

Hands-On History Fun

Create-A-Craft

Illustrate the Scriptures, Collage Style

This exercise will help your younger students understand a little bit about the lovely art form that was used by monks to "illuminate" or illustrate the Scriptures they were copying by hand. These illuminated scriptures were very precise and demanding, but, in order to keep young artists from being frustrated with their handiwork, we recommend trying this simpler creation of a collage to illustrate a portion of Scripture.

You will need: A short piece of Scripture, printed on white paper (perhaps Matthew 28:18–20); Several colorful magazines suitable for cutting with scissors; Construction paper of various colors;

Marking pens and/or crayons; Glue; Scissors

From the magazines, help your student choose and remove several pictures that illustrate or explain the Scripture passage. If you would prefer, your students may draw their own pictures around the Scripture you write out on clean white paper. Arrange them around the perimeter of the words in a way that pleases your eye. Cut out several large shapes from construction paper of various colors to arrange around and behind the magazine pictures. When it looks the way you want it to, carefully glue each piece to the white paper. You might want to finish this illustrated Scripture with marking pens or crayons.

Fun Food to Fix:

Make Missionary Boats, Complete with Monks

You will need: 2 ounces of soft-style cream cheese (you may substitute peanut butter if you prefer); 2 celery stalks, cut into two-inch lengths to create "boats"; 2 tablespoons raisins; One toothpick per each two-inch celery "boat"; One paper triangle per each celery "boat"; Masking tape

Spread each celery stalk "boat" with either cream cheese or peanut butter. Set several raisins upright in the boat to represent the Irish monks who sailed the seas to spread the Gospel. Tape each paper triangle to a toothpick, and firmly affix your sail to the "boat"! You may want to sail your celery boats to various plates on the table. Perhaps, if you want to be Brendan the Navigator, you will be sailing as far as North America. Be sure to remove the toothpicks and sails before eating your boats!