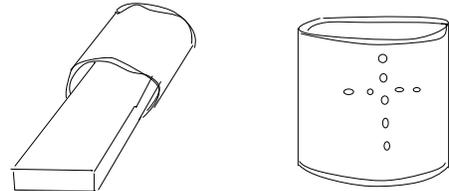


Votive Light

Materials needed

- Small tin cans
- Boards
- Hammers
- Nails
- Permanent markers
- Votive candles *optional*



Directions

1. Use small 7 oz. tin cans from mushrooms or any size you desire: soup cans to paint cans. You will need one tin can per VBS participant.
2. Cut boards wide enough to fit snugly into can to make it sturdy and long enough to use to hold in place for nailing. Boards can be reused each time Craft Shop is offered, but do have one board per Craft Shop participant. For Example: if you will be teaching 8 participants this craft at one time have 8 boards to put inside cans to nail punch.
3. Have one hammer and one nail per Craft Shop participant. *Helpful suggestion:* If you are borrowing hammers ask lenders to put names on their handles with permanent markers.
4. Practice this craft to make sure your size tin can and board work effectively. Find the nail size and sharpness that works best for your can.
5. You may nail punch crosses free hand or use permanent markers to draw nail punch holes on each can to mark where it should be punched. You may have participants draw cross holes to be nail punched or you may mark cross holes on tin cans ahead of time.
6. You may supply votive candles or invite participants to place votive candle inside their tin can (with adult supervision) and remember that Jesus brought us from darkness into Light!

CLOSING ACTIVITY Create excitement by encouraging participants to cheer loudly as they clap their hands and stamp feet!

CHEER: Jesus the Light! (*clap*) Jesus is the Light! (*clap*) Jesus is the Light of the World! (*stamp, stamp*)

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| Leader: | We were blind as we could be. Jesus helped all to see! | CHEER |
| Leader: | When the world is dark and drear. Jesus comes to hold us near. | CHEER |
| Leader: | When our sin turns us away, Jesus brings us back to stay! | CHEER |
| Leader: | Jesus leads us on our way. Help us follow Him each day! | CHEER |

Jesus in the Light Hanger

Materials needed

Craft Sticks

Yarn

Magnets *optional*

Markers

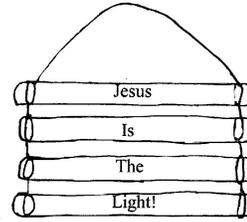


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Directions

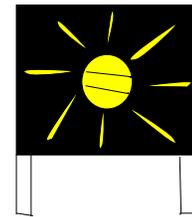
1. Lay out one stick for each word. Direct participants to write one word at a time on each stick.
2. Cut two pieces of yarn about 2 feet long. Tie a length of yarn around one end of each stick, leaving about 2 inches between each stick as shown in figure 1

Note: *Make sure participants tie sticks in proper order so their hanger says: Jesus is the Light.*

3. Cut a 6-inch length of yarn and tie one end to each end of the top stick to make a hanger. You may also glue one or more magnets to the back of the sticks to make a refrigerator magnet.
4. Remind participants that Jesus is the Light of the World who leads us on the right path of faith to eternal life.

CLOSING ACTIVITY: This fairly easy craft should allow you time to play this Game.

You will need a blind fold, a large black piece of construction paper and a yellow sun cut into as many or more pieces than you have participants in each Craft Shop. If space permits use black board from board activity from Day One Opening. You may also be able to use a blind fold from Day One Opening.



Have a container with numbers (one for each participant). Ask each participant to draw a number. Give out remaining numbers at random or take the numbers yourself to finish the puzzle. After each participant has a number ask them to take turns according to their numbers and each place a piece of the sun or Light puzzle on the black board. The participant whose turn it is will be blind folded, but the entire group can help guide this participant to place his or her piece in the correct place to make a sun or Son! As they are working together emphasize how important it is for members of God's family to work together to build each other up and keep each other on the right path of faith. As time allows discuss how we can help build each other up in faith.

Conclude by reminding everyone that Jesus is the Son of God. He gives us faith and lights our way.

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