

DAY 1 CRAFT

Keepsake Ornament

JUNIOR, PRIMARY & PRE-PRIMARY

Materials

- ☐ Ornament Tag Pattern
- ☐ Brown chenille stem, 1 per child
- ☐ Brown yarn, 40 inches per child
- ☐ Glitter gold chenille stems, 1 for every 2 children
- ☐ White card stock, 1 sheet per 18 children

Tools and Basic Supplies

- ☐ Office paper cutter
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Hole punch (¼ inch)
- ☐ Colored highlighters
- ☐ Glue sticks

Prep

1. Print/copy the **ORNAMENT TAG PATTERN** onto white card stock. Use an office paper cutter to quickly cut the tags. The kids can do the finish cutting.
2. Hole punch each tag where indicated.
3. Cut the yarn into 40-inch pieces, 1 per child.
4. Cut the glitter gold stems in half, one piece per child.

Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say: **How many of you enjoy decorating a Christmas tree? Take responses.** It's fun to get out the ornaments each year and think back on the memories. Well, today, we're going to make a keepsake ornament that you can put on your Christmas tree. When you do, remember Psalm 23 and the things you learned at VBS this week! See if you can say the whole psalm when you get it out in December!

Class Time Directions

1. Bend the brown chenille stem in half.
2. Feed the yarn through where the bend is until it's halfway through, then fold it in half. The middle of the stem and the middle of the yarn should be hooked together.

3. Grasp the strands of yarn together and wind them around the folded stem, covering it from top to bottom.
4. Secure the ends of the yarn to the staff by adding glue stick and pressing in place for a few seconds.
5. Bend the covered stem into the shape of a staff.
6. Color the ornament tag and carefully slide it onto the staff.
7. Wrap one end of the glitter gold stem to the crook of the staff and make a loop at the other end. Use it to hang your Shepherd's Staff ornament on your tree every Christmas.

Tip Corner

- For younger children, omit the yarn and twist the folded brown chenille stem instead. Then bend it into the shape of a shepherd's staff.

Super Simple Idea

Try the following craft kit from Oriental Trading Company. Call (800) 875-8480 or visit orientaltrading.com. Note that these are available at the time of printing and may not be available later.

- Psalm 23 Shepherd's Staff Craft Kit (Item: #13585218)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.

