

Older Elementary Craft

GP4U=J! Disc Mobile (10–15

minutes)

Materials

- GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns (p. 51)
- silver thread or thin cord
- craft foam in yellow, blue, green, purple, red and one other color

For Each Child

- two silver pipe cleaners
- two old CDs

Standard Supplies

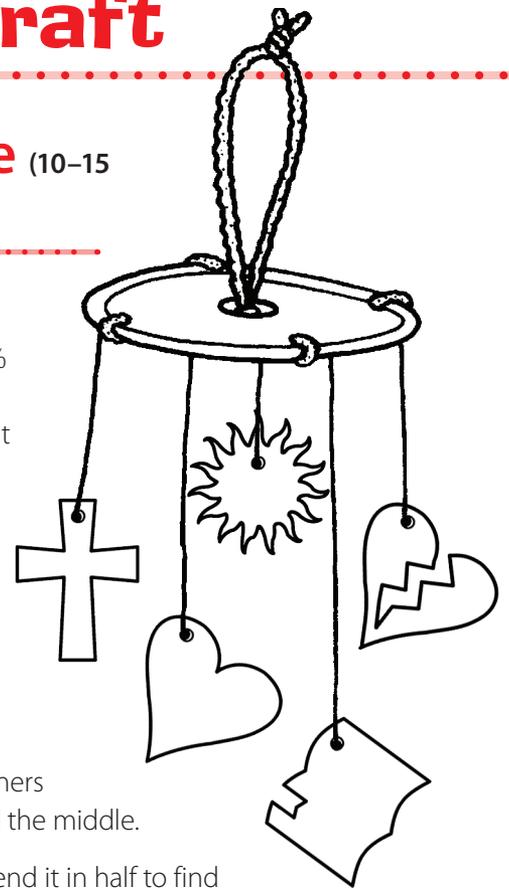
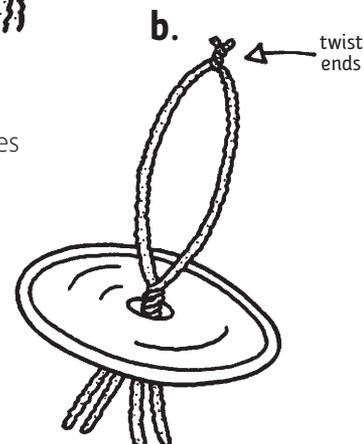
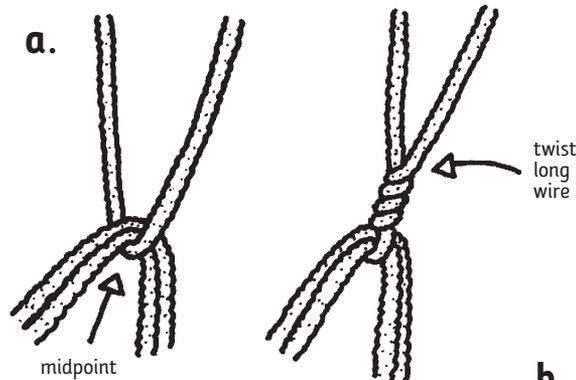
- white card stock
- scissors
- glue
- ballpoint pens
- several hole punches
- crayons or markers

Preparation

Photocopy GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns at 65% reduction onto card stock, making one set of patterns for each child. For each child, cut lengths of thread as follows: two 12 inches (30.5 cm) long, two 9 inches (23 cm) long and one 6 inches (15 cm) long. Cut half of the silver pipe cleaners into 6-inch (15 cm) lengths, two lengths for each child.

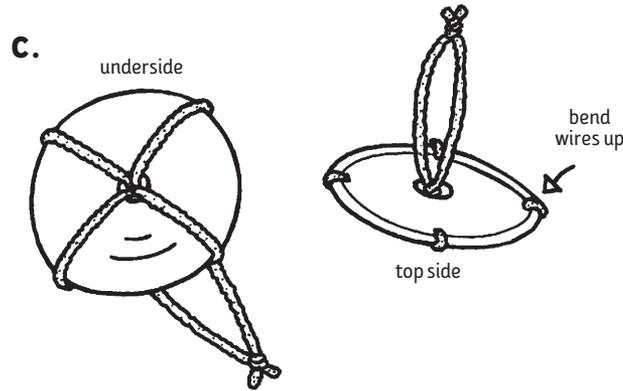
Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- Hold the 6-inch (15 cm) silver pipe cleaners together, and bend them in half to find the middle.
- Take the long silver pipe cleaner and bend it in half to find the middle. Then hook the midpoint of the shorter wires over the midpoint of the long wire. Twist the long wire around the shorter wires to secure (image a).

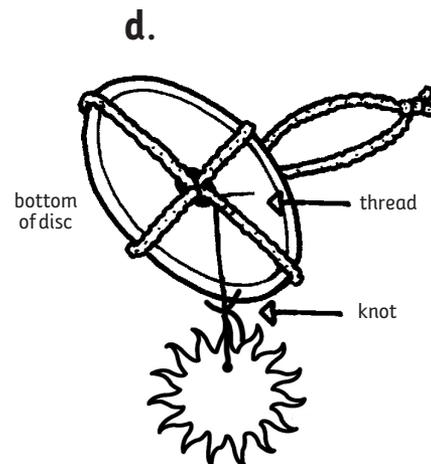


- Glue the two CDs together with the printed sides facing each other.
- Insert the longer doubled pipe cleaner through the holes in CDs. Twist the top ends together and spread slightly apart to make hanging loop (image b).

- Turn CDs over and spread the shorter pipe cleaners apart evenly to lie flat against disc. Bend the ends of wires to the top side of discs to secure (image c).



- Cut out GP4U=J! Patterns.
- Use a ballpoint pen to trace the GP4U=J! 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.
- Use hole punch to punch a hole near the top of each shape. Be sure not to get too close to the edge!
- Tie the 6-inch (15 cm) length of thread to the sun shape. Then slide the opposite end of thread under one of the silver wire arms on underside of mobile. Tie end to one of the silver wires in the center of disc (image d). Sun will hang in the center.
- Tie the remaining threads to the remaining shapes.
- Then tie the opposite ends of threads to the silver wires near the disc edge. You may unbend the wires and then bend back over discs once thread is tied and knotted. Tie the shapes with same-length threads opposite each other to balance.
- Trim thread ends.



Conversation

You can hang your GP4U=J! Disc Mobile in your room to remind you of God's love. What is God's plan for you? (Children review the symbol meanings.) The heart reminds us to show God's love to others and that God's love goes on FOREVER! When we are loving toward others, they might do something kind for someone else. That's a big part of God's plan. But the best part of God's plan is that when we believe in His Son, Jesus, and try to live the way Jesus wants us to, we are given a wonderful gift—the gift of eternal life. We can be with God and share His love forever!