

ADULT VBS CRAFTS

This year's crafts are designed to relate to the Destination Dig® theme and biblical content. The following steps will help you ensure successful preparation.

PREPARE YOUR HEART

- ☐ Read the Scripture for each day from your Bible.
- ☐ Pray for the adults you will lead during the crafts time.
- ☐ Pray for yourself, the other VBS leaders and helpers, and your pastor.

GET THE BASIC FACTS

- ☐ Find out how many adults are expected to attend.
- ☐ Determine how long you will have to complete the crafts selected. Most of the crafts are designed to be completed in one session; however, some can be adapted to extend over several sessions if necessary.
- ☐ Coordinate space and schedules with other leaders as needed.

PLAN

- ☐ Read through the craft ideas thoroughly. Highlight key points to remember and make notes as to how you can relate the craft to the theme or biblical concepts for the day.
- ☐ Select the crafts you would like to make during VBS. Choose crafts that are best suited to the interests and abilities of the group you will teach.
- ☐ Use the supply list on the next page as you plan.

GATHER AND PREPARE

- ☐ Locate the supplies needed. Coordinate with other VBS leaders as you gather your supplies and purchase materials in bulk when possible. Ask members of your church to loan tools that may be needed or to donate any extra supplies they may have for the crafts chosen.
- ☐ Copy any templates that may be needed for the crafts you have selected.
- ☐ Prepare a sample of each craft chosen. Familiarize yourself with the procedures and what to expect when leading adults.

TEACH

- ☐ Study the Bible story for each session to gain a deeper understanding of the biblical truths being taught.
- ☐ Look for ways to reinforce the biblical truths during the crafts session.
- ☐ Find opportunities to build community within the group as you lead.

CONTINUE THE CONNECTION

- ☐ Plan to participate in your church's VBS Celebration and other follow-up events.
- ☐ Encourage adults to use their projects as gifts for others or as part of a ministry within your church.
- ☐ Start a Craft Club to meet once a month to fellowship and work on a craft project together. Plan a short devotional and serve refreshments.

SUPPLIES

Note: Quantities listed are per craft.

EVERYDAY SUPPLIES

- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Craft knife
- ☐ Pens and pencils
- ☐ Tacky Glue®
- ☐ Permanent markers
- ☐ Rulers
- ☐ *VBS 2021 Tablecloths* (005826469)
or newspaper to cover tables

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM CANDLE

- ☐ White pillar candle
- ☐ Waxed paper
- ☐ White tissue paper
- ☐ Copy paper and printer
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Wise Men Template
- ☐ Heat gun

PENDANT READING GLASSES HOLDER

- ☐ Scrapbook paper
- ☐ Mod Podge®
- ☐ Disposable bowls
- ☐ Sponge brushes
- ☐ Washers
- ☐ 32-inch strands of cord

FOOT SCRUB

- ☐ 1 cup of Epsom salt
- ☐ 1 tablespoon vitamin E oil
- ☐ 1/4 cup olive oil
- ☐ 1/4 cup coconut oil
- ☐ 3-4 drops of essential oil
- ☐ Ribbon
- ☐ Measuring cups and spoons
- ☐ Decorative jar with a lid
- ☐ Mixing bowl
- ☐ Mixing spoon

CROSS SUN CATCHER

- ☐ Tacky Glue® that dries clear
- ☐ Flat-backed marbles (2 colors)
- ☐ 4-by-6-inch clear free-standing frame

CHARIOT WHEEL CAR COASTERS

- ☐ 2 blank cork car coasters
- ☐ Paper circles
- ☐ Metallic markers

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ADVANCE PREPARATION

- ☐ Cut 9-by-11½ inch pieces of tissue paper.
- ☐ Tape the tissue paper to the copy paper. Be sure to tape around all the edges.
- ☐ Set the print to “transparency” and print the template on the tissue paper. Print one template for each adult.
- ☐ Cut the waxed paper into 12-inch pieces.
- ☐ Make a sample.

CRAFT CONNECTION

Ask a volunteer to read the VBS Scripture (Jeremiah 29:13). Show the adults the candle you made and tell them that today we will make candles to remind them of the wise men who searched for Jesus when He was a baby and that wise people still seek Jesus.

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** Trim the tissue paper, leaving a small boarder around the image.
- Step 2** Place the candle on its side and center the tissue paper on the candle.
- Step 3** Lay a piece of waxed paper over the tissue paper, waxed side down.
- Step 4** Stand the candle up and hold the waxed paper taut around the candle. Heat the image with a heat gun until the image becomes shiny.
- Step 5** Remove the waxed paper.

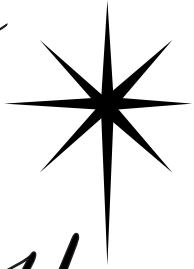
Leader Tip

Ask church members to borrow heat guns to use for this craft.

Don't burn the candle down to the picture.



Wise Men
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PENDANT READING GLASSES HOLDER

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- ☐ Mod Podge®
- ☐ Disposable bowls
- ☐ Sponge brushes
- ☐ Washers
- ☐ 32-inch strands of cord

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- ☐ Cut the cord into specified length.
- ☐ Pour the Mod Podge in the bowls and set on the table.
- ☐ Make a sample.

CRAFT CONNECTION

Remind the adults that today's Bible study focused on the physical and spiritual healing of the blind man. Show the pendant you made. Demonstrate how the pendant may be used to hold a pair of reading glasses.

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** Trace the washer on the scrapbook paper twice. Cut out the two circles.
- Step 2** Brush a layer of Mod Podge on the washer. Lay one of the paper circles on the glue. Brush another coat of the Mod Podge over the paper.
- Step 3** Allow to dry, then glue another circle to the back of the washer.
- Step 4** Tie the two ends of the cord together in a knot. Insert the loop of the cord through the washer. Feed the knotted end of the cord through the loop and pull it taut. After the craft is completed, hang your glasses from the pendant by putting one of your glasses arms through the washer.

Leader Tip

Use a long reach hole punch to start the hole in the middle of the paper circle. Then use small manicure scissors to finish removing the hole.



FOOT SCRUB

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Everyday supplies
- ☐ 1 cup of Epsom salt (per person)
- ☐ 1 tablespoon vitamin E oil (per person)
- ☐ 1/4 cup olive oil (per person)
- ☐ 1/4 cup coconut oil (per person)
- ☐ 3-4 drops of essential oil (per person)
- ☐ Ribbon
- ☐ Measuring cups and spoons
- ☐ Decorative jars with a lid
- ☐ Mixing bowls
- ☐ Mixing spoons



ADVANCE PREPARATION

- ☐ Cut the ribbon in strands long enough to make a simple knot around the top of the jar.
- ☐ Make a sample.

CRAFT CONNECTION

Remind the adults that in today's Bible study Jesus washed the disciples' feet to teach them about humility and service. Show the foot scrub you made. Invite the adults to make foot scrub to use at home or to give as a gift.

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** Pour the Epsom salt into the mixing bowl. Add the vitamin E oil and essential oil.
- Step 2** Stir until all the ingredients are incorporated.
- Step 3** Scoop the mixture into the jar and close the lid.
- Step 4** Tie the ribbon around the neck of the jar.

CROSS SUNCATCHER

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Everyday supplies
- ☐ Tacky Glue® that dries clear
- ☐ Flat-backed marbles (2 colors)
- ☐ Flat-backed clear marbles (optional)
- ☐ 4-by-6-inch clear free-standing frame

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- ☐ Remove the plastic covering over the frame.
- ☐ Make a sample.



CRAFT CONNECTION

Remind the adults that because Jesus fulfilled God's plan, we can have eternal life. Show the adults the suncatcher you made. Invite the adults to make their own suncatchers.

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** Remove the paper insert from the frame. Lay the insert facedown on the table in front of you.
- Step 2** Lay out the marbles on the back of the insert in a cross shape to plan your pattern. Add additional clear marbles as desired. (optional)
- Step 3** Lay the frame on the edge of the table faceup. Allow the stand to hang off the table so that the frame is flat.
- Step 4** Spread a bead of glue along the bottom of the frame.
- Step 5** Transfer the marbles to the frame. Continue adding glue and marbles, one row at a time.

CHARIOT WHEEL CAR COASTERS

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Everyday supplies
- ☐ 2 blank cork car coasters
- ☐ Paper circles
- ☐ Metallic markers



ADVANCE PREPARATION

- ☐ Cut paper circles the same size as the coaster.
- ☐ Make a sample set of coasters.

CRAFT CONNECTION

Ask a volunteer to remind everyone about the events in today's Bible Study. (*Philip explained the Scripture to the Ethiopian.*) Show the coaster you made. Invite the adults to make a couple of coasters they can use in their "chariots."

DIRECTIONS

- Step 1** Fold the paper circle in half. Place the paper on the coaster and mark where the vertical spokes should be.
- Step 2** Fold the paper in half again and place it on the coaster. Mark the horizontal spokes.
- Step 3** Fold the paper once more and mark the position of the last spokes.
- Step 4** Use a metallic marker and ruler to draw the spokes and rim of the wheel.
- Step 5** Cut a small indentation in the coaster for easy placement in a cup holder.

Leader Tip

Use a circle cutter to cut 2½-inch circles from sheets of cork. Use half of a smaller circle punch to make the finger hole.