

Advent 2005 Crafts

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Each week of Advent has a suggested craft. The craft may be done in the week before and then hung on the Christmas tree during the children's time. Some churches may use the craft ideas during a junior worship time, others during Sunday School. These ideas are simple and can be modified to suit the age producing them. Very young children may need more preparation work done by the teacher or a number of helpers during the work time.

Week One

Bead Candle Ornament – God's Light Surprises Us.

Materials: pipe cleaner, green beads and one other colour



1. String green beads onto the pipe cleaner, leave approximately 1 cm of pipe cleaner open on the starting end and 7 cm on the other end.
2. String other colour beads onto the pipe cleaner leaving a small space between the green and the new colour. Leave 2.5 cm open on the second end.
3. Curve the pipe cleaner into a circle, bending the coloured end into the middle.
4. Curve the long end in the middle into a circle representing a wick.
5. Twist the end closed.
6. Twist the short end around the small space between the coloured beads and the green beads to complete the circle.

Week Two

Rough and Plain Places Ornament

Materials: juice can lid, sand paper, blue or green paper, glue, crayons, string or ribbon

Put a hole through the lid. Glue a circle of sand paper onto one side of the lid. Glue a circle of blue paper onto the other side. Using the crayons, draw something that makes life difficult on the sandpaper side and something that makes life happy on the other.

Week Three

Tissue Flower Ornament

Materials: Many colored tissue paper sized 8 1/2 by 11 or smaller, paper, stapler, scissors

Procedure:

1. Choose three different colored pieces of tissue paper. Stack them one on top of the other.
2. Starting at one end fold the stacked paper accordion style until it is all folded.
3. Staple in the center of the folded paper.
4. Using the scissors round off the edges of the paper by taking off the corners.
5. Now carefully peel the tissue paper away from the fold and towards the middle. Do this with each piece on either side. When done it will resemble a flower.

Week Four

Hand print lily ornament

Materials: Colored paper; pencil; scissors; stapler; pipe cleaner;

Procedure:

Take a piece of paper and place your hand palm down fingers spread on it.

1. Use the pencil to trace around your hand.
2. Use the scissors cut out the hand you have just traced.
3. Use the pencil curl each finger tip by rolling the paper around the pencil. Do this to each until all fingers are curled.
4. Staple the paper hand to a pipe cleaner by curving the palm inward around the pipe cleaner while the fingers are curled outward.