card. They might be funny or pretty; filled with hope to perk up someone's day, filled with silliness to bring laughter, or filled with words that show you care about a tough time the person is going through. You want to encourage them so take time to write thoughtful words.**

**To make a basic card, simply score and fold a piece of cardstock in half. Then, decorate it and add a message.**

## Alternate Ideas

- ★ You can also fold the card off center, so that the top of the card is not as wide as the inside and decorate the edge that shows.
- ★ Simple decorations can be a small photo or short handwritten message on the cover, such as Happy Birthday or Get Well Soon. Adding little sparkles like glitter and sequins are called embellishments or decorations.
- ★ Also, you can cut your card to fit inside an envelope. See pages 14-15 for ideas on decorating envelopes.

**Note:** Mailing a card with anything that is not flat (like a glued-on jewel) will add cost to mail.

Follow the directions below to make the birthday card pictured above right.



## What you Need

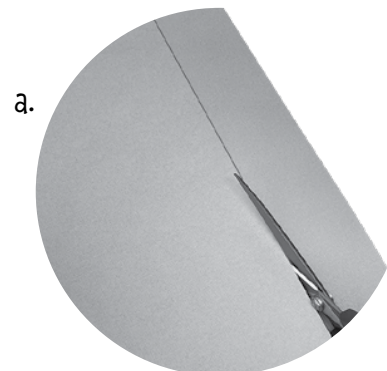
- ★ Happy Birthday Card Patterns (p. 13)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Coloring & Writing Instruments (see p. 8)
- ★ Cardstock in white, yellow, and at least five other colors
- ★ 10 wiggle eyes for each child

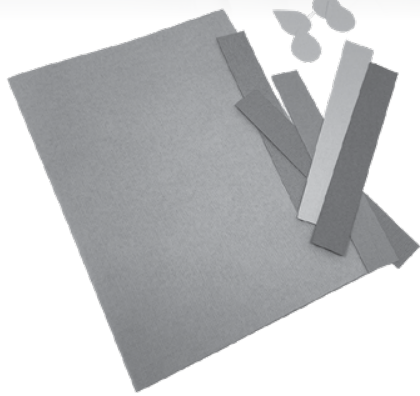
## Preparation

On white cardstock, photocopy Happy Birthday Card Patterns, making one for each child.

## What Children Do

1. Fold a piece of cardstock in half.
2. From other colors of cardstock, use a pencil and ruler to measure and draw lines for five candles. You can use all the same color or make one candle in each of five different colors. Cut out five strips of paper approximately 1-inch wide and at least 3 inches shorter than the height of your card. Cut out (image a.).
3. Glue candles onto the front of your card. They don't have to be straight up and down.





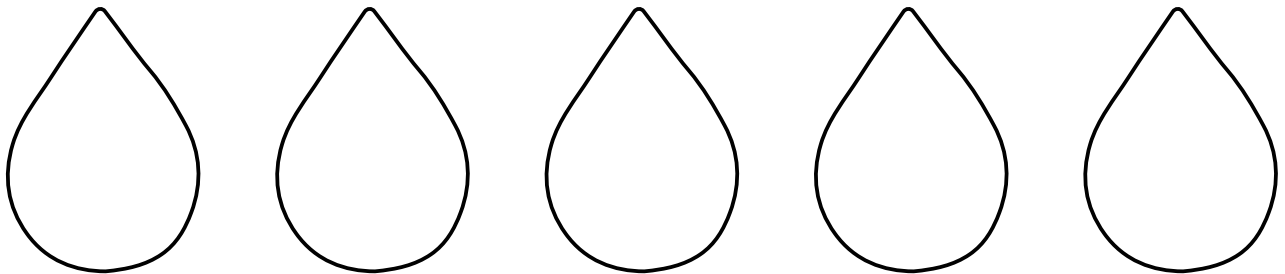
4. Color flame patterns, cut out, and glue to the tops of the candles.
5. Cut out and draw decorations on the "Happy Birthday!" message paper. Glue on top of candles.
6. Glue two wiggle eyes to each candle, under the flame.

## Decorate It Up!

Walk through a craft store and you'll see lots of sparkle to add a little something extra to cards. Keep a good supply of these decorating materials for children to use as they make cards.

- Add buttons to make eyes or a nose on an animal you've drawn. Group buttons to form a letter. They can become wheels of a vehicle or just be a colorful decoration. They also make great centers for flowers.
- Add sparkle with glitter.
- Brads (paper fasteners) are sold in many colors, shapes, and sizes. Use them to add a bow or piece of ribbon or just to add color to a card.
- Shapes cut from scrap paper or magazine cutouts add a new depth and more color.
- Ribbons can be added for a special touch. Tie a bow or just add a strip of ribbon across the card to add a splash of color.
- Rhinestones are another fun way to add sparkle and shine. You can buy them in different shapes, use them to make a flower, and even add them as a period for a sentence.

## Happy Birthday Card Patterns



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# Game Crafts

*We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said,  
“What amazing things the Lord has done for them.”* PSALM 126:2

Games are fun to play especially if you are not worried about winning or losing. We play to have fun with our friends and family. It's time to also share jokes, chat, and spend time together.

Be someone who looks at games as fun and not just competition to see who can beat someone else. Playing games provides an opportunity to be kind and joyful.

Try these ideas to show kindness while playing games:

- ★ Let someone else go first.
- ★ Cheer every player on.
- ★ When you are losing, laugh about it.
- ★ Have a rule that the winner cleans up the game, and then offer to help if you lose.
- ★ Enjoy some jokes, talking, or a snack after or while playing games.
- ★ Take photos of friends and family playing games together.
- ★ Learn from playing. You can sometimes develop ways to strategize or understand that other games are just luck and not skill or knowledge.
- ★ Don't be too serious or worry about winning. The idea should be to have **fun!**

# Clean Water Jacks Game

Age Level: ★★

One day the leaders of the town of Jericho visited Elisha. “We have a problem, my lord,” they told him. “This town is located in pleasant surroundings, as you can see. But the water is bad, and the land is unproductive.”

Elisha said, “Bring me a new bowl with salt in it.” So they brought it to him. Then he went out to the spring that supplied the town with water and threw the salt into it. And he said, “This is what the Lord says: I have purified this water. It will no longer cause death or infertility.” And the water has remained pure ever since, just as Elisha said. 2 KINGS 2:19–22

## What It’s All About

In our story, Elisha purified water with salt. Water is important for people, animals, and plants. We all need it to live, and we need clean water. God uses sunshine and plants to clean water, and he wants us to take care of the earth’s water. We can help keep our water clean by removing litter left behind in lakes, creeks, and rivers, and by adding aquatic plants.

## What You Need

- ★ Score Card & Scoring Guide (p. 37)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Blue, brown, yellow, green, black cardstock
- ★ Skewer or toothpick, one for each child
- ★ Glue
- ★ Container for jacks (small bowl or box)
- ★ Small bouncing ball



## What Do the Colors Mean?

- Blue is for water.
- Brown is for pollutants.
- Yellow is for the sun that cleans water through evaporation.
- Green is for aquatic plants that help clean water.
- Black is for coal that can be used to filter water to clean it.

## Preparation

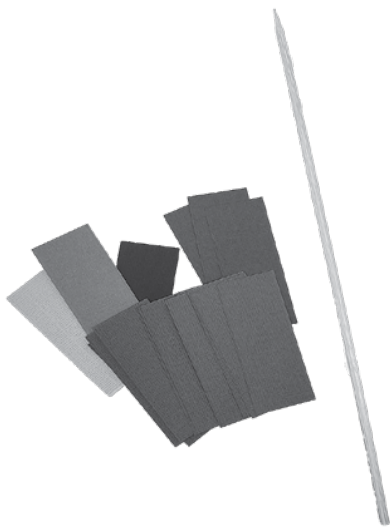
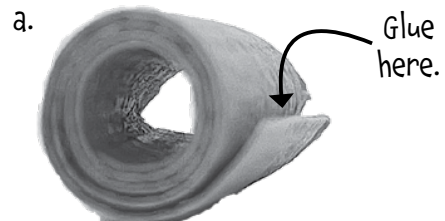
Cut the following, making one set for each child, or children choose their cardstock and use scissors to cut for themselves:

- ★ Ten 1x2½-inch pieces of blue cardstock
- ★ Three 1x2½-inch pieces of green cardstock
- ★ One 1x2½-inch piece each of yellow, green, and black cardstock

## What Children Do

### Make the Jacks

1. Roll each strip by placing the short side of paper strip against the side of a skewer or toothpick and roll it as tight as possible.
2. Glue end closed (image a).
3. Place jacks in the container.



### Play Option 1

1. Take container of jacks and dump the jacks on a flat surface.
2. Toss the ball up and pick up as many pieces as possible before catching the ball after it bounces twice.
3. Score according to the point system on page 37.
4. The next player takes a turn.
5. Take turns until someone reaches 20 points. (See Scoring Guide on page 37.)

### Play Option 2

1. Leave the pieces in the container and have your friend hold the container above your head.
2. On your friend's signal, reach up and grab as many pieces as you can while friend counts to five.
3. Score with point system below.
4. Take turns until someone reaches 20 points.

### Score Card

Round	Player:	Player:

### Scoring Guide

Look at the pieces in your hand and sort them between the water (blue), pollution (brown) and water purifying methods (green, yellow, black).

- **Blue:** Add one point for each blue (water) piece.
- **Brown:** Lose one point for each brown (polluted) piece.
- **Green, Yellow, or Black:** Score two points for each green, yellow, or black (purifying method).
- Add points to score the round.
- The first player to score 20 points wins.

**SCORING EXAMPLE:** Say a player has three blue, two brown, one yellow, and one black. The player would get three points for the blue, lose two points for the brown, and add two points each (total of four) for the yellow and black.

$3 - 2 = 1$ . Then take that one and add four:  $1 + 4 = 5$ .

# Star Glider

Age Level: ★★

*In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. MATTHEW 5:16*

## What It's All About

Like a shining star, be a light in the world and share God's love through goodness and kindness.

## What You Need

- ★ Star Glider Pattern, below
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Colored paper
- ★ Glue or tape

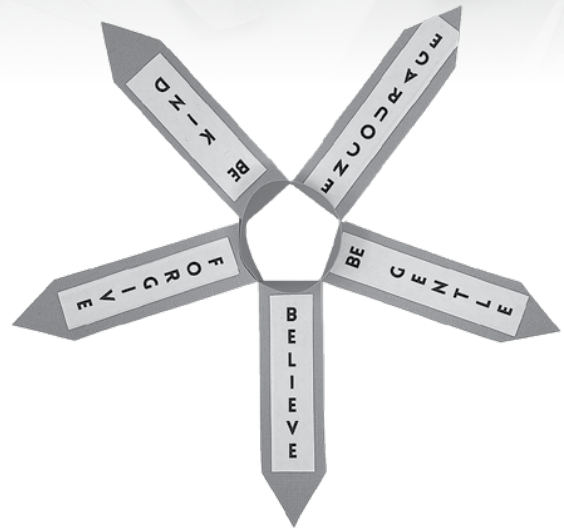
## Preparation

On colored paper, photocopy Star Glider Pattern, making one for each child.

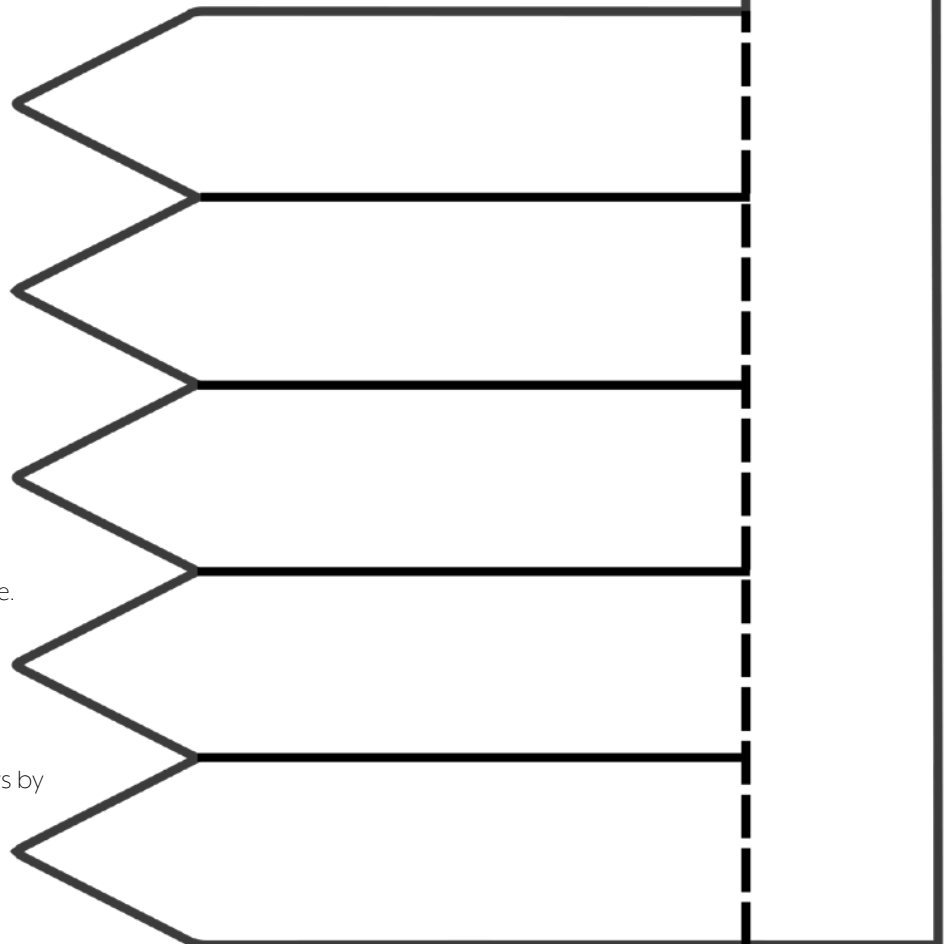
**Optional:** Type the words into a computer program, print them out, and cut into strips thin enough to fit on each wing of the star glider.

## What Children Do

1. Cut out star glider. Cut the lines between each wing of the glider.
2. To share God's love, write words on each wing of the glider. Consider words such as:
  - ★ Believe
  - ★ God loves you
  - ★ Be kind
  - ★ Be gentle
  - ★ Encouragement
  - ★ God forgives
3. Fold up each wing on the dotted lines.
4. Curve the rectangle into a circle and glue or tape closed with wings facing out of the circle.
5. Hold the Star Glider in one hand, raise it up high, twist it, and let go.
6. Watch it spin as it glides to the ground. Try from different heights by standing on a chair or stairs. Be safe and have a parent help when you stand on a chair.



## Star Glider Pattern





# Friendship Projects

**F**riends are so important. We want to have fun experiences together, share life's joys, and show compassion when a friend has problems.

Part of being a good friend is caring about our friend's feelings. One way we do this by showing empathy and compassion.

★ **Empathy** means we understand and share the other person's feelings.

★ **Compassion** means we will care about them and what they are going through even if we don't understand.

## Tips to Being a Kind Friend

- ★ Listen.
- ★ Spend time together.
- ★ Try to find out something new about your friend each time you get together.
- ★ Remember times that are special for your friend and celebrate them.
- ★ Keep things they share with you to yourself unless it is dangerous, and then only tell a trusted adult.

## Outreach Ideas

Here are a few outreach ideas for the crafts in this section:

- ★ Make an Autograph Wrist Book (p. 52) for a friend getting ready to graduate, so that they can have friends sign it and remember them.
- ★ Make a Friendship Treasure Box (p. 53) to celebrate a friend.
- ★ Send a Hugging Puppet (p. 59) to a friend you cannot visit to give them a hug.
- ★ Make Double Heart Pencil Holders (p. 61) to give to new people as an invitation to be friends.
- ★ Make an A+ Friendship Banner (p. 62) to remind you of how to be a good friend.
- ★ Make a Friendship Treat Holder (p. 65) and fill it with a special treat for a friend.

# Friendship Treasure Box

Age Level: ★★

*Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!"* JOHN 1:49

## What It's All About

Our memory verse comes from the New Testament. It tells of when Nathaniel met Jesus. (Read the whole story in John 1:45–51.) Nathaniel sat under the tree in secret, but Jesus saw him. Nathaniel must have been so excited to realize Jesus was the Son of God, and that Jesus wanted to be his friend. We're going to make a box that can hold secret treasures and memories for a friend.

## What You Need

- ★ Friendship Treasure Box Patterns (p. 54)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ Scoring materials (see p. 9)
- ★ Colored cardstock
- ★ Patterned paper
- ★ Heavy glue

## Preparation

Photocopy Friendship Treasure Box Patterns, making one set of patterns for each child.

Cut the following, making one set for each child, or children choose their cardstock and use scissors and rulers to cut for themselves:

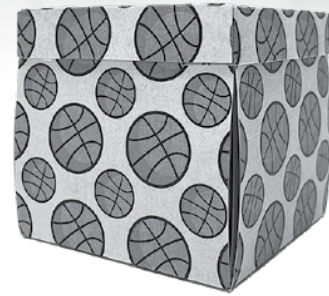
- ★ Trace and cut the Small Box Pattern out of colored cardstock.
- ★ Trace and cut the Large Box Pattern out of patterned paper.
- ★ Trace and cut the Box Lid Pattern out of patterned paper.

Make a sample Friendship Treasure Box to show children where they will glue photos after they take boxes home.

## What Children Do

### Make the Box

1. Trace and cut the small box pattern out of cardstock.
2. Laying the pattern pieces on top of the cut pieces, make a scoring line on each of the dashed lines. Fold upward on each scored line on both of the box pieces.
3. Put glue on the bottom center section of the smaller box and then glue it on top of the center section of the larger box. This will give you two sets of flaps attached to the center.
4. When children take the boxes home, they can decorate each flap with photos, drawings, or other mementos of their friend.



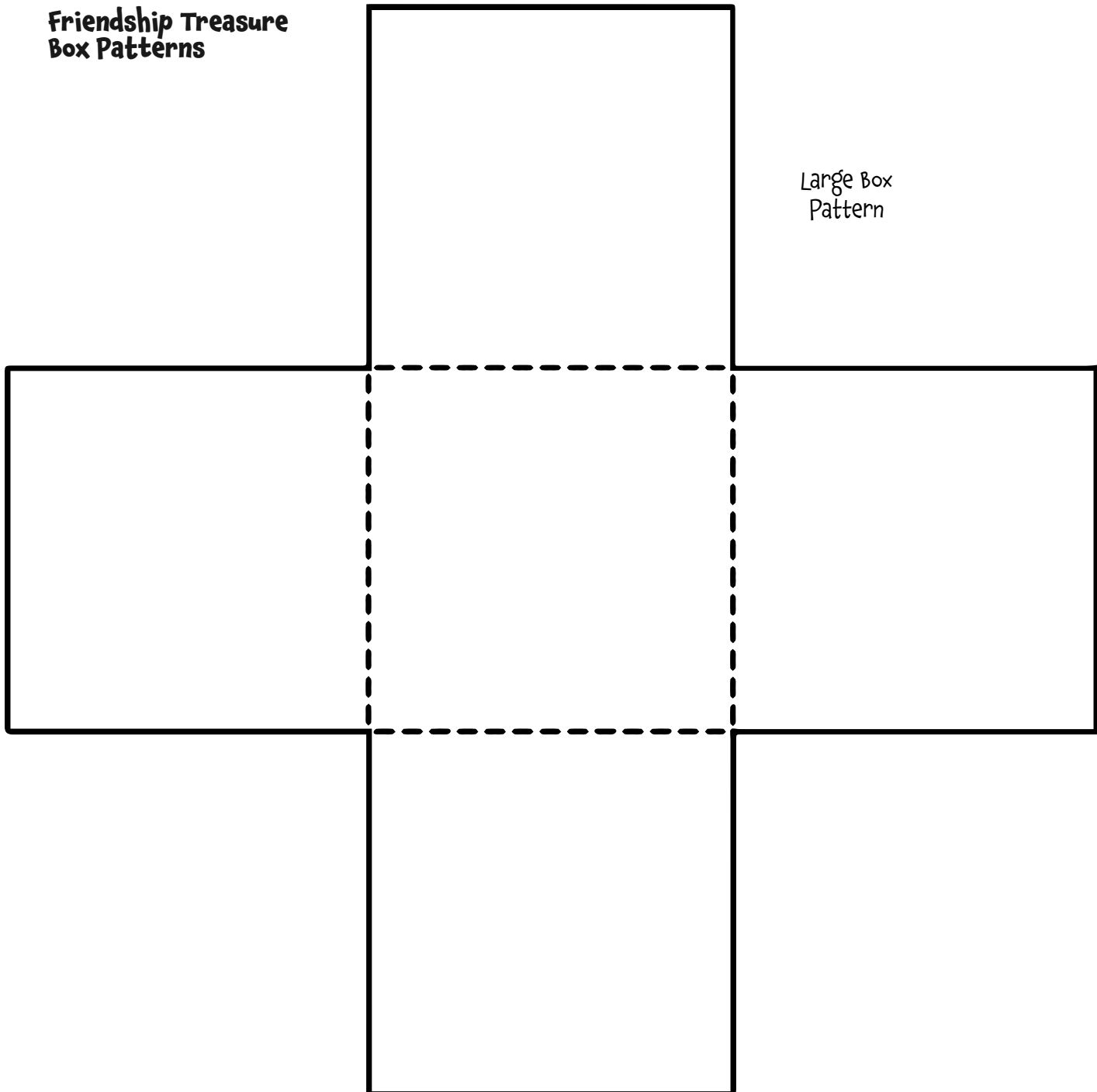
### Make the Lid

5. Cut out the pattern including the slits (all solid lines).
6. Score and fold paper along the dashed lines.
7. Put glue on one of the tabs and glue it to the inside of the lid, creating a corner. Repeat this for each of the other three tabs.
8. To put the lid on the box hold the box flaps towards the middle, and then put the lid on. This will hold up the sides in the box. When you lift the lid, the inside explodes outward revealing all the flaps.

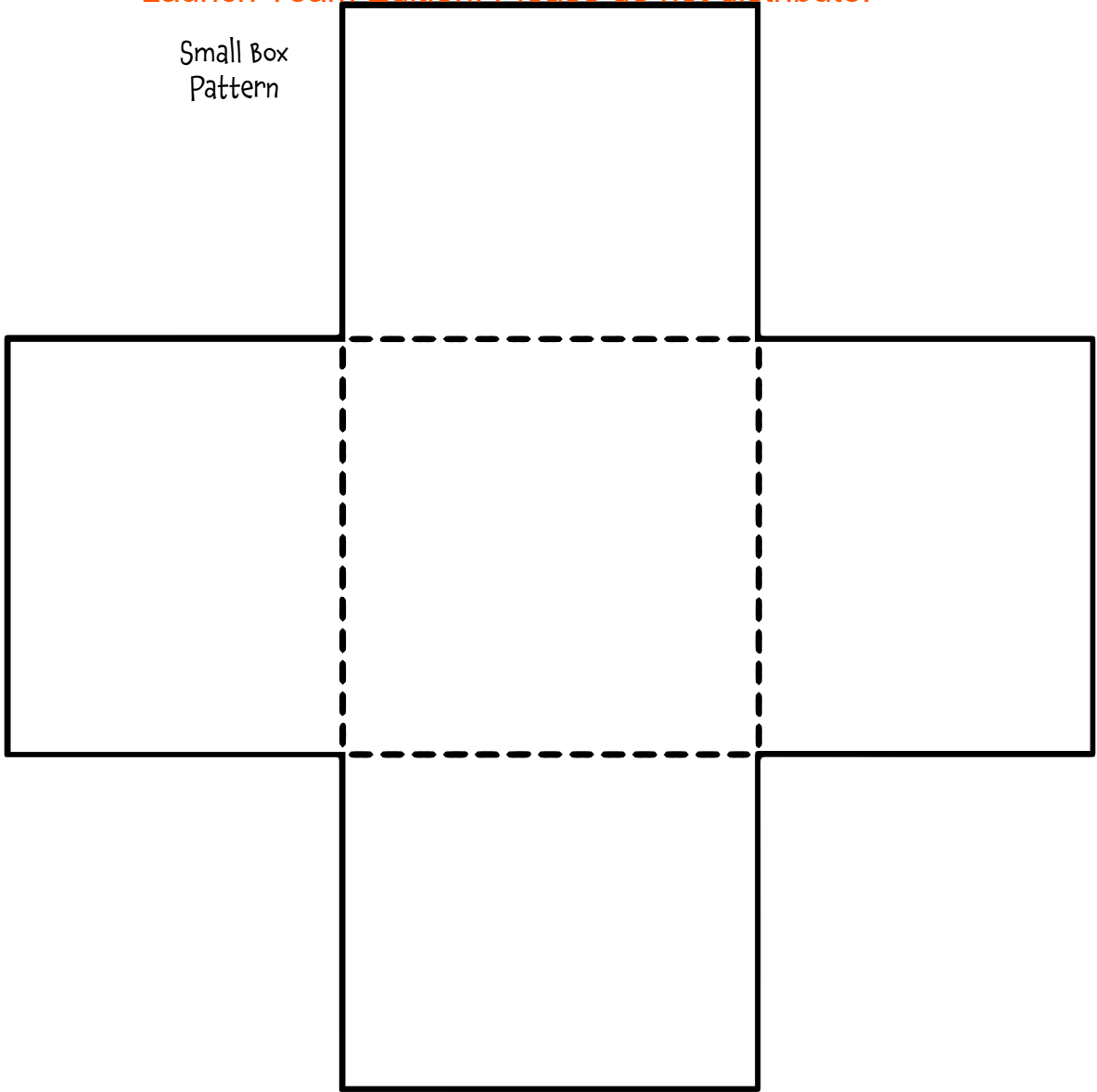
**Variation:** Add small photos of you and friends to both sides of all the flaps on the box.

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### Friendship Treasure Box Patterns



Small Box  
Pattern



Box Lid  
Pattern

