

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Day Camp Crafts for 2011: Jesus Chooses Us

SUPPLY LIST

Two or three craft projects are listed below. You can choose to do one or more for each day

Day 1	<p>Ichthus Symbol Stain Glass Window</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Paper • Scissors • Pencil Sharpeners • Crayons • Wax Paper • Glue • An Iron <p>Fishers of People Bracelet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing brass barrel swivels with interlock snap
Day 2	<p>Prayer Rock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocks • Paint • Paintbrushes <p>Signs of Hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Paint • Paintbrushes • Markers • Glue • Magazines • Newspapers
Day 3	<p>“Just Be” Art Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card stock • Scissors • Index cards • Glue stick or tape • Materials to decorate index cards <p>Manners of Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card stock • Stickers • Markers • Colored pencils or crayons
Day 4	<p>Where’s Zacchaeus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Pens or pencils • Colored pencils or markers

	<p>Collages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old magazines • Scissors • Paper • Tape or glue • Poster board
Day 5	<p>Clip Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring-hinged clothespins (four per camper) • 8.5" x 3" cardboard pieces • Paint or markers • Glue • Card stock • Pens • Yarn • Tape <p>Personal Mission Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blank index cards or blank business cards • Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

The crafts are intended to reinforce and supplement what the campers learn in Bible study. The activities selected hopefully allow for the variety of expressive skills and aptitudes of the campers. Leaders should focus on the desired learning outcome with campers, rather than the quality of the creation. Some campers will be reluctant to demonstrate or display their products to peers. Respect their sensitivities. The process is what counts.

Day 1: Jesus Calls Us

Bible Text: Matthew 4:18-22 (Jesus calls disciples)

Ichthus Symbol Stain Glass Window

During today's Bible study campers learned how people in Jesus' day depended on fishing to make a living and feed their families. So it made sense for Jesus to use the phrase "fishing for people" as an explanation of what it would mean to be his disciple. Early Christians, who were persecuted for their beliefs and thus forced to be secretive, used the sign of a fish, in Greek the word is *Ichthus*, to let one another know they were fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Today we see the Ichthus symbol everywhere—on key rings, bumper stickers and T-shirts, just to name a few places. Every time we see this symbol it can remind us that Jesus calls us to follow him and fish for people. Have the campers make their own Ichthus Symbol.

1. Take a piece of construction paper and fold it in half. Have them cut out a fish from the center of the paper. Both sides need to be even. (You might want to have some patterns for them to trace)
2. Take the wax paper, tear off a piece double the size of the fish, and fold it in half. Open it up and sharpen crayon bits unto the wax paper. Two or three colors are usually enough. Fold it together and have an adult iron it lightly until the crayons melt.
3. Glue the wax paper into the construction paper that has the fish cut out.
4. They can write a Bible verse around their fish to help them to remember that Jesus chooses us.

Fishers of People Bracelet

To remind ourselves that we are fishers of people and that we are called by Jesus, make these bracelets with the campers. Using fishing brass barrel swivels with interlock snap, create a bracelet by connecting the swivels to the snap. Keep connecting the swivels until you have a chain long enough to fit around a camper's wrist.

Day 2: Jesus Protects Us

Bible Text: Mark 4:35-41 (Jesus calms the sea)

Prayer Rock

We can't always feel God with us when we pray, but God is always there. To remind ourselves of God's constant protection and love we can use a prayer rock. The rocks should fit in the palm of the camper's hand and feel good to hold. There may be special grooves in the rock or a smooth texture that makes the rock feel like a nice fit. Once all campers have a rock to their liking, they can paint their rocks with a special word or picture that reminds them of God. Then at night they can use the new prayer rocks to practice connecting with our ever-present Lord.

Signs of Hope

Have the campers create posters, signs or collages with simple messages of hope, encouragement and promise to place around the church for everyone to see. They can use phrases or words found in today's Bible texts.

Day 3: Jesus Speaks to Us

Bible Text: Luke 10:38-42 (Jesus visits Mary & Martha)

"Just Be" Art Card

We can remind others that it is important to simply "be" sometimes by sending cards with messages of love to one another. Give each camper a piece of the card stock and an index card. Ask them to fold the card stock in half to make a card. Using markers, colored pencils or paint, decorate the index card with artwork of any kind. On the front flap of the card, cut a window so it is slightly smaller than the index card. Using a glue stick or tape, attach the index card artwork behind the window to show on the front of the card. Use colored pencils to write a message to a person of the camper's choice.

Manners of Faith

Ask campers if they have ever heard the expression "Have an attitude of gratitude!" Our gratitude to God is often seen in our attitude of gratitude toward the people God uses to make good things happen in our lives. Ask the group to use the arts and crafts material available to make some small thank-you cards or gifts to share with the people who work at church or who have helped this week at camp.

Day 4: Jesus Comes to Us

Bible Text: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

Where's Zacchaeus?

Have campers draw the scene from the story of Zacchaeus on their paper by walking them through the following steps. First, draw a road that stretches into a horizon. Then draw a crowd of people along the road, as if they were watching a parade. Draw Jesus on the road with his followers. Then draw a tree next to the road. Have campers choose where they

would be in the picture and draw themselves in. Are they up in the tree like Zacchaeus? Are they on the road close to Jesus? Are they in the background, not paying attention? Have campers discuss as a group where they chose to be in the picture and why they chose that place.

Collages

Give each camper two pieces of paper and access to a few magazines. Have campers cut out words, images and facial expressions that show what it looks like to be an “outsider” and what it looks like to be included. On one piece of paper, they can make a collage of what it means to them to be an “outsider” and on the other what it means to be included. After each collage is finished, attach it to the piece of poster board so that all of the “outsider” pictures are in the center of the poster board and the inclusion images form a frame around them. Explain that God includes *everyone*, and that God’s love is radical enough to bring the outsiders into the center of the picture and include them in God’s grace.

Day 5: Jesus Meets Us

Bible Text: Luke 24:13-35 (Road to Emmaus)

Clip Notes

Have campers cut card stock into four smaller pieces (one for each clothespin they have) and write something different on each square. On the first square, campers should write their favorite Bible verse from the week. On another square, have them write one way they see the Spirit at work in their lives right now. On the third, campers can write one goal they have about sharing the good news with someone else. On the fourth card, campers can write or draw one way they’ve been called to serve God. Once all the squares are filled, campers can decorate the piece of cardboard and clothespins, and glue the clothespins onto the piece of cardboard. Using tape to secure yarn on both ends of the cardboard, campers can make a hanger for their note board and clip their notes to the clothespins. Encourage them to put the note hanger somewhere they’ll see it every day to remind them of God’s continued call in their lives.

Personal Mission Cards

Sometimes we need little reminders of the mission God has called us to—something like cue cards. On one side of a blank card, create a concise list or statement of what you will do in your daily life as a chosen friend and follower of Jesus, a disciple called to serve. Be specific about your actions and intent. Remember everything you’ve experienced and talked about during the week. On the other side of the card, draw a symbol or logo that represents who you are and what your particular gifts or assets are as a disciple of Jesus. (The symbol can be something you make up, an image from the Bible or an image from nature.)

Carry the card with you wherever you go.