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Snowball Mountain Challenge:

Find Your Strength in God

	Bible Story	Lift Lessons	Music	Crafts
Session 1	Joseph Interprets Dreams (Genesis 40:1-41:45)	I can share my gifts!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowball Mountain Challenge • Philippians 4:13 • I've Got a Gift • Snowball Mountain Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic Snowflake • Kaleidoscope • Chalet • Fan
Session 2	Esther Shows Courage (Esther 3:7-8:8)	I can be brave!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I've Got a Gift • Snowball Mountain Challenge • C-O-U-R-A-G-E • Snowball Mountain Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watercolor Mountain • Seal Paper Doll • Twirl Toy
Session 3	The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44)	I can give my all!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippians 4:13 • Anything But You • Supersized • Snowball Mountain Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Clay Snow Challenger • Upcycle Prayer Box • Coin Charm
Session 4	Jesus Prays in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-46)	I can pray!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippians 4:13 • The Journey • This Is What I Pray • Jump Up! Walk a Little 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Art Suncatcher • Flip Book • Ribbon Paper Wreath
Session 5	Peter and John at the Temple (Acts 3:1-10)	I can hope!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowball Mountain Challenge • C-O-U-R-A-G-E • Jump Up! Walk a Little • The Journey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Medal • Cocoa Mug Frame • Scroll Paper Art • Tissue Paper Stars

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Science	Recreation	Snacks	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straw Lift • Homemade Gummy Candy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundry Basket Bobsled Race • Freezing Dreams Tag • Icy Mountain Motto Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowflakes • Snowflake Cupcakes • I Can Share My Gifts! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant Freeze • Blubber Glove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Verse Snowball Fling • Winter Clothes Race • Snow Queen/King Contest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow-Drizzled Treats • Donut Snowman • I Can Be Brave! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball Bearing Ice • Notebook Tension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widow's Offering Hockey • Challengers' Slalom Race • Footprints in the Snow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Chocolate Mix • Snowman Pudding • I Can Give My All! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding Journey • Instant Snow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry-for-Others Sled • Ice Skating Spin • Crawl and Waddle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Cream Dip • Ollie • I Can Pray! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowshoe Mountain Challenge • Soda Explosion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ski Lift Limbo • Cross-Country Skiing • Gold or Silver? NO! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow-Covered Popcorn • Winter Sports • I Can Hope! 	



Prep Your Craft Station

Greetings, Craft Leader! Time to prepare for your *Snowball Mountain Challenge* event! Get ready to engage and create with your Challengers as they learn God is present with us in every challenge we face. Here are some important provisions and guidelines to help ensure a successful time of arts and crafts ministry in your VBS:

- 👉 **Attend all available Snowball Mountain Challenge leader training sessions** to learn about the program as a whole and how your station fits into the overall message.
- 👉 **Familiarize yourself with each session's Bible story** and where your activities enhance the narrative for each session.
- 👉 **Use the Leader Devotionals and Bible Backgrounds** as part of your preparation for teaching, found at CokesburyVBS.com or on the **Decorating and Publicity Download Files**.
- 👉 **SAFETY TIP:** Do not allow glass, ceramic, or other breakable items in your area; use sturdy plastic or cardboard instead. Ensure that your area is free of sharp objects and trip/fall hazards.
- 👉 **Plan ahead! Read through this book in its entirety**, and practice the crafts as detailed in this guide with your volunteers; then you can use your practice crafts as classroom samples!
- 👉 **Feel free to adapt these crafts and activities** as best fits your group, space, and time allotment. We know that every church/program is unique, so make each session your own—and have fun!
- 👉 **In this Craft Leader book**, leaders will find options for craft time. There are Make-It-and-Take-It crafts and Cokesbury-purchased crafts. The Make-It-and-Take-It crafts are Bible- and theme-based crafts that can be created mainly using items from your resources or from craft supply stores. The Cokesbury crafts are available at CokesburyVBS.com, providing an easy option.

Materials and Special Features

Special Features

Craft Tips

These tips provide age-group adaptations and other suggestions to help your craft station.

Bible Tie-ins

Connect crafts to the Bible lesson, Mountain Motto (Bible verse), and Lift Lesson (the Lift Lesson phrases). While at the Craft Station, say a prayer, share the Bible Tie-in with the craft, and praise the efforts of your Challengers.

Stencils and Templates

Check out the Free Resources section of CokesburyVBS.com for craft-specific, ready-to-use templates and stencils.

Get Ready!

Collect your supplies for each session well in advance! Unless noted, materials lists are for ONE craft only; determine the number of materials you need based on the size and time limits of your group.

Let the Craft Calculator tool help you with your shopping list! Go to CokesburyVBS.com, then select the Tools option, and click on the Craft Calculator tab. Select the craft you would like to make, enter the number of Challengers, and click Calculate. Easy! Order your Cokesbury craft items at least five months before your Vacation Bible School as they are limited in quantity and may sell out quickly!

Get your congregation involved by publicizing a list of supplies they can donate! Use online wish lists and shopping lists to collect donations of items and track what has been purchased. Keep a record of any borrowed items so you can easily return them. Be sure to reuse or recycle any leftovers after VBS. Many supply items are available at your local craft stores. Check local ads and store websites for coupons, and keep an eye out for sales!



With Jesus, We Can Do All Things!

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS is based on Philippians 4:13, NRSV: “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” This verse reminds us that God’s strength through Jesus can help us face challenges. **Snowball Mountain Challenge** invites us to an exciting winter sports event full of new challenges, friends, and ways to learn that with God’s help we can do more than we ever thought possible.

Get ready for an ice-cold summer adventure, packed with cool winter activities. The **Snowball Mountain Challenge** is an exciting winter sports event held every year on Snowball Mountain. Ollie the Arctic Seal, an enthusiastic vlogger with an online following, and the Activities Director or AD (Assembly Leader) explore the Challenge Companion (the Bible) every day to learn how God helps Bible heroes—and people today—face challenges. Through stories from the Old and New Testaments, Challengers will learn that with the strength God provides through Jesus, they can do more than they ever dreamed they could do. With this understanding, children will be invited to share the good news of Jesus and share the love and strength God offers with everyone, everywhere, every day.

Here’s how each session will encourage children to consider that through God’s strength, we can do all things:

- 👤 The story of Joseph’s challenges invites children to consider how they share their gifts. Just like Joseph used God’s strength to share his God-given gifts, children can accept the invitation to use their gifts to help others near and far.
- 👤 The story of Queen Esther shows children how God’s power can make people brave. Children will be encouraged to consider how being brave is not something we have to do all alone. Children will be inspired to trust in the strength God provides to help them be brave for God’s purposes.
- 👤 The story of the widow’s offering invites children to consider their ability to give and share. As they experience this interaction and hear the words of Jesus, children will be inspired to seek God’s strength to give what they have for God’s kingdom.
- 👤 The story of Jesus praying in the garden helps children to experience Jesus in one of the most challenging times in his life and ministry. As children reflect on the prayer in the garden, they will be encouraged to depend on God’s strength so they can pray in challenging times and ask for God’s strength as they pray.
- 👤 The story of Peter and John healing a man at the temple in Jesus’ name shows children that we can have hope, even in challenging circumstances. As they consider Peter’s and John’s actions toward the man, children will understand that with God’s strength, they can both receive hope themselves and offer hope to others.



To easily download the Seal Paper Doll Template and Tissue Paper Stars Template, as well as Choreography videos, an Assembly Time countdown, Bible backgrounds, and more visit:
<https://rebrand.ly/SMCfreechoreocdvideos> or scan the QR code.



Bible Story

Joseph Interprets
Dreams

(Genesis 40:1–41:45)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through
him who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can share my gifts!

Materials

- ✂ Mosaic Snowflake craft kit
- ✂ Scissors
- ✂ White glue
- ✂ Markers

Cokesbury Craft Mosaic Snowflake

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

- ✂ Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of materials. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.
- ✂ Optional: Cut out snowflake shape.

Directions

1. Adhere foam glitter squares in any pattern desired.
2. Glue on googly eyes.
3. Draw a mouth on the snowflake.

Bible Tie-in

Joseph could understand dreams in ways that others around him couldn't. God has also given us gifts to see the world in our own special ways. When we make these mosaic snowflakes, we are reflecting how God uses our creativity to make new and unique things!





Cokesbury Craft Kaleidoscope

Ages

Appropriate for Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

👉 Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of materials. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.

Directions

1. Fold the mylar card into three equal sections with the reflective side on the inside.
2. Tape card edges together to form a triangle.
3. Insert the folded card into the paper tube.
4. Tape or glue the straw to the outside of the paper tube so that the straw hangs slightly over the edge of the tube.
5. Decorate the cardstock circle on one side.
6. Thread the straw through the hole in the cardstock circle so that the design can be seen through the paper tube.
7. Turn the cardstock circle as you look through the kaleidoscope and watch your decorations reflect!

Bible Tie-in

God made something beautiful out of some of the most difficult parts of Joseph's life. Just like the kaleidoscope forms a beautiful pattern when we look through it, God uses all the different events in our lives to create something full of beauty and purpose.



Bible Story

Joseph Interprets Dreams

(Genesis 40:1–41:45)

Mountain Motto

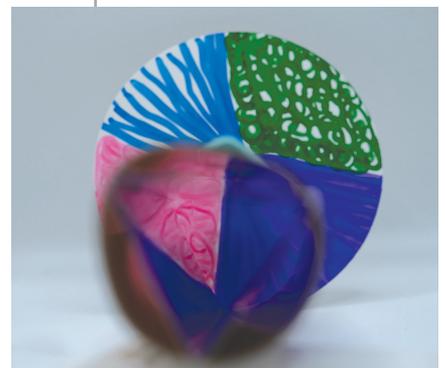
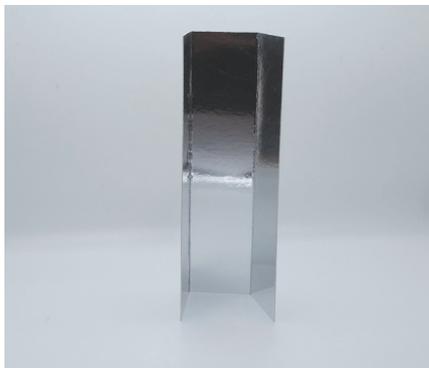
I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can share my gifts!

Materials

- 👉 Kaleidoscope craft kit
- 👉 Clear tape
- 👉 Markers
- 👉 White glue (optional)
- 👉 Stickers (optional)





Bible Story

Joseph Interprets

Dreams

(Genesis 40:1–41:45)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can share my gifts!

Materials

- 👉 Paper bags
- 👉 Cardstock
- 👉 Scissors
- 👉 Glue stick
- 👉 Double-sided tape
- 👉 Markers
- 👉 Crayons

Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Chalet

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

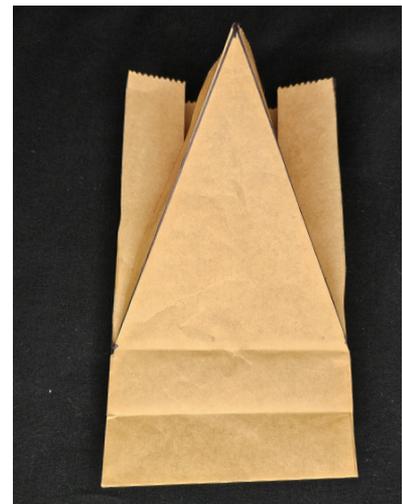
1. Cut 4 corners of the bag from the top edge down to the horizontal bottom fold.
2. Mark the center of the top edge of the front and back of bag.
3. Draw a line from the center top edge down to the cut corner on each side of the front. Repeat on the back of the bag.
4. Fold on the lines to create a triangle at the bag top. Repeat on the back of the bag.
5. Overlap sides to the point of the roof point and secure with tape.
6. Cut cardstock for roof 2½" wide x 11" long.
7. Fold in half lengthwise.
8. Use markers, crayons, or coloring pencils to add windows and doors to the paper bag chalet, and shingles to the cardstock roof.
9. Secure cardstock as the roof with double-sided tape.

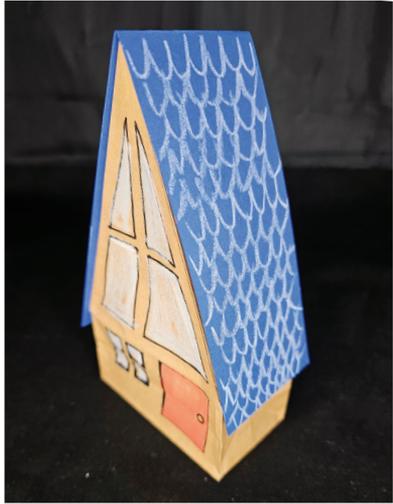
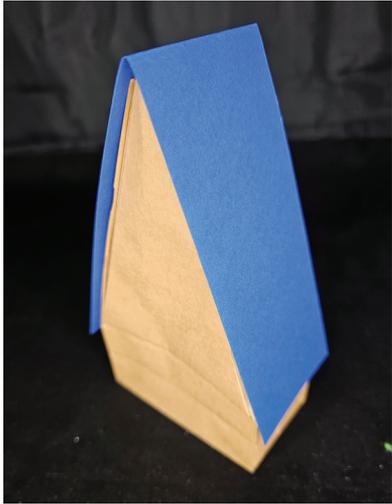
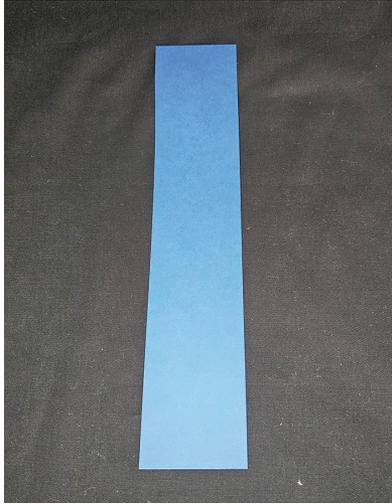
Notes:

- 👉 Any size paper may be used. The paper bag in the photo (page 9) measures 3½" x 6¾".
- 👉 If drawing on the paper bag chalet seems too difficult at Step 8, consider drawing on the craft after Step 3 instead.

Bible Tie-in

God provided for Joseph during a difficult part of his life. When we see our chalets, we can remember the warmth of God's presence with us. God cares for us and will always be with us, just as God was present with Joseph all throughout his life.







Bible Story

Joseph Interprets

Dreams

(Genesis 40:1–41:45)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through
him who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can share my gifts!

Materials

- ✂ Scissors
- ✂ Double-sided tape
- ✂ Copier/printer paper
- ✂ String
- ✂ Craft sticks
- ✂ Optional: markers for decorating
- ✂ Optional: snow-themed shapes cut from other paper

Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Fan

Ages

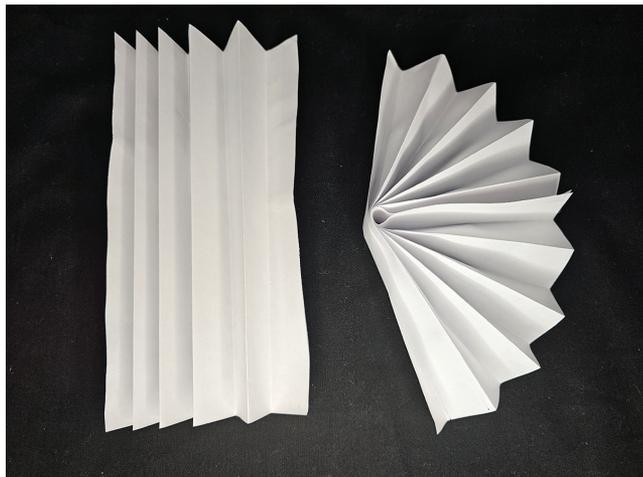
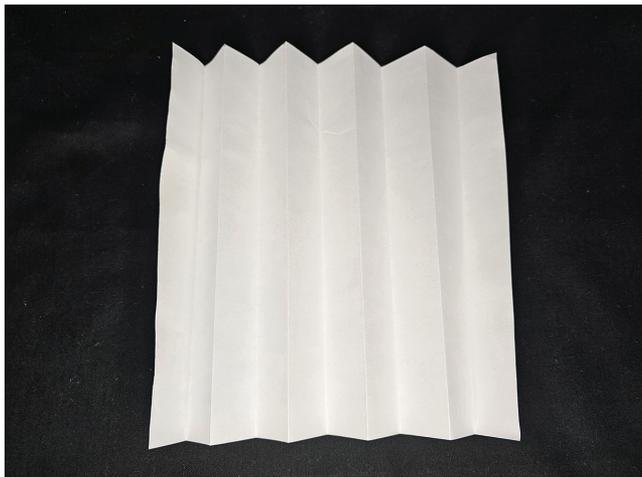
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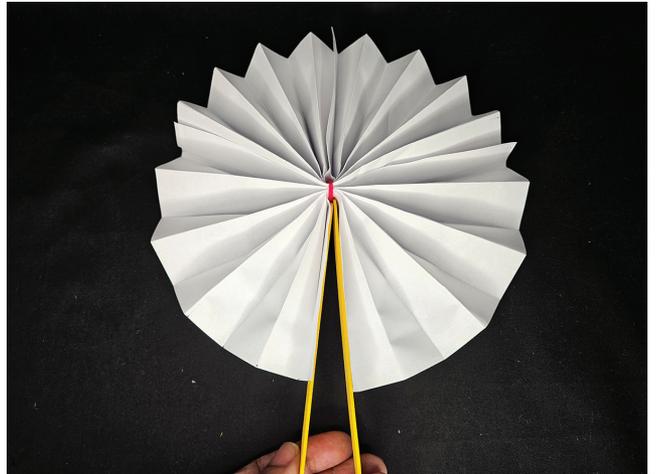
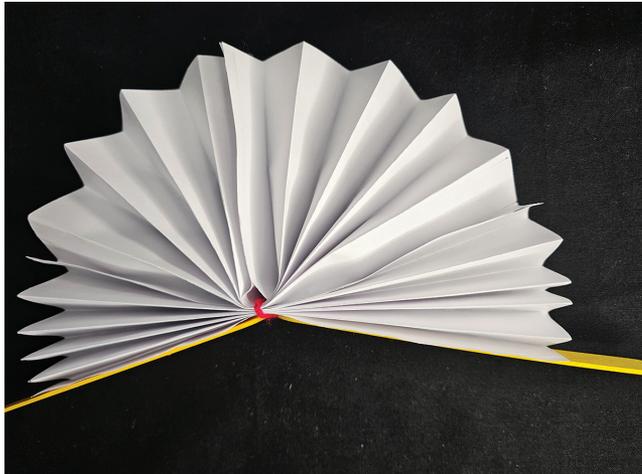
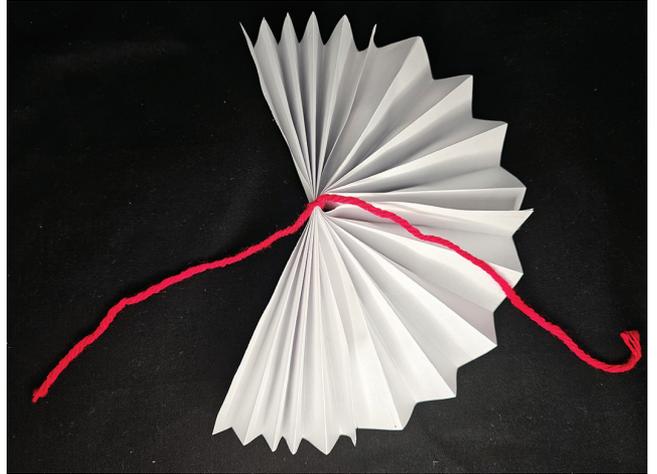
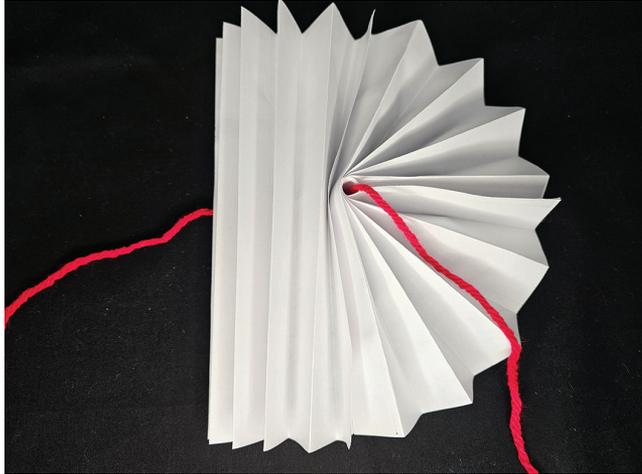
Directions

1. Make 1" accordion folds across the shorter edge of 2 pieces of copier or printer paper.
2. Glue or tape the folded pieces of paper together at one end.
3. Use string to double knot the center of the accordion-folded paper.
4. With the accordion paper folded, fold in half.
5. Glue or tape the folded accordion end.
6. Glue or tape one craft stick to each side of the center tie.
7. Decorate your fan! Paste fun shapes cut from other paper, such as snowflakes or ski goggles, or use markers to write the Mountain Motto or today's Lift Lesson!

Bible Tie-in

Wind is a powerful force in stories throughout the Bible. And the wind formed by a fan can help bring us comfort on a hot day, like the days Joseph must have experienced in Egypt. God is always with us giving us strength, just like God was with Joseph all throughout his life!







Bible Story
Esther Shows Courage
(Esther 3:7–8:8)

Mountain Motto
I can do all things through
him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson
I can be brave!

Materials
👉 Watercolor Mountain
craft kit
👉 Water
👉 Cup (one per
Challenger)

Cokesbury Craft Watercolor Mountain

Ages
Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation
👉 Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of paints, a paintbrush, and a printed design. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.

Directions

1. Thoroughly wet the paintbrush with water.
2. Use wet paintbrush to moisten the watercolor block and “pick up” paint onto paintbrush.
3. Apply color to the printed design.
4. To paint with a different color, rinse the paintbrush thoroughly in a cup of water. Repeat Step 2 with a different color.

Bible Tie-in
Just like a mountain stands strong and tall, Esther had the courage to stand for what was right. This watercolor mountain can remind us that when we face difficult situations, God can give us the strength and courage to stand strong.





Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Seal Paper Doll

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

Cut out shapes from the Seal Paper Doll Template (available in the Free Resources section of CokesburyVBS.com) or cut the following pieces out of cardstock or paper plates for each Challenger:

- ✂ Circle or paper plate — one 5" circle
- ✂ Cardstock — five 2" circles
- ✂ Hat, felt — 2" circle, cut in half
- ✂ Scarf, felt — 1" x 11"
- ✂ Sweater, felt — 3" x 6"

1. Fold the 5" circle in half.
2. Fold four of the 2" circles in half.
3. Draw the seal's face on a 2" circle.
4. Adhere the seal's face (2" circle) to the end of the folded 5" circle.
5. Adhere two of the 2" circles to the opposite end of the 5" circle.
6. Adhere two of the 2" circles to the center of the rounded side of the 5" circle.
7. Fold the 3" x 6" felt piece in half and tape for the seal's sweater.
8. Fold the 1" x 11" felt piece in half and tape to form the seal's scarf.
9. Tape the 2" half felt piece on the seal's head.
10. Top the hat with a small circle of felt for the hat pom pom.

Bible Tie-in

In the story of Esther, God provided for the Jewish people and worked through Esther to protect them, even when things seemed impossible. Just like God provided for Esther, God also provides for all creation—including you, me, and seals like this one!



Bible Story

Esther Shows Courage
(Esther 3:7–8:8)

Mountain Motto

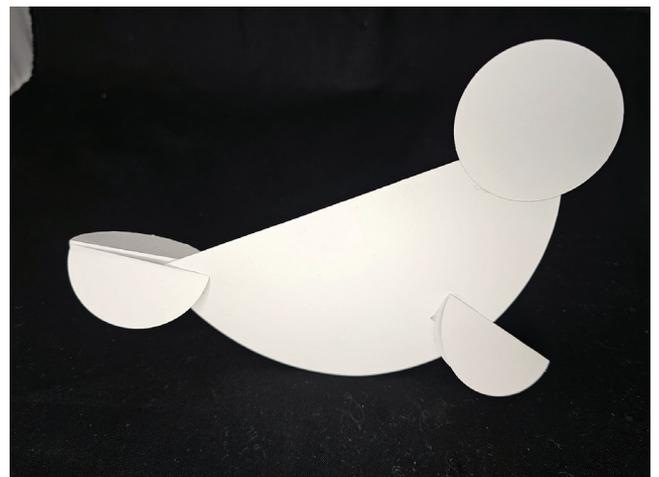
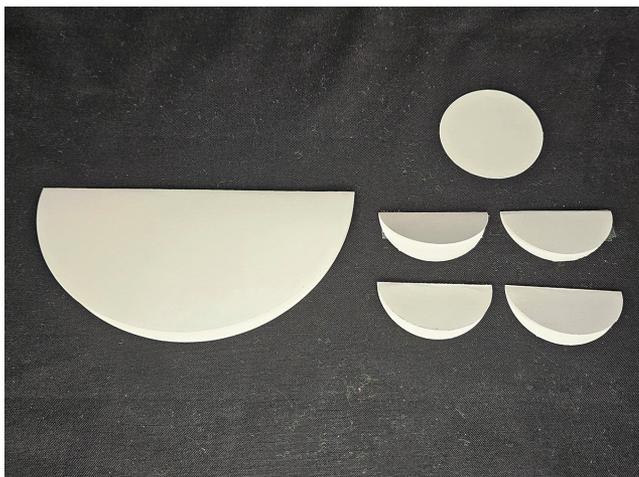
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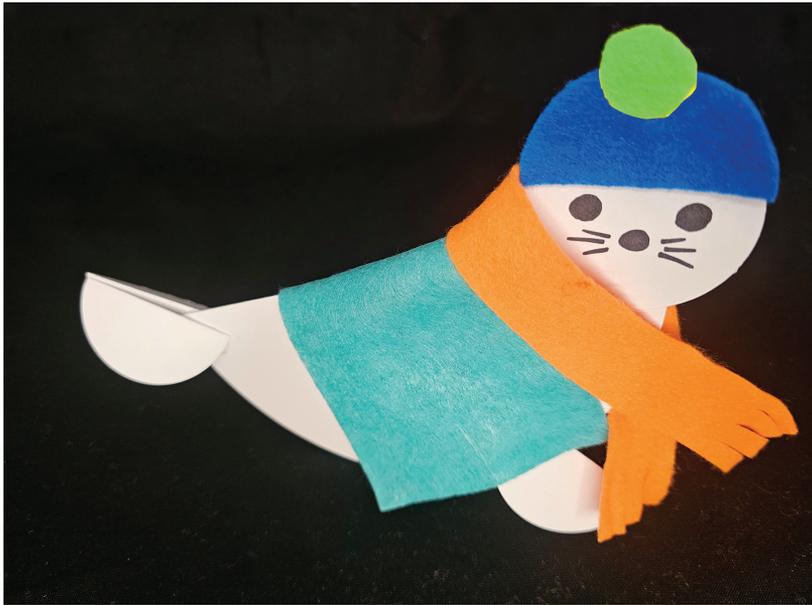
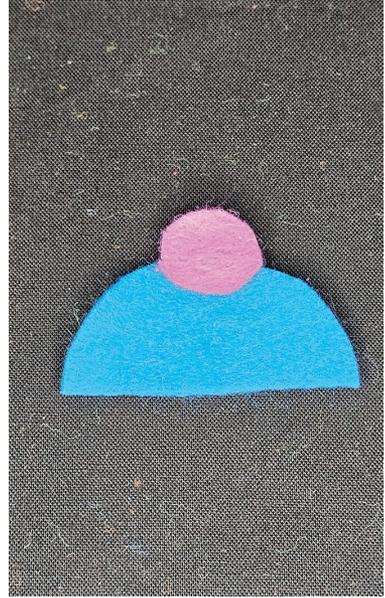
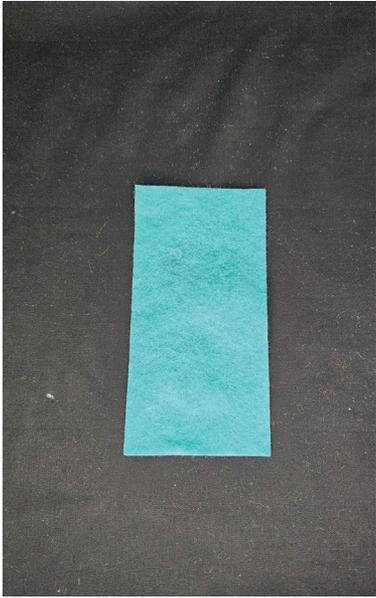
Lift Lesson

I can be brave!

Materials

- ✂ Scissors
- ✂ Glue or Double-sided tape
- ✂ Black marker
- ✂ 5" paper plates or white cardstock
- ✂ Felt, various colors
- ✂ Seal Paper Doll Template (available in the Free Resources section of CokesburyVBS.com)







Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Twirl Toy

Ages

Appropriate for Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

For each Challenger:

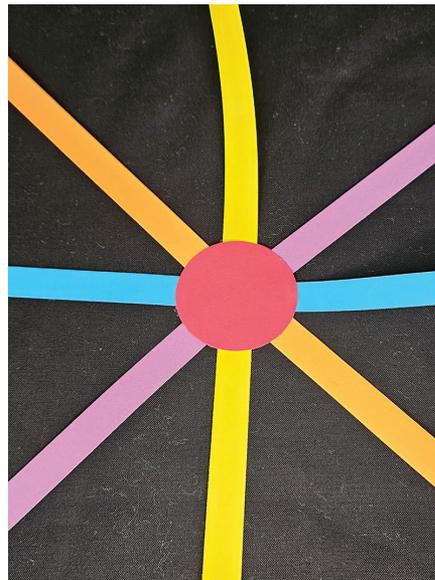
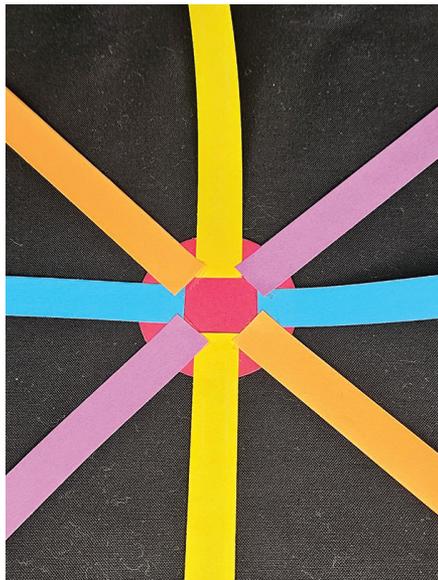
- ✂ Cut eight ½" x 11" strips from copy paper or cardstock.
- ✂ Cut four circles with equal diameters around 2"-3".
- ✂ Cut a wooden dowel between 12" and 18" in length.

Directions

1. Tape one end of each strip around the edge of a 2" circle, side by side.
2. Using double-sided tape, cover the end of the strips with another 2" circle.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 using the other end of the paper strips.
4. Poke holes in the center of the circles.
5. Insert a wooden dowel through both circles.
6. Use a square of duct tape on the top circle to the top of the dowel.
7. Twirl the toy.

Bible Tie-in

God often works in surprising ways—just like the way this twirl toy moves! God gave Esther courage to do brave things that helped save her people. We can trust that God is always with us, just like God was with Esther throughout her challenges.



Bible Story

Esther Shows Courage
(Esther 3:7-8:8)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can be brave!

Materials

- ✂ Scissors
- 📏 Ruler
- 🔍 Hole punch
- 📄 Cardstock
- 📄 Copy paper
- 📄 Double-sided tape
- 📄 Duct tape
- 📄 Wooden dowels
- 📄 Paper cutter (optional)
- 📄 Circle cutter (optional)





Cokesbury Craft Air Clay Snow Challenger

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

👉 Separate air clay colors for Challengers. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.

Directions

1. Using white air clay, mold a snow person from two or three air clay balls of different sizes. Use the largest ball as the base and stack the next largest balls on top.
2. Use the other colors of air clay to create accessories for the snow person. These could include eyes, nose, scarf, goggles, snowboard, skis; get creative with other possibilities. Let your Challengers use their imaginations to create some truly unique snow Challengers!

Bible Tie-in

The widow in the Bible story gave all she had out of love and trust in God. Just like the widow's small offering, even the littlest things we do can be important when we give from our hearts. As you make your own unique Snow Challenger, think about the unique ways you can give your all to God.



Bible Story

The Widow's Offering
(Mark 12:41-44)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can give my all!

Materials

👉 Air Clay Snow Challenger craft kit





Bible Story

The Widow's Offering

(Mark 12:41-44)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can give my all!

Materials

- Found containers (small and cleaned), such as mint tins or resealable food packages
- Felt, various colors
- Marker
- Pencil/pens
- Copy weight paper
- Glue: white glue, decoupage glue, or tacky glue
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Stickers
- Found decorations (like buttons, charms, beads, small rocks)
- Sticky notes or paper for Challengers' prayers or reflections

Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Upcycle Prayer Box

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

- Challengers should trace the shape of the found containers onto felt and cut out the shape.
- Use glue to adhere felt to the container.
- Decorate with found or upcycled items.
- Use sticky notes or cut paper to fit.
- Write prayers or reflections to keep in the decorated prayer box.

Notes:

- As an alternative to found containers, you can decorate small, simple cardboard gift boxes.

Bible Tie-in

Jesus showed his disciples how the widow's small offering was valuable to God. Our prayers, no matter how big or small, are valuable to God as well. Think about what you will keep inside your prayer box. Whether your prayer is long or short, God loves you and listens to every one!





Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Coin Charm

Ages

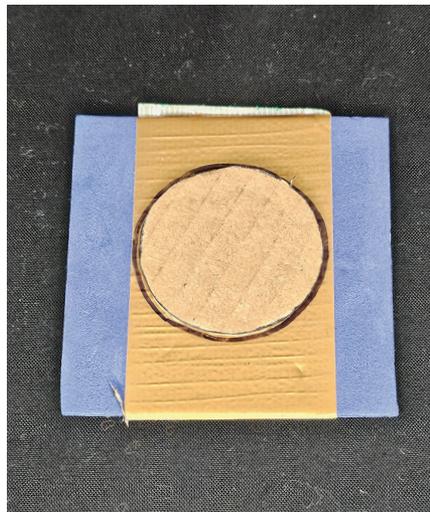
Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

1. Cut two 2" pieces of duct tape.
2. Put tape on each side of a 2" piece of craft foam.
3. Trace a circle on the craft foam.
4. Cut out the circle.
5. Write the Mountain Motto, Lift Lesson, or draw the Bible story on the coin.
6. Punch a hole at the top center edge of the coin.
7. Attach the key ring into the punched hole.

Bible Tie-in

The widow in the Bible story gave all she had because she trusted God. Every gift can be meaningful when it is given with love and faith. The Lift Lesson reminds us we can always give what we have knowing that God sees and values it.



Bible Story

The Widow's Offering
(Mark 12:41-44)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can give my all!

Materials

- 👉 Duct tape
- 👉 Craft foam
- 👉 Key rings
- 👉 Scissors
- 👉 Hole punch
- 👉 Marker



Bible Story

Jesus Prays in the Garden

(Matthew 26:36-46)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can pray!

Materials

📄 Diamond Art
Suncatcher craft kit

Cokesbury Craft Diamond Art Suncatcher

Ages

Appropriate for Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

👤 Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of materials. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.

Directions

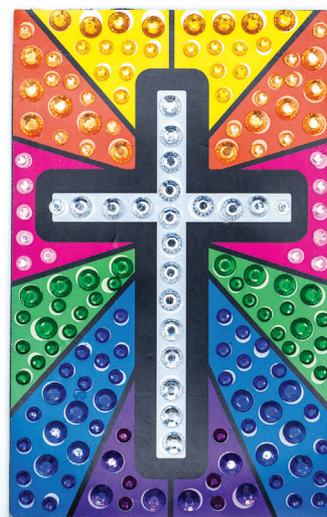
1. Place the full-color pattern underneath the suncatcher so the pattern on the paper lines up with the pattern on the suncatcher.
2. Following the pattern, apply the gemstones to the suncatcher.
3. Thread the string to hang.
4. As an alternative, place gemstones directly on the full-color pattern to create another kind of colorful cross art!

Notes:

👤 There are two sizes (6mm and 9mm) for each color of the gemstones. It is recommended that you work one color/size at a time. For example, place all 6mm blue gemstones before moving on to the 9mm blue gemstones. Once all blue gemstones are placed then move on to next color/size.

Bible Tie-in

In the Bible story, Jesus prayed for strength to do something very difficult. The light from the suncatcher can remind us that the light of Jesus overcomes darkness, and that we can pray for God to give us strength like Jesus did.





Bible Story

Jesus Prays in the Garden

(Matthew 26:36-46)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can pray!

Materials

- 👉 Note cards or 8" x 10" paper to cut
- 👉 Ink stamp with snowflake design
- 👉 Ink pad
- 👉 Marker
- 👉 Binder clip or stapler & staples

Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Flip Book

Ages

Appropriate for Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

- 👉 Cut 8" x 10" paper into 2" x 3" pieces.
- 👉 Give Challengers 16 2" x 3" pieces each.

Directions

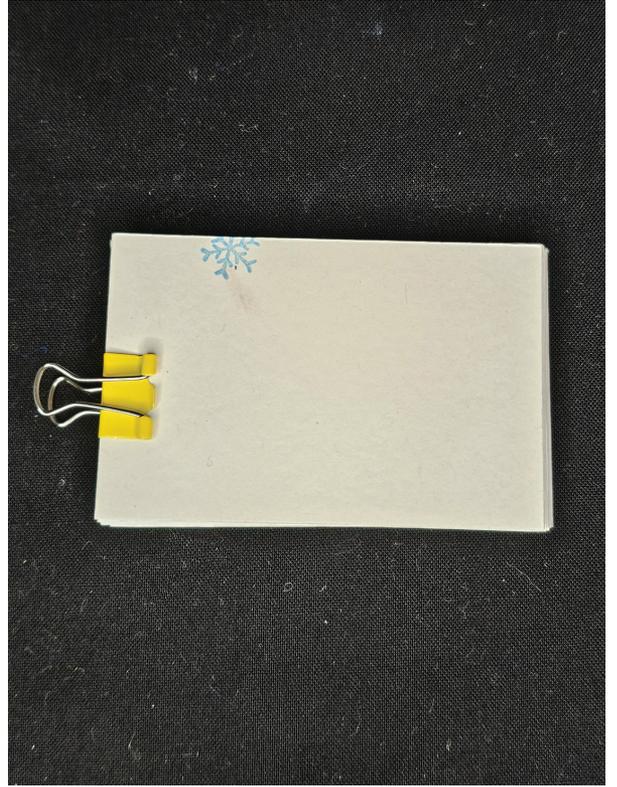
1. Using an ink stamp with a snowflake design, press a snowflake onto each card. Start at the top left of the first card and with each subsequent card, progressively move the snowflake design down and to the right.
2. Stack the cards in order.
3. Add the binder clip to the left side of the cards to secure.
4. Bend the book slightly in one hand.
5. Use your thumb and flip the pages quickly to make the snowflake float.

Alternative:

- 👉 Punched shapes
- 👉 Snowflake-shaped hole punch
- 👉 Blue paper
- 👉 White flakes

Bible Tie-in

Jesus prayed to God for strength to face the most difficult challenge of his life. As you flip through your flip book, remember that God gives us the strength to keep going, just like the steady movement of the snowflake.





Bible Story

Jesus Prays in the Garden

(Matthew 26:36-46)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can pray!

Materials

- 👉 Zip ties 14"
- 👉 Felt
- 👉 Other possible materials: up-cycled T-shirt or cotton quilting fabric
- 👉 Ribbon
- 👉 Scissors
- 👉 Markers

Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Ribbon Paper Wreath

Ages

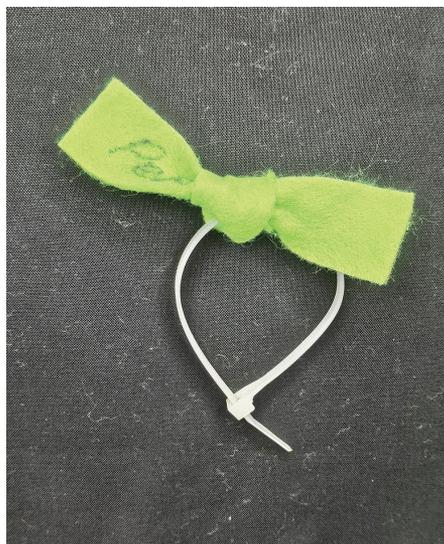
Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

1. Cut the felt or fabric into 2" x 8" strips.
2. Write prayers on the strips.
3. Loop and secure zip tie 1" to create a circle.
4. Tie the strips of material to the zip tie.

Bible Tie-in

In the Bible story, Jesus prayed for God to give him strength. As you look at the strips of fabric with your prayers written on them, remember that God is always with you, listening to your prayers and giving you strength, just like God did for Jesus in the garden.



Cokesbury Craft Challenge Medal

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

🔧 Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of materials. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.

Directions

1. Punch out “I CAN!” stickers along with rectangle from the purple disc.
Optional: Remove outer ring from purple disc.
2. Adhere the purple disc, minus the pieces removed in Step 1, to the top of the yellow disc. Be sure to line up the round holes at the top of each disc. The rectangle in the purple disc should make a frame around the Bible verse on the yellow disc.
3. Thread ribbon through the hole.

Bible Tie-in

Just like the man in the Bible story who received strength from God to walk, we can face our own challenges when we place our hope in God. Remember you are never alone when facing challenges, and you can place your hope in God’s strength always!



Bible Story

Peter and John at the Temple

(Acts 3:1-10)

Mountain Motto

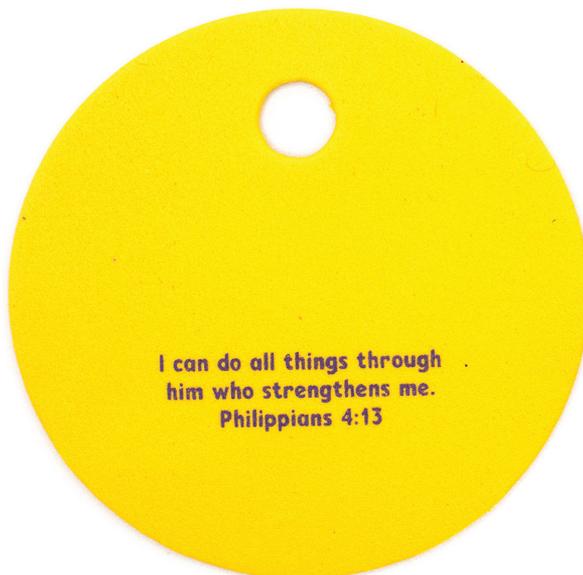
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(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

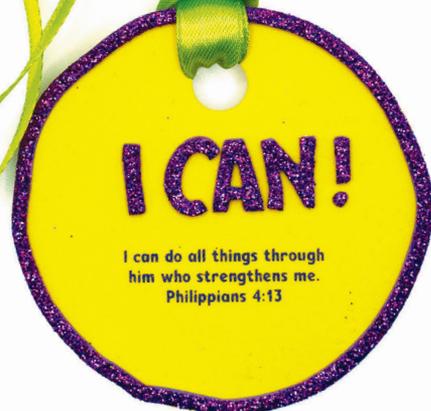
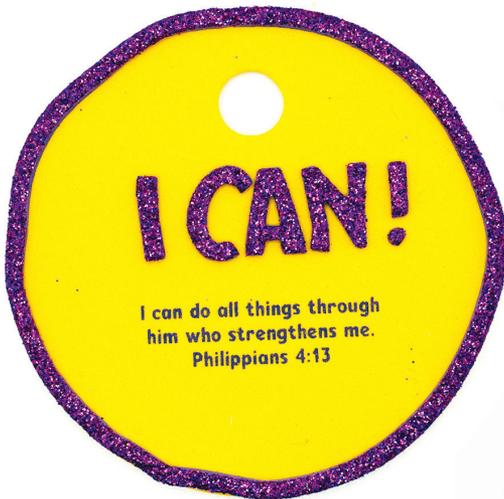
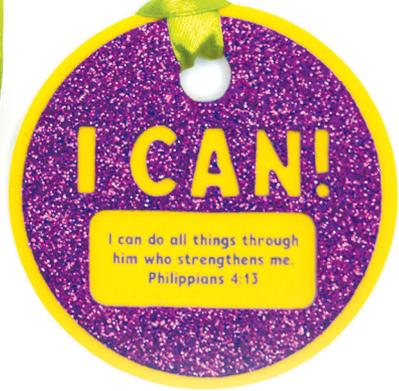
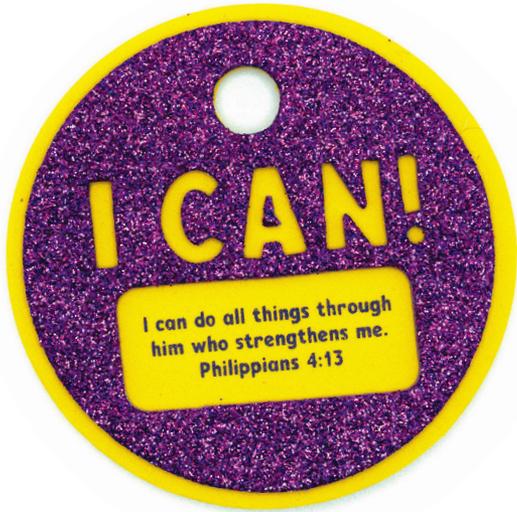
Lift Lesson

I can hope!

Materials

📦 Challenge Medal craft kit







Cokesbury Craft Cocoa Mug Frame

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

- ✎ Separate the craft kit so each Challenger has a set of materials. Each craft kit has materials for up to 12 Challengers.
- ✎ Optional: cut out snowflake shape.

Directions

1. Peel and stick the cocoa, handle, and stir stick to the mug frame. Do not completely remove the paper from the back of the stir stick. Only remove enough to adhere it to the mug.
2. Glue three white pom poms to the cocoa section.
3. Adhere the magnet strip to the back of the frame.
4. Add the Challenger's picture.

Bible Tie-in

As you create your Cocoa Mug Frame, remember that placing our hope in God gives us joy when we face challenges. Just like the man who was healed in the Bible story, we can be filled with the joy that God provides and know that God is always with us.



Bible Story

Peter and John at the Temple

(Acts 3:1-10)

Mountain Motto

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can hope!

Materials

- ✎ Cocoa Mug Frame craft kit
- ✎ Photo (one per Challenger)





Make-It-and-Take-It Craft

Scroll Paper Art

Ages

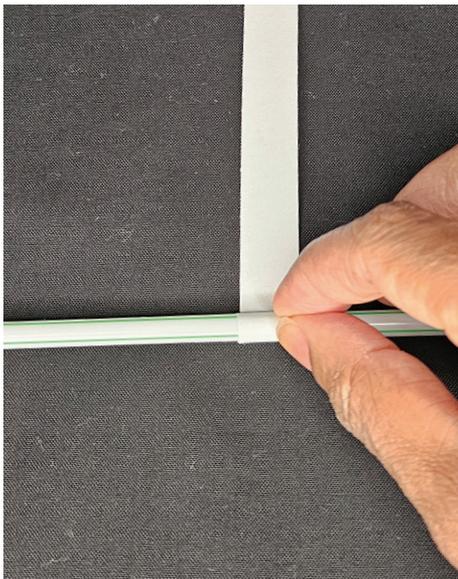
Appropriate for Older Elementary Challengers.

Directions

1. Cut ½" x 8½" strips of cardstock, 12 for each Challenger.
2. Wrap strips of paper around a straw.
3. Allow the coiled paper to loosen.
4. Squeeze one side of the coil to form a teardrop shape.
5. Dip one side of the curled paper in glue and place it onto a piece of blue cardstock.
6. Using many pieces of curled paper, form a snowflake shape on the blue cardstock. Center the snowflake on the cardstock. Place 5 coils with their points toward the center.
7. For the outer snowflake, place a coil at the outer edge, between each of the center coils. Or use random placement for the design.

Bible Tie-in

Each piece of paper in your craft works together to form a beautiful snowflake. In the same way, God uses each one of us to do great things. God's power can work through us to bring healing, joy, and transformation, just as we see through Peter and John in the Bible story.



Bible Story

Peter and John at the Temple

(Acts 3:1-10)

Mountain Motto

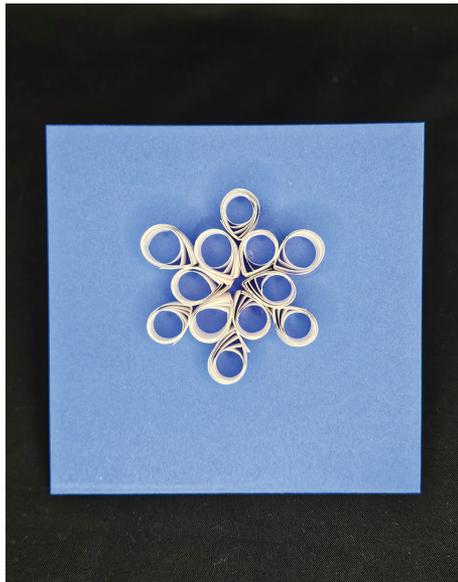
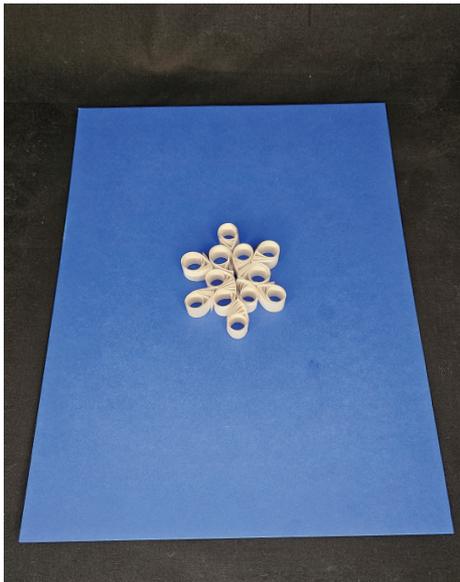
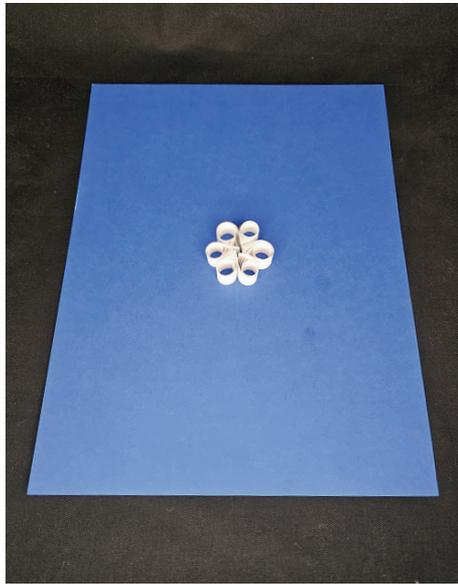
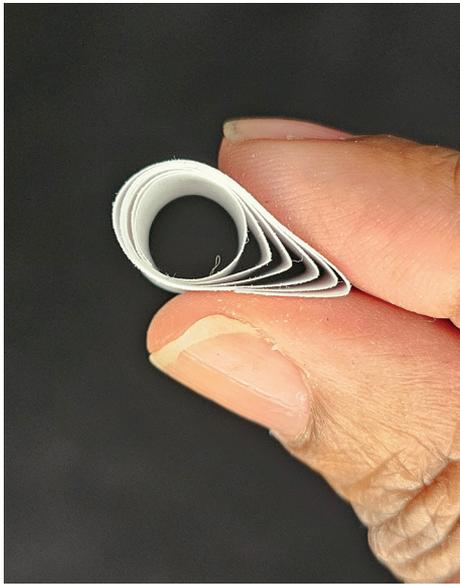
I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Lift Lesson

I can hope!

Materials

- ✂ Scissors/Paper Cutter
- ✂ White glue
- ✂ White copy paper
- ✂ Blue cardstock
- ✂ Dowel or straw
- ✂ Ruler





Make-It-and-Take-It Craft Tissue Paper Stars

Ages

Appropriate for Younger and Older Elementary Challengers.

Preparation

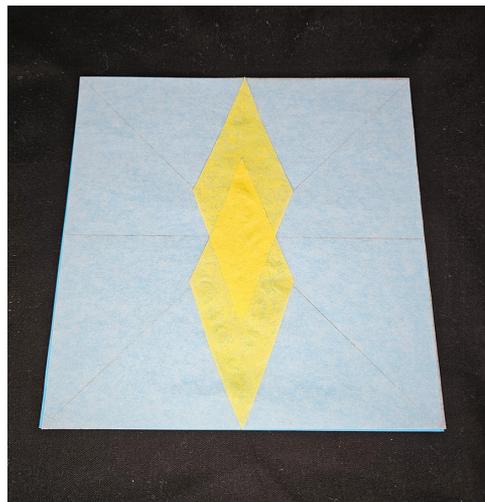
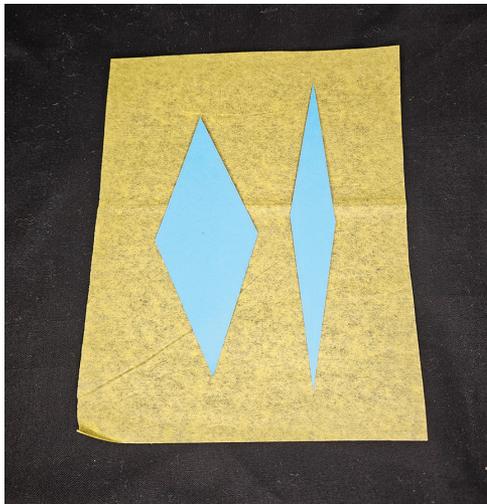
Optional, especially for younger challengers: Trace and cut shapes before activity.

Directions

1. Trace shapes from the Tissue Paper Stars Template (available in the Free Resources section of CokesburyVBS.com) onto various colors of tissue paper and cut them out. Alternatively, cut basic shapes directly out of various colors of tissue paper.
2. Place shapes onto tracing paper in desired locations. Arrange in a pattern, or consider random placement.
3. Glue the shapes to the tracing paper.

Bible Tie-in

Like light shines through these tissue paper stars, God's light shone brightly through Peter and John when they healed the man who could not walk. In the same way, God's light shines through us when we share God's love with others around us.



Bible Story

Peter and John at the Temple

(Acts 3:1-10)

Mountain Motto

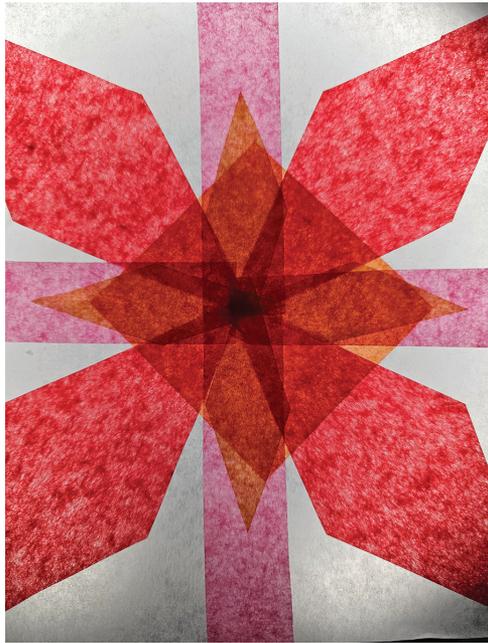
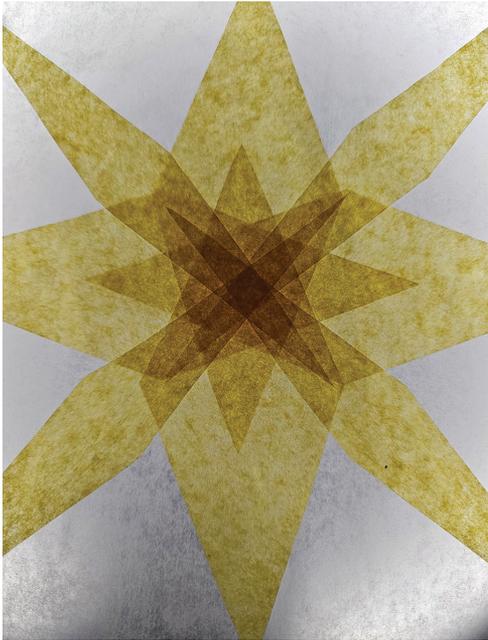
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Lift Lesson

I can hope!

Materials

- ✂ Tissue paper, various colors
- ✂ Glue stick
- ✂ Scissors
- ✎ Pencil
- 📏 Ruler
- 📄 Tracing paper
- 📄 Tissue Paper Stars Template (available in the Free Resources section of CokesburyVBS.com)





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