

Messy Church MINI-MESS

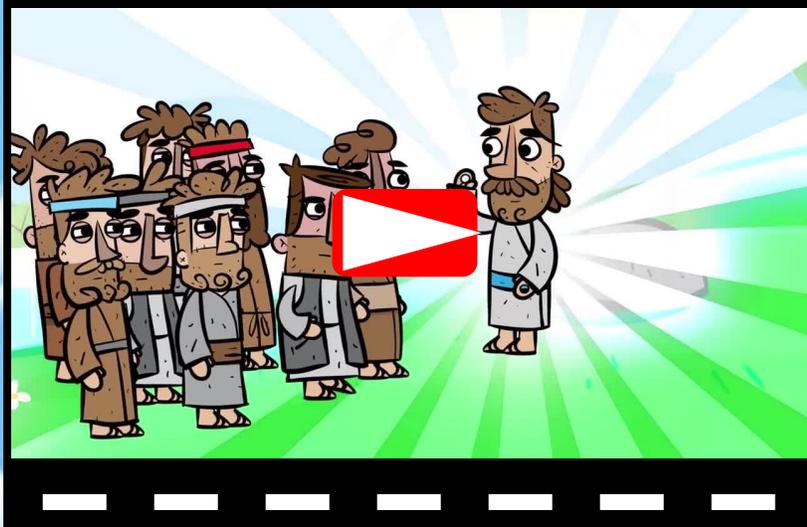


MAY 9-EASTER 5

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - "BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

Jesus goes up into heaven

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS TO HEAVEN TRADITIONALLY FALLS 40 DAYS AFTER EASTER, WHICH IS THURSDAY (MAY 13). 40 DAYS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, JESUS LED THE APOSTLES TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AND TOLD THEM TO GO INTO THE WORLD AND TELL OTHERS WHAT THEY HAD SEEN AND HEARD FROM HIM ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TO BAPTIZED OTHERS INTO THE FAITH. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE WITH THEM AND THAT HE WAS SENDING THEM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THEY WERE TO WAIT FOR THE SPIRIT TO COME UPON THEM. AFTER THIS JESUS ROSE UP INTO HEAVEN. THE APOSTLES STAYED AND PRAYED IN JERUSALEM FOR 10 DAYS UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY (MAY 23).



Ascension Bubbles: Prayers & Activity For Ascension Day

THIS IS A GREAT ACTIVITY TO HELP CHILDREN THINK ABOUT GIVING THEIR PRAYERS TO GOD!

YOU WILL NEED: A PLASTIC BOTTLE OR GLASS JAR, WATER, VEGETABLE OIL, FOOD COLORING, ALKA SELTZER TABLETS

WHAT TO DO:

- 1-FILL A BOTTLE OR JAR HALFWAY FULL WITH WATER AND MIX IN SOME FOOD COLORING.
- 2-NOW FILL THE REST OF THE BOTTLE WITH OIL, LEAVING A SMALL SPACE AT THE TOP. THE OIL WILL SEPARATE FROM THE WATER INTO A SEPARATE LAYER.
- 3-DROP AN ALKA SELTZER TABLET (OR TRY A QUARTER OR HALF AT A TIME IF THEY ARE LARGE TABLETS) INTO THE BOTTLE AND WATCH AS BUBBLES OF COLORED WATER START TO ASCEND INTO THE OIL LAYER IN THE STYLE OF A MINI LAVA LAMP!

TALK:

WATCH THE BUBBLES RISING AND THINK ABOUT THE SIGHT OF JESUS ASCENDING AND WHAT THAT MIGHT HAVE MEANT FOR THE DISCIPLES. WHAT MIGHT THEY HAVE BEEN THINKING/ FEELING? WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO WAIT FOR SOMETHING, AS THE DISCIPLES HAD BEEN TOLD TO GO AND WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME?

PRAY: THINK ABOUT SITUATIONS WHERE YOU OR PEOPLE YOU KNOW ARE WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN.

AS YOU DROP THE TABLET INTO THE LIQUID AND SEE THE BUBBLES ASCENDING, PRAY THAT GOD WILL TAKE THE WORRIES AND STRESSES OF WAITING AWAY AND THAT THEY WILL FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE WITH THEM AS THEY WAIT.





Ascension Spiral Prayers

MATERIALS:

WHITE POSTER BOARD
 CRAYONS (WE USED THESE CRAYON STICKS)
 WATERCOLOR PAINT
 SCISSORS
 BRUSH
 HOLE PUNCH
 YARN OR STRING

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: CUT YOUR CIRCLES OUT OF YOUR POSTER BOARD.

YOU CAN TRACE A LARGE MIXING BOWL FOR A PERFECT CIRCLE OR JUST WING IT.

STEP 2: DRAW YOUR SPIRAL STARTING FROM ONE POINT ON THE PERIMETER OF THE CIRCLE (BUT DON'T CUT IT YET). MAKE THE SPIRAL RELATIVELY THICK.

STEP 3: NOW DECORATE YOUR SPIRAL WITH CRAYON DRAWINGS.

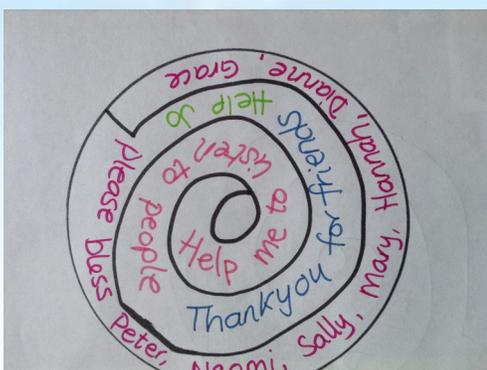
ANY DESIGNS. LOTS OF COLOR. YOU COULD STICK TO SEASONAL COLORS IF YOU LIKE OR DECORATE THE SPIRAL LIKE A SNAKE, BUT WE JUST WENT FOR LOTS OF COLOR AND DESIGN.

TALK ABOUT JESUS' ASCENSION IN ACTS 1. EVEN THOUGH HE HAS ASCENDED TO HEAVEN AND WE CAN NOT SEE HIM, HE IS STILL WITH US, HEARS US AND HELPS US.

STEP 4. CUT ALONG THE SPIRAL LINE. TURN THE CIRCLE OVER AND THINK ABOUT THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRAY TO JESUS ABOUT- HELP, THANKS, BLESSINGS FOR OTHERS ETC AND WRITE OR DRAW THEM INSIDE THE SPIRAL.

STEP 5. PUNCH A HOLE IN THE CENTER AND TIE A STRING THERE FOR HANGING.

THE SPIRAL WILL SPIN SLIGHTLY JUST BY VIRTUE OF BEING HELD, BUT WHEN HELD OVER A BULB OR SOURCE OF HEAT, THE SPIRAL WILL SPIN MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF THE RISING OF HOT AIR. EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T SEE THE HOT AIR, IT IS STILL THERE, RISING UP. THE MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRAL GIVES A 'RISING' OR 'ASCENDING' VISUAL FOR THE WRITTEN OR DRAWN PRAYERS AND A REMINDER THAT, EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T SEE HIM, JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US.



Ascension Parfaits



Ingredients:

- 1 package of Berry Blue Jell-o
- Cool Whip
- Clear Glasses
- Print of Jesus
- Popsicle Stick or Straw
- Tape or Glue Stick



Directions:

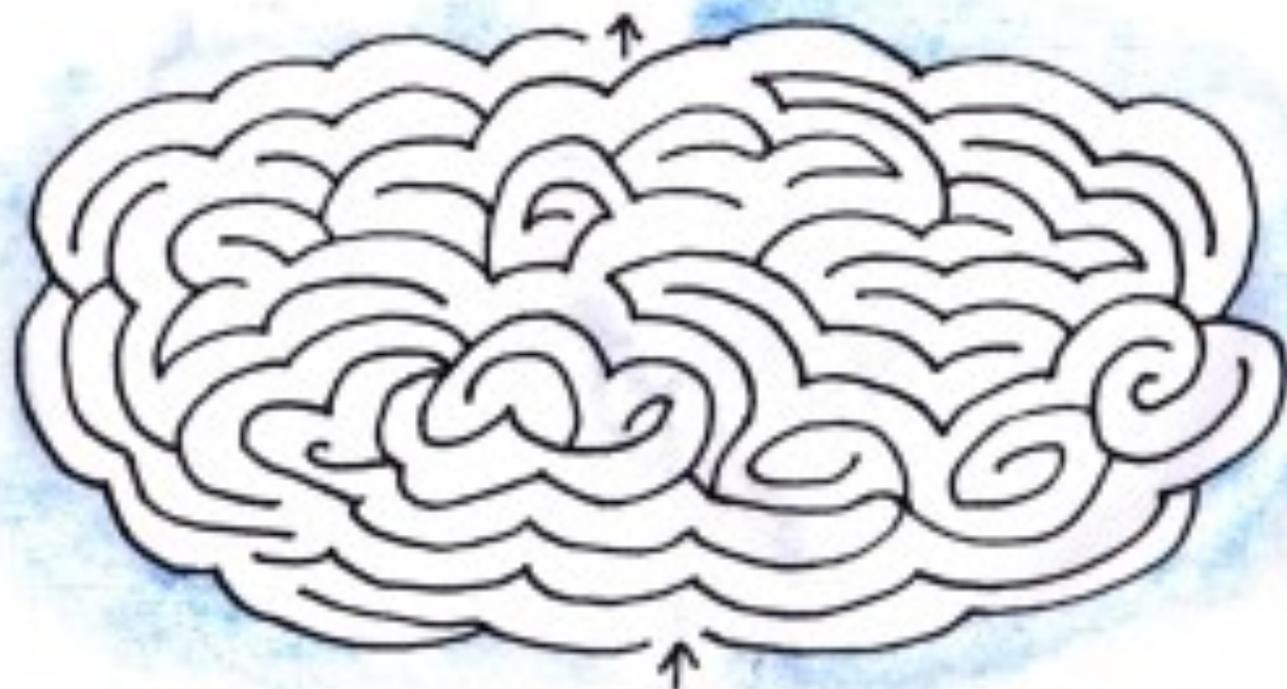
1. Prepare the Jell-o following the package directions.
2. Layer spoonfuls of Berry Blue Jello and Cool Whip in narrow glasses to create the sky and clouds! Be sure to alternate where you place the cool whip "clouds" so that you get a nice staggered effect.
3. Cut out the Jesus print and glue or tape it to the top of a popsicle stick. Stick the stick into the parfait to look as if Jesus is rising above the "clouds".

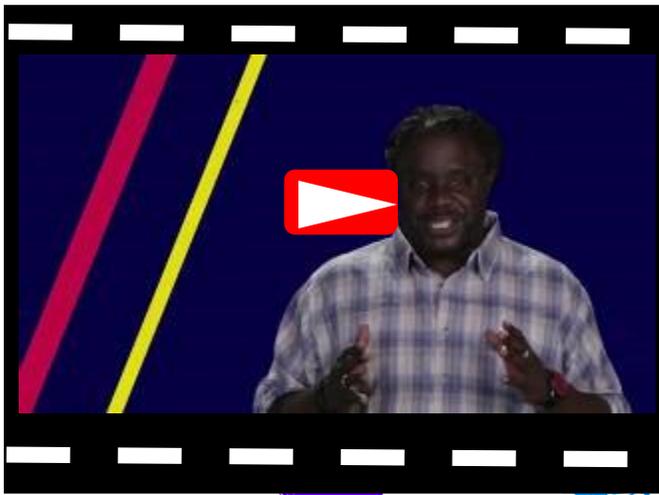


*Forty days after
Jesus rose from the
dead he went up a
hill with His
followers and
disappeared through
the clouds and went
up into Heaven.*

*Jesus had promised
to send a Comforter
to them after
He left them.*

*Can you find your
way through the
cloud maze?*





The GO Great
therefore and
make disciples
of all nations
Commission



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.



mini Paper Kites

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MATERIALS:

- WHITE, RED, ORANGE OR YELLOW CRAFT PAPER (ANY 8.5 X 11" PAPER WILL WORK)
 - PAPER STRAWS (2 PER KITE)
 - STRING OR TWINE FOR THE KITE STRING (AT LEAST 25-30" LONG)
 - LIGHT-WEIGHT STRING, TWINE OR DECORATIVE RIBBON FOR THE TAIL OF KITE (AT LEAST 20" LONG)
 - DECORATIVE RIBBON SCRAPS
 - ELMER'S X-TREME SCHOOL GLUE STICK (I LOVE THIS BECAUSE IT'S MUCH STRONGER THAN THE REGULAR GLUE STICK)
 - ALL PURPOSE GLUE (I USED ELMER'S X-TREME SCHOOL GLUE)
 - MARKERS FOR DECORATING
 - SCISSORS
 - PENCIL
 - RULER
1. CHOOSE TWO COORDINATING PAPERS, AND CUT THEM BOTH IN HALF ALONG THE LONGEST EDGE. (THE SIZE IS NOW 5.5 X 8.5".)
 2. USING A VERY STRONG GLUE STICK, COVER THE BACK OF ONE SHEET WITH GLUE AND PLACE THE OTHER COLOR ON TOP. SMOOTH THE PAGE DOWN, AND MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO BUBBLES.
 3. USING A RULER, MEASURE AND MARK A SPOT AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF YOUR PAPER AT 2.75". MEASURE AND MARK THE LONG EDGES AT 3". USE A RULER TO CONNECT THE FOUR MARKS AND DRAW LINES TO MAKE THE KITE SHAPE.
 4. CUT OUT THE KITE.
 5. CUT A LENGTH OF TWINE OR STRING, AND TIE ONE END TO A PAPER STRAW ABOUT OF THE WAY DOWN. CUT THE SECOND STRAW INTO THIRDS TO GET THREE PIECES. (THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE EXACTLY EVEN. JUST EYEBALL IT.) TIE THE OTHER END OF THE TWINE TO THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF THE PAPER STRAW PIECES. THIS WILL BE THE KITE HANDLE.
 6. ADD A DROP OF GLUE ONTO THE KNOT YOU TIED ON THE HANDLE SO THAT THE STRING WON'T SLIDE OFF OF THE HANDLE.
 7. PLACE THE SIDE OF THE KITE THAT YOU WANT TO BE THE BOTTOM (THE SIDE THAT WILL HOLD THE PAPER STRAW FRAME) FACE UP ON THE TABLE. USING A RULER AND A PENCIL, CONNECT THE CORNERS TO DRAW A CROSS. SQUEEZE A BEAD OF CRAFT GLUE ALONG THE CROSS.
 8. PLACE THE STRAWS INTO THE GLUE TO FORM YOUR KITE FRAME, AND ALLOW THE GLUE TO DRY FOR A FEW MINUTES. (TRY TO GET THE KNOT OF THE TWINE ABOUT EVEN WITH THE CENTER OF THE CROSS BEFORE YOU PRESS DOWN THE STRAW.)
 9. CUT A 20" (OR LONGER) PIECE OF LIGHT-WEIGHT RIBBON OR STRING TO MAKE THE KITE TAIL. THREAD IT THROUGH THE LONG STRAW, AND ADD A BEAD OF GLUE AT THE TOP OF THE STRAW TO KEEP THE STRING FROM FALLING OUT.
 10. TIE A FEW DECORATIVE RIBBONS TO THE TAIL, AND ALLOW ALL GLUE TO DRY COMPLETELY. DECORATE BY DRAWING FLAMES OR DOVES ON YOUR KITE FACE.

Pentecost Paper Plate Kite

(Decorate with Ribbons colored in Red, Orange, Yellow)

SUPPLIES:

- PAPER PLATE, RIBBONS (IN PENTECOST COLORS) IN VARIOUS WIDTH AND LENGTHS
 - DUCT TAPE
 - 16-INCH DOWEL
- TOOLS: SCISSORS, MARKERS



1. Cut the center out of the paper plate.



2. Use duct tape to attach ribbon to one end of the paper plate.



3. Make a hole at the opposite end of the plate from where you attached the ribbon. Insert the dowel into the hole.



4. You want the dowel to come out the other side, but you don't want it to remain sticking out.

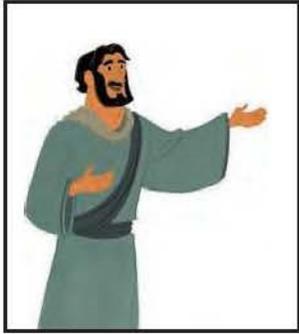


5. Use duct tape to secure the dowel to the plate.



6. Use a generous amount of tape on both the back and front sides. To make the tape look like a decoration, you can add more squares of tape going around the top of the plate. Draw flames and doves on the paper plate front.

7. You are now ready to hold your dowel as your handle and run with your kite, giving it flight! The ribbons will flow behind the kite as you run.



Word Line Up for Jesus Began the Church

Unscramble each of the clue words. Use the letters that appear in the circled spaces to answer the final question.

YERSPRA

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SEPARI

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EZITPAB

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CSTOEPNTE

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DIWN

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RIISPT

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What did Peter say believers should do? — — — — — .