

Older Elementary Craft

Door Dangler

(20–25 minutes)

Preparation

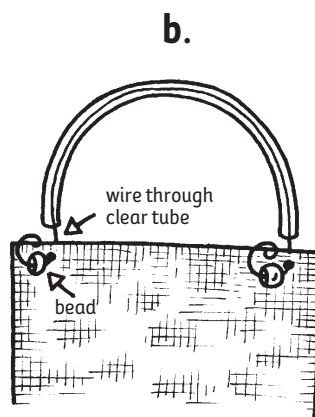
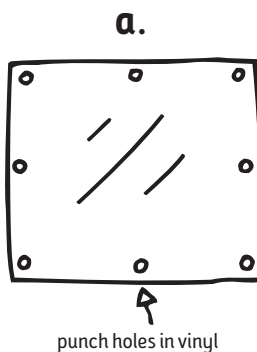
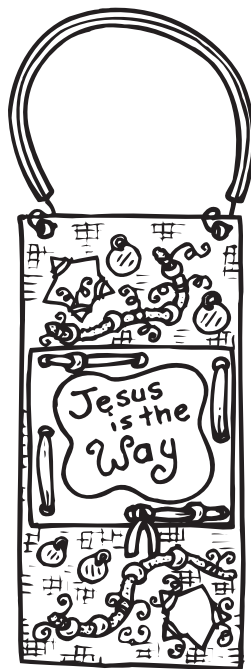
For each child, prepare one of each of the following:

- 4x10-inch (10x25.5 cm) rectangle of fiberglass screening
- 10½-inch (26.5 cm) length of vinyl tubing
- 13-inch (33 cm) length of copper wire
- 24-inch (61 cm) length of plastic lanyard
- 3-inch (7.5 cm) square of colored paper
- 4-inch (10 cm) vinyl square that has three holes punched on each side (image a)

Place the items for each child in a separate brown paper lunch bag.

Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- Insert 16-gauge craft or copper wire through clear tubing.
- To make handle, insert each end of copper wire through the upper corners of screen, ¼-inch (0.6 cm) away from each edge. Thread a bead on each end. Using pliers, curl the wire ends to secure beads to wire (image b).



Materials

- black fiberglass screening (available at home-improvement stores)
- ¼-inch (0.6 cm) clear vinyl tubing (available at home-improvement stores)
- wire cutters
- 16-gauge craft or copper wire (available at craft and home-improvement stores)
- plastic lanyard
- lightweight clear vinyl sheeting (available at craft stores)
- pony beads
- several needle-nose pliers
- metallic pipe cleaners
- 24-gauge beading wire (available at craft stores)
- jump rings
- variety of large sequins

For Each Child

- brown paper lunch bag

Standard Supplies

- scissors
- measuring stick
- brightly colored paper
- hole punch
- markers

- With marker, write "Jesus is the way" on paper square. Cut around the words to make any shape (star, curved, jagged, heart, etc.) or leave it square.
- Place paper on the center of the beaded side of screen. Lay the vinyl square over the paper. Weave the plastic lacing through the holes in vinyl square and screen. String some beads onto lacing as you work. Where ends of lacing meet, tie ends together in a knot (image c). Trim ends.
- Decorate the screen. Thread beads on two pipe cleaners and then bend into flat shapes. Cut short lengths of beading wire and use to secure pipe cleaner shapes to screen (image d).
- Attach jump rings to large sequins with holes, and then attach jump rings to screen. Wrap beading wire around other large sequins to secure them to the screen.
- Cut short lengths of craft or copper wire and attach to screen or pipe cleaners. Curl the ends of the wires with pliers.

Conversation

Jesus came to make a way for us to be with God. The Bible tells us that Jesus died for everyone's sins. That means people alive now, people who lived in the past and people who haven't even been born yet. Jesus never sinned, yet He died for all of us who DO sin. He died to bring us close to God. He died so that our sins could be forgiven.

