

DAY 3 CRAFT

Verse Decoder

JUNIOR, PRIMARY & PRE-PRIMARY

Materials

- ☐ [Verse Decoder Pattern](#)
- ☐ Corrugated cardboard
- ☐ 1 sheet white or colored cardstock, per 6 children
- ☐ 1 x 4 boards, enough for one 1½-inch block, per child

Per Child

- ☐ 1 silver plastic spoon
- ☐ 1 rubber band (#32)
- ☐ 1 brass paper fastener

Tools and Basic Supplies

- ☐ Power miter saw (recommended)—adults only
- ☐ Optional: Sandpaper
- ☐ Office paper cutter (or utility knife and straight edge)—adults only
- ☐ Craft glue
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Broad-tip colored markers
- ☐ Stick pens

Prep

1. Cut the 1 x 4 boards into 1½-inch blocks, 1 per child. Sand edges if necessary.
2. Using a paper cutter, cut cardboard into 3½ x 7-inch pieces, 1 per child.
3. On each piece of cardboard, mark a dot that is 2½ inches from one end and centered.
4. Print/copy the **VERSE DECODER PATTERN** onto white or colored cardstock and quick-cut 1 set per child. The kids will cut the two pieces apart.

Teaching Tie-In

Show the [sample craft](#). Today, we're making a Bible Verse Decoder. You can tap out any verse or word about God and see if your friend can figure it out. This decoder uses Morse code, which is a real code developed by Samuel Morse in the 1800s. It uses dots



(shorter taps) and dashes (longer taps) to represent letters and numbers. International Morse code is still used around the world today and can be understood by people of any language.

Let's make our Bible Verse Decoders, and then you can try them out.

Class Time Directions

1. Using markers, color the block of wood.
2. Use a stick pen to poke a hole in the cardboard where the dot is located. Insert the paper fastener.
3. Cut out the *Spy U* logo and Morse code table from the **VERSE DECODER PATTERN**.
4. Use a glue stick to glue the Morse code table to the end of the cardboard closest to the paper fastener.
5. Use a glue stick to glue the *Spy U* logo to the top of the block of wood.
6. Use craft glue to attach the block of wood to the other end of the piece of cardboard.
7. **Demonstrate.** Use a stick pen to poke a centered hole just below the block of wood.
8. **Demonstrate.** Push one end of the rubber band through the hole and then slide the spoon handle through the loop that's at the front of the cardboard. Then stretch the loop that's behind the cardboard around the back of the block of wood and over the end of the spoon handle. The spoon should now be secured to the block of wood. Make sure the rubber band is flat (not twisted) against the cardboard.
9. Adjust the position of the spoon so that the "bowl" of the spoon hits the paper fastener when you tap it.

Tip Corner

A scroll saw or band saw works well for cutting corrugated cardboard—adult only.

Super Simple Idea

Try the following Oriental Trading Company craft kit. To order, call 1 (800) 875-8480 or visit OrientalTrading.com.

Note that this is available at the time of printing and may not be available later.

- John 3:16 Globe Craft Kit (Item Number: #13806638). Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.



MORSE CODE LETTERS

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