



DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Unit 1: Supplemental Crafts

Additional Crafts and Activities for Grades K-3

Lesson 1: Who Can Be God's Child?

Read the Bible verse, “**But to all who believed him and received him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.**” *John 1:12-13 (NLT)*

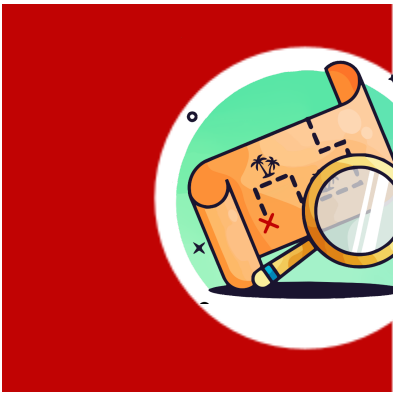
When we believe in Jesus and accept him as the ruler of our lives and the one who defines who we are, God transforms us from children of darkness and sin to children of God!

Materials:

- Paper bags
- Scissors
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Glue and/or tape
- Decorative materials (markers, crayons, stickers)
- Old cardboard tubes, paper cups, plates, or other random (recycled) items

Directions:

- Set out a variety of materials. Make sure to include some recycled materials.
- Encourage children to use their creativity in creating new objects out of old ones. They can decorate, change and adapt old materials to be useful, fun or beautiful new things!
- Give each child a chance to share their creation.
- Explain to students that God makes us a new creation. We can become his children who bring him glory and praise and reflect who God is and what he is truly like.



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Lesson 2: Complete In Christ

Read the Bible verse, “**For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.**” *Colossians 2:9-10, New Living Translation*

Directions:

Have children line up in front of the teacher. First child will come up and link elbows/arms with one arm of the teacher; the next child will come up and link up with the first child, etc until everyone is linked together. Try to walk together without unlinking arms. For a little more fun, with your arms still linked together (optional):

- ...walk in a circle, first in one direction and then the other.
- ...travel to all four corners of the room.
- ...pass a clothes hanger all the way around the circle with your feet.

In this activity, we acted as one. We accomplished a few things together. Discuss together, “**What does it mean to be one with Jesus?**”

Explain to the children that union with Christ means we get to share and participate in his life (of loving God and loving others) and receive the same love from God the Father that Jesus receives!

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Lesson 3: In My Father's House

Create a hand-made maze!

Materials:

- 10 straws per child
- One M&M or Skittle per child
- Tacky glue
- A pair of scissors
- A pencil, one per child
- One sheet of colored construction paper per child
- A small cardboard box or bag with the top cut off, leaving a two-inch edge, one per child (empty cereal boxes would work great for this)

Directions:

- Glue the colored sheet of construction paper onto the bottom of the box.
- Have the children trace out the maze they would like to create with their straws. Help them indicate where they would like their maze to start and end.
- Let the children cut their straws and glue them onto the box to create their maze.
- The children can place their piece of candy and tilt the box to move the piece of candy from the start to the end of the maze.
- Ask the children, **“In today’s story, where did Jesus’s parents find him?”**



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Lesson 4: God Defines Me

Materials:

- Paper or Styrofoam cups, one cup per child
- Tape or glue
- A pair of scissors
- Blue construction paper or blue markers
- Two popsicle sticks per child
- Handout 1, one copy per student
- A black permanent marker

Directions:

- Have the children decorate their paper or styrofoam cups by wrapping blue construction paper around the cup or coloring the cup with a blue marker.
- With a black permanent marker, help the children write down the Bible verse, "This is my dearly-loved Son who brings me great joy!"
- Carefully stick the two popsicle sticks through the bottom of the cup.
- Cut out the Jesus-figure and the dove from Handout 1 and glue or tape to each popsicle stick.
- When the craft is complete, they can move the Jesus-figure into the water, and the dove can descend upon Jesus.



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Handout 1

