

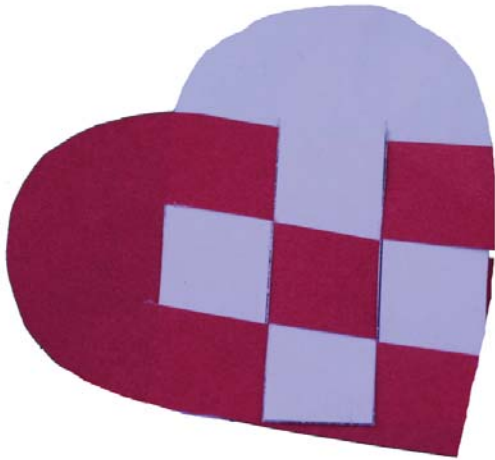


Crafts

Christmas Melodies

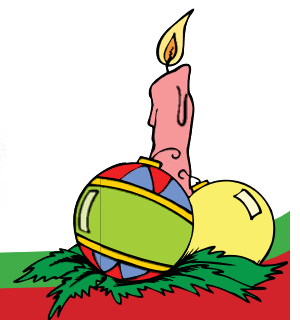
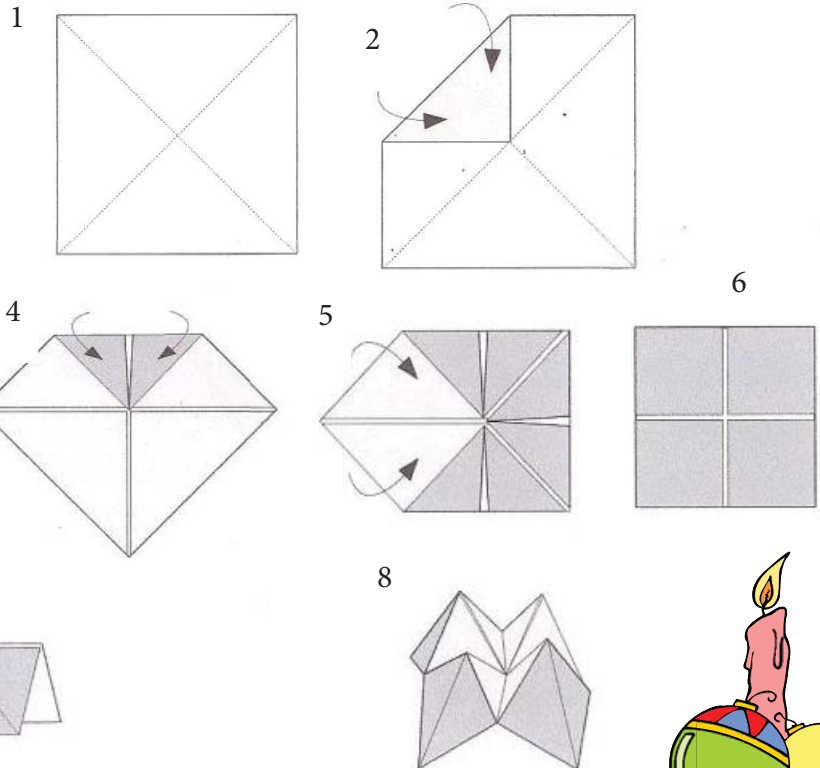
1. Will give Him my heart

1. Punch out the heart shapes and give one of each color to each student.
 2. Demonstrate how to weave the strips so that the colors alternate.
 3. When the students have woven their hearts correctly, glue the end of each strip into place.
 4. Discuss what areas of their hearts they might not have made "room" for Jesus.
- Examples: Screen time, giving attention to siblings, sharing with others (food, toys, etc.)
 Helping parents, being kind, being content and not wishing for more of anything.



2. Making the Puzzle

1. Give each student a printed square for the finger puzzle
2. Color all of the pictures.
3. Demonstrate how to match 2 corners and press a fold. Repeat. This is to show where the exact center is. (figure 1)
3. Unfold and lay flat, next fold each corner tip into the center stopping exactly at the center line. (figure 2)
4. Flip the folded paper over and repeat folding each corner into the center point. (figure 4 and 5)
5. Fold the square in half. (figure 7)
6. Gently pull each corner point into the center, forming finger pockets. (figure 8)



Playing the Game

Put your fingers into the pockets from the bottom, one thumb or index finger in each of the 4 pockets. The puzzle can be opened 2 directions by moving the thumbs and index fingers.

With the puzzle closed, have a friend select one of the four pictures and say something about it relating to Christmas.

The teacher now says how many times to move the puzzle. For instance, spell out "Jesus" requires 5 moves. The teacher could suggest moving the number of the child's age. Change your puzzle this many times and leave the puzzle open to one set of 4 pictures. Look at the picture inside the puzzle closest to the picture your friend selected earlier. Both you and your friend say something about the new picture.

For older children, open up the puzzle to reveal the writing inside. Read the verse or answer the question.



3. *Nativity star decoration*

1. Pass these materials to each student:

A star, a 6 inch piece of ribbon or string, a little circle for the head, a little piece of tissue for His blanket, and a small bunch of hay.

2. Glue the ribbon on the back making a loop for hanging.

3. Glue the head on one side of the star, glue the blanket next to it.

4. Glue a small bunch of hay under the head and blanket

5. Glue a few sequins for the stars.



4. *Gifts for the King of Kings Hanger*

Instructions:

1. Unmold the stars and the title banner, give one to each of your students.

2. Allow children to color their stars and the banner as they wish.

3. Tie the string to the title and to each star as shown.

4. Discuss what gifts we can give to Jesus today.

