

Younger Elementary Craft

Materials

- ☐ GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns (p. 51)
- ☐ heavy-duty scissors or wire cutters
- ☐ ball chain (available at craft and home-improvement stores)
- ☐ craft foam in yellow, blue, green, purple, red and one or more other colors
- ☐ permanent markers
- ☐ foam glue (available at craft stores)

For Each Child

- ☐ one ball-chain connector (available at craft and home-improvement stores)

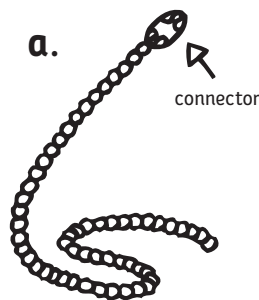
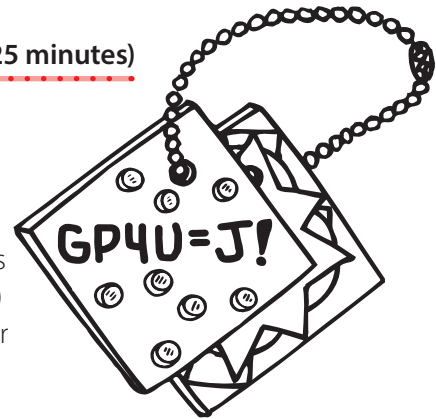
Standard Supplies

- ☐ white card stock
- ☐ ruler
- ☐ ballpoint pens
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ several hole punches

GP4U=J! Key Chain (20–25 minutes)

Preparation

Photocopy GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns at 65% reduction onto card stock, making one set of patterns for each child. With heavy-duty scissors or wire cutters, cut ball chain into 6-inch (15 cm) lengths—one for each child. Attach a connector to one end of each chain (image a).



Craft Tip

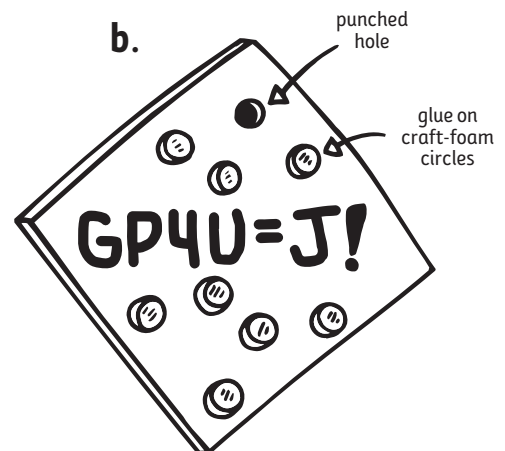
Instead of tracing and cutting to make the 2-inch (5 cm) square patterns, use a paper cutter to cut lots of squares quickly and easily.

Trace a 2-inch (5 cm) square onto white card stock and cut out, making one square pattern for each child.

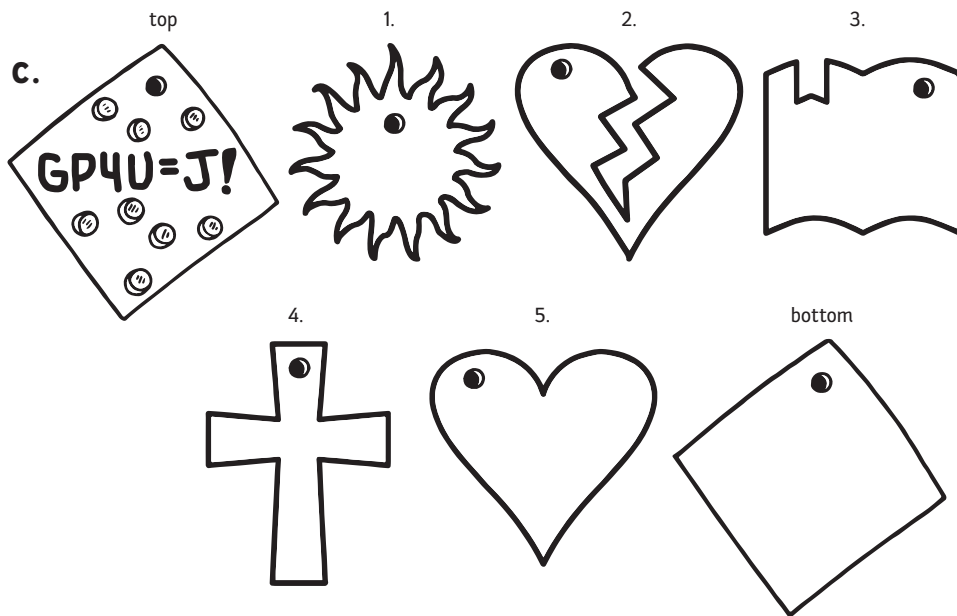
Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- 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 all of the shapes.

- Trace the square pattern twice onto an additional color of craft foam. Cut out squares to make two covers.
- Use hole punch to punch a hole near the top of each shape. Be sure not to get too close to the edge! Save hole-punched circles.
- On one cover, use permanent marker to write "GP4U=J!" Glue punched foam circles to decorate (image b).



- Assemble the symbols in GP4U=J! order: sun on top, and then broken heart, Bible, cross and heart. Align all the holes. Then place the decorated cover on top and the plain cover on the bottom (image c).



- Thread the chain through all holes in foam pieces, and attach free end to the connector.

Simplification Idea

Eliminate gluing foam circles to the top cover. Children simply decorate the cover with permanent markers.

Conversation

You can use your GP4U=J! Key Chain for your house key, or you can attach it to your backpack or a loop on your jeans. However you decide to use it, your GP4U=J! Key Chain can always remind you of God's love. What is God's plan for you?

(Children review the symbol meanings.) **Now that you know God's plan from beginning to end, you can share it with a friend or someone you know. There are many people who'd like to know that God has a plan for their lives, too!**

GP4U=J! Symbol Patterns

