

Day 1 Craft

ICEBREAKER FISHING (V. 1)

JUNIORS & PRIMARIES

Materials

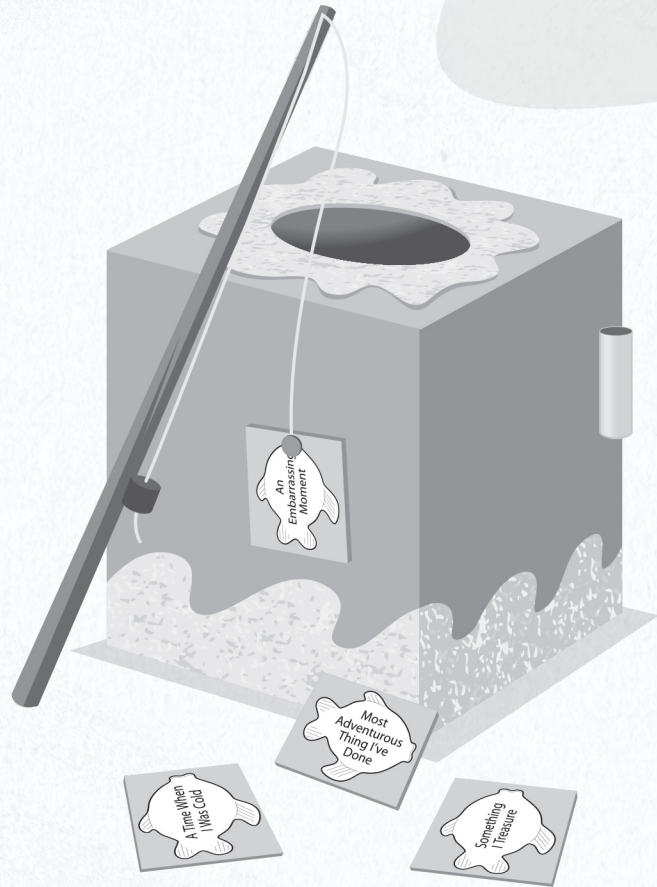
- 4 x 4 x 4-in. white gift boxes, 1 per child
- Wooden chopsticks, 1 stick per child
- Light blue craft paint, amount varies
- Epsom salt, amount varies
- Fish Cards V. 1 (DVD-ROM)
- Salmon-colored cardstock, 1 sheet per child
- Paper clips, 18 per child
- String or fish line, 18 in. per child
- Tiny ring magnets, 1 per child
- Pony beads, 1 per child
- Small glue dots, 3 per child
- Drinking straws, 1 for every 4 children

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Office paper cutter
- Scissors
- Transparent tape
- Cotton balls
- Black permanent marker
- Ruler
- Glue sticks

Pre-Prep

1. Cut a 3-in. diameter hole in the center of each gift box lid.
2. Cut each drinking straw into 4 equal segments.
3. Cut string or fish line into 18-in. pieces. Then tie one end of each piece to a pony bead and the other end to a ring magnet, maintaining at least 14 inches between the bead and magnet.
4. Mark a black dot 2 in. from the thicker end of each chopstick.
5. Photocopy the Fish Cards onto salmon-colored cardstock. Then cut out the two-sided fish rectangles, one complete set per child.



Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

Have any of you ever been fishing? How about ice fishing? In the Arctic, Inuits ice fish by cutting a hole in the ice. Then they put a fake fish on a line and lower it in the hole and jiggle it.

People in the Arctic work hard at fishing because fish provide a way to stay well fed.

In a similar way, it's important for us to have not only our daily food but also our daily spiritual food. Our spiritual food comes from reading the Bible. Just like we don't want to go a day without food, we don't want to go a day without our spiritual food. God has given us His Book so we can have His words to "eat." Read Jeremiah 15:16.

Today's craft is an Icebreaker Fishing game you can play with your family as you eat meals together. Take it home and put it on your table. It will be fun to play as you fish

for icebreaker questions to answer together. But use it to remind you to read the Bible, too!

Class Time Directions

1. Assemble the gift box.
2. Dab a cotton ball into the light blue paint, then gently dab around the edge of the hole in the top of the box.
3. Lightly sprinkle some Epsom salt onto the painted area. Then shake off any excess.
4. Do the same thing (dab paint and sprinkle salt) along the base of each side of the box. Then set the box aside to dry.
5. Take the chopstick and apply a glue dot over the black dot.
6. Take string (or fish line) and press the pony bead (side with hole) onto the glue dot. Then run the fish line along the chopstick and secure it to the end of the chopstick with transparent tape. The rest of the fish line (with the magnet) should be hanging from the end of the chopstick like a fishing pole.
7. Use two glue dots to attach the piece of straw vertically to the side of the box near the top. Place the "fishing pole" into the straw piece "holder" and set aside.
8. Glue stick the insides of the two-sided fish. Then place a paper clip on one side and fold the other side over, pressing securely. Repeat for every fish.
9. Place all the fish inside the box, and you're ready to fish!

Tip Corner

- Clothespins work well for holding cotton balls while painting.
- You don't need as much paint as you might think. A little goes a long way!
- Do painting and salt work on large paper plates. When done, bend plate in half and pour excess salt back into the container.
- If pressed for time, paper clips can be clipped to the outside of the fish. Kids can glue them inside the fish at home.
- If ordering chopsticks or asking restaurants for donations, remember that they come in pairs!
- Epsom salt should not be ingested.

Super Simple Idea

Each day, at least one super simple option is included, which is a pre-made craft kit from Oriental Trading Company (1-800-875-8480 or visit orientaltrading.com) that goes along with the main concepts of the day.

As an alternative to the Icebreaker Fishing, try one of the following craft kits.

- DIY Scrolls (IN-13585815)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under 3 years of age.
- Round Snowflake Christmas Ornament Craft Kit (IN-48/1992)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under 3 years of age.

EASY OPERATION ARCTIC OPTIONS

These *Operation Arctic* products are easy, fun, inexpensive craft options for your kids. Check the Resource Catalog for ordering information.

- Backpack: Kids will love coloring *Operation Arctic* backpacks on the first day and using them the rest of the week! 11-5-144
- Snow Hat: Kids get to customize their own light-weight *Operation Arctic* snow hat to wear during the week! 11-5-145
- Scratch Art Set: Kids get a "northern lights" feel when they use a craft stick to scratch off these Animal Pal silhouettes to reveal a swirl of colors. 11-5-147
- Snow Goggles: Get ready for fun and games at *Operation Arctic* with these specially designed paper goggles that kids can color and wear! 11-5-148