

Preschool Craft



Materials

- ❑ GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns (p. 51)
- ❑ adhesive-backed craft foam in yellow, blue, green, purple, red and one other color

For Each Child

- ❑ one white folded 4-inch (10 cm) square gift box (available in gift wrap section of stationery or craft stores)
- ❑ brown paper lunch bag

Standard Supplies

- ❑ white card stock
- ❑ scissors
- ❑ markers
- ❑ crayons or markers

GP4U=J! Cube (10–15 minutes)

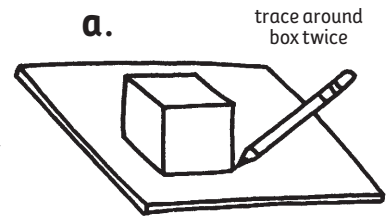
Preparation

Photocopy GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns onto card stock and cut out. For each child, do the following:

- Trace the symbol patterns onto the following colors of craft foam: yellow for sun, blue for broken heart, green for Bible, purple for cross and red for heart. Cut out shapes.

- Assemble box and close lid.

- Using the bottom of the box as a pattern, trace two squares on the additional color of craft foam (image a). Cut out squares.

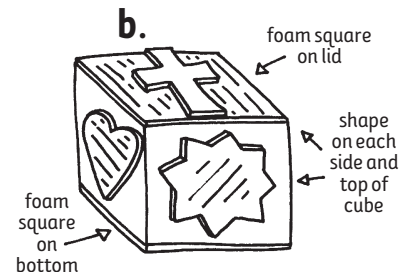


- Place craft-foam shapes and box in brown paper lunch bag.

Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- Peel the paper from one square and stick it onto the bottom of box. Repeat with other square, placing it onto the top lid of box. Press down to make sure craft foam is sticking well.

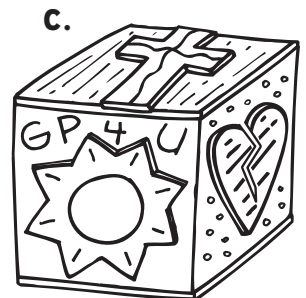
- Peel the paper from the other craft foam shapes, and place shapes on the four sides of the box and one on the top lid (image b).



- Use crayons or markers to decorate with dots, squiggles and other details (image c).

Simplification Ideas

- Eliminate decorating with crayons and markers.
- Instead of using craft-foam shapes, children decorate boxes with crayons and/or markers and Daily Plan Stickers (available from Liguori Publications).



Conversation

You can use your GP4U=J! Cube to store treasures. Or place a small gift or treat inside your box and give it to someone. Giving to others is one way to show God's love. How did God show His love for us? (He created us. He sent Jesus. He forgives our sins.) When we know how much God loves us, we will want others to know about His love, too.

GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns

