

Day 1: Free Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
Construction paper (various colors)	36/1.00	Dollar Tree
Magazines or travel brochures	-	-
Adult-size scissors	-	-
Glue sticks	-	-
Washable markers	-	-

Comments: *Preschoolers really enjoyed this activity. Spent 15 minutes on this project.*

Day 1: Jordan River Painting

Items Needed	Price	Place
Brown lunch bags (1 per child)	\$1/40	Dollar Tree
Paint smocks (1 per child)	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Permanent marker	-	-
2 ½-inch blue painters' tape	30 yds/2.50	Big Lots
Blue tempera paint	1.99	Wal-Mart
Aluminum pans	-	-
Bath sponges	-	-
Brown or black stamp pads	-	-
Washable markers	-	-
Baby wipes	-	-
Tablecloth or newspapers	-	-

Note: *We used 1.4 -inch tape*

Comments: *The preschoolers enjoyed this activity. 20 minutes to complete this project.*

Suggestions: *Use brown or black paint mixed with liquid soap to put finger prints on the paper. Washes off fingers easier than the ink. I would suggest writing the verse on the paper and cover it with the tape. When painting is complete and you remove the tape . . . the verse is visible.*

Day 1: Great Barrier Reef Knob Cover

Items Needed	Price	Place
3 ½ - 4-inch foam circles (1 per child)	32/1.00	Dollar Tree
1 ½-inch foam triangles (3 per child)	"	"
Wiggle eyes (1 per child)	125/1.00	Dollar Tree
Small foam heart (1 per child)		
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Markers	-	-
Multi-purpose glue	-	-
Small bowls	-	-
Small craft sticks	-	-
Tablecloth or newspapers	-	-

Small foam sheets were large enough to make a set of circles and triangles from each sheet.

Comments: *VERY QUICK CRAFT . . . preschoolers completed project in 5 minutes. Even though they didn't have much to do – the preschoolers liked the looks of the final project.*

Day 1: Flight Bag

Items Needed	Price	Place
Large manila envelopes (1 per child)	6/1.00	Dollar Tree
"D" template (2 per child)	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Brown heavyweight paper	-	-
Exact-o knife (teacher use only)	-	-
Theme related stamps or stickers	-	-
Stamp pads	-	-
Washable markers	-	-
Glue sticks		

Note: *Each envelope will make 2 bags if you seal the envelopes.*

Comments: *This was a fun craft. Spent 20 minutes working on this project.*

Suggestion: *Since this craft is for 3's thru K – I would suggest using Alphabet stamps and let the preschoolers “stamp” their name on their flight bag. We had ages 4-6 participating in this project and they loved the “stamps.” Add stickers around their name.*

Day 2: Free Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
Black paper (1 sheet per child)	200/3.99	Hobby Lobby
Self-adhesive address labels (1 per child)	750/12.49	Southwestern Stationary
Glue	-	-

Comments: *Preschoolers enjoyed this activity – spent about 15 minutes. The 5 & 6 year olds especially enjoyed blending the colors together.*

Day 2: Marching Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
Tan heavyweight paper (1 sheet per child)	24/1.82	Wal-Mart
Large mailing labels (1 per child)	250/12.49	Southwestern Stationary
Paint smocks (1 per child)	-	-
Aluminum pie tins (1 per paint color)	-	-
Sponges (1 per paint color)	-	-
Washable paints	-	-
Markers	-	-
Paper towels or hand wipes	-	-
Tablecloth or newspapers	-	-

Comments: *This was a FUN craft. They loved putting their hands in the paint – spent 20 minutes on this project.*

Suggestion: *Mix liquid soap with the paint. It makes the paint creamy and easier to clean-up. I would suggest only one paint color for the project. It cuts down on the clean-up DURING the project as well as after the project is completed.*

Day 2: Southern Lights Sun Catcher

Items Needed	Price	Place
Styrofoam plates (2 for each child)	45/1.00	Dollar Tree
Yarn (10 inches per child)	-	-
White coffee filters (1 per child)	160/1.00	Dollar Tree
Star Templates	-	-
Sharp knife (teacher use only)	-	-
Sharp pencil (teacher use only)	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Permanent marker	-	-
Water color paints	-	-
Small paintbrushes	-	-
Small containers of water	-	-
Glue	-	-
Tablecloth or newspapers	-	-

Comments: *This was a fun project. The preschooler loved the final project. Spent 15 minutes on this craft. Some frustration with getting the water colors to work. Younger preschoolers had difficulty remembering to clean their brush BEFORE switching colors.*

Suggestion: *I have used food coloring and eye-droppers on coffee filters. It's fun for the preschoolers to watch the colors blend together.*

Day 2: AWA Airplane

Items Needed	Price	Place
Jumbo paper clips (1 for each child)	100/1.99	Big Lots
3 mm craft foam	750/12.79	Southwestern Stationary
Airplane Templates	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Sharp knife (teacher use only)	-	-
Markers	-	-
Theme-related stickers	-	-

Comments: *The FINAL project was very exciting for the preschoolers. The instructions said to decorate pieces before putting the plane together. If you do, the foam decoration pieces fall off as you assemble the airplane. Assembly is difficult for 3 and 4 year olds. The preschoolers spent 15 minutes on this project.*

Suggestion: *I would suggest assembling the plane for the younger preschoolers. I would also suggest using sticker shapes and not foam pieces. When the preschoolers were "flying" their planes, foam pieces were "flying" off their project. 😊*

DAY 3: Free Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
Black, purple or dark blue construction paper (1 sheet per child)	24/1.82	Wal-Mart
Child-sized scissors (1 pair per child)	-	-
White paper doilies	40/1.00	Dollar Tree
Glue sticks	-	-
Markers	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers were not able to cut the doilies. Even the older 5's who could use scissors couldn't grasp the concept of making the notches. They just cut slits or cut all the way across.*

Suggestions: *I'm not sure if it would leave enough for the preschoolers to do, but maybe if the doilies were already cut the preschoolers could unfold them and glue them to the paper.*

Day 3: Celebration Window Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
8-inch circles of heavyweight paper (2 per child)	36/1.00	Dollar Tree
10-inch strands of ribbon (1 per child)	1.00	Dollar Tree
2-inch cellophane squares (5 per child)	1.00	Dollar Tree
Bible Story Template	-	-
Pencil	-	-
Scrap booking punches	-	-
Markers	-	-
Hole punch	-	-
Glue sticks	-	-

Comments: *We didn't have the Bible Story Template, so we just did the punched circles with the cellophane sandwiched between.*

Suggestions: *Remind the preschoolers to put the glue on the circle instead of trying to put it on the cellophane.*

Day 3: Melting Matterhorn Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
12-by-18-inch white construction paper (1 for every child)	24/1.82	Wal-Mart
Smocks (1 per child)	-	-
Craft sticks (1 per ice cube)	-	-
Several Ice trays	-	-
Liquid measuring cup (1 for each food color)	-	-
Painters' tape	-	-
Water	-	-
Spoons	-	-
Food coloring	1.00	Dollar Tree
Permanent markers	-	-

Picture of the Matterhorn	-	-	
VBS Tablecloth or newspaper	-	-	

Comments: *The preschoolers enjoyed painting with the colored ice. The painters tape didn't come off the wet construction paper without tearing it.*

Suggestions: *Maybe slicker paper would work better.*

Day 3: Aviator Goggles

Items Needed	Price	Place	
½-inch elastic cord (12 inches per child)	4½ yds/1.27	Wal-Mart	
2 ½-by-5 ½-inch colored cellophane (1 piece per child)	20 sq ft/1.00	Dollar Tree	
Brown heavyweight paper	-	-	
Black poster board	.97	Wal-Mart	
Pencil	-	-	
Goggle Templates	-	-	
Adult-sized scissors	-	-	
Glue	-	-	
Clear tape	-	-	
Stapler	-	-	
Theme-related foam shapes or stickers	-	-	
Crayons	-	-	
Picture of 1930-40s airplane	-	-	

Comments: *The preschoolers really enjoyed wearing the finished goggles. The frames were difficult to glue together and the black frame would pop off when the elastic was stretched. The piece of cellophane was too large.*

Suggestions: *You probably don't need both frames. There isn't much room for decorating with crayons or stickers. Maybe you could do one frame a littler thicker. The cellophane piece should fit behind the frame without edges sticking out.*

Day 4: Free Art

Items Needed	Price	Place	
Sheets of newsprint (1 per child)	-	-	
Cardboard squares	-	-	
Hot glue (teacher use only)	-	-	
Painters' tape	1.00	Dollar Tree	
Crayons	-	-	

Comments: *The preschoolers enjoyed seeing the pictures appear when the crayon was rubbed over the paper.*

Suggestions: *Use large crayon chunks and show the preschoolers how to rub with the side of the crayon instead of trying to hold it like a pencil.*

Day 4: Celebration Party Favors

Items Needed	Price	Place
Paper towel tubes (1 for every 2 children)	-	-
Colored cellophane (8 ½-by11-inchs per child)	20 sq ft/1.00	Dollar Tree
10-inch strands of ribbon (2 per child)	-	-
Variety of party treats (such as erasers, candy or stickers)	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Foam stickers	-	-
Poster board	2/1.00	Dollar Tree
Clear tape	-	-
Markers	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers enjoyed decorating the tubes.*

Suggestions: *Make the cellophane piece a little longer. Our cellophane piece was a little small for the ½ paper towel tube.*

Day 4: Grand Canyon Art

Items Needed	Price/10	Place
11-by-17-inch white heavyweight paper (1 sheet per child)	.79	Hobby Lobby
Sandpaper (1 sheet per child)	5/2.11	Wal-Mart
Colored chalk (red, brown, orange, yellow and blue)	-	-
Small plastic containers (several for children to share)	-	-
Canyon Template	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Water	-	-
Glue	-	-
Markers	-	-
VBS tablecloth or newspaper	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers loved using the wet chalk on the sandpaper. I couldn't see any difference in the sugar water unless maybe it helps keep the chalk from coming off once it has dried.*

Suggestions: *large sidewalk chalk works better than the smaller pieces.*

Day 4: Runway Windsock

Items Needed	Price/10	Place
9-by-12-inch heavyweight paper (1 sheet per child)	250/14.99	Staples
12-inch strands of yarn (1 per child)	-	-
6-inch strands of flagging tape (4 per child)	200 yds/1.99	Lowes

Theme-related stamps	-	-
Stamp pads	-	-
Clear packing tape	-	-
Markers	-	-
Hole punches	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers had a lot of fun with the finished product.*

Suggestions: *The yarn was not quite long enough for the holder. If you made the holder from 2 chenille stems the preschoolers could probably attach the holder themselves. You might also want to make the pieces of flagging tape longer. The preschoolers didn't tape very close to the edge and we lost a lot of length.*

Day 5: Free Art

Items Needed	Price	Place
White heavyweight paper (1 sheet per child)	250/14.99	Staples
Old magazines	-	-
Scissors	-	-
Glue	-	-
Marker	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers weren't very careful about making sure the colored sides were up. We had a lot of print showing.*

Suggestions: *Use tissue paper squares or shredded paper to create the look of water.*

Day 5: Kindness Kit

Items Needed	Price	Place
9-inch paper circles (1 for each child)	80/1.00	Dollar Tree
3-inch strips colored tape (2 per child)	-	-
Chenille stems (1 per child)	45/1.00	Dollar Tree
Band aids (4 per child)	40/1.00	Dollar Tree
Cotton balls (6 per child)	1.00	Dollar Tree
Hole punch	-	-
Pencil	-	-
Ruler	-	-
Waxed paper	-	-
Adult-sized scissors	-	-
Washable markers	-	-
Stamps	-	-
Stamp pads	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers had a hard time folding in the sides of the plates. They really liked putting the items in the kit and using the handle to carry it. The paper was easier to fold than the plates, but the plates made a better finished product.*

Suggestions: *Cut 1½ inch from each side instead of drawing the line.*

Day 5: Misty waterfall Painting

Items Needed	Price	Place
Heavyweight paper (1 sheet per child)	250/14.99	Staples
Paint smocks (1 per child)	-	-
Spray misting bottles with water (several for children to share)	-	-
Washable markers	-	-
VBS Tablecloth or newspaper	-	-

Comments: *The preschoolers loved spraying the water and watching the colors run.*

Suggestions: *Have a plan for a place to dry. The color does seep through the paper.*

Day 5: Traveling Airplane

Items Needed	Price	Place
9-inch paper plates (1 per child)	80/1.00	Dollar Tree
Wooden craft spoons (1 per child)	-	-
6-inch chenille stem (1 per child)	45/1.00	Dollar Tree
Brads (1 per child)	1.00	Dollar General
Scissors	-	-
Clear tape	-	-
Fine-tip black permanent marker	-	-
Crayons or markers	-	-
Pictures of the Grand Canyon, Matterhorn, Victoria Falls, Paricutin Volcano, and Great Barrier Reef	-	-

Comments: *None of our preschoolers had any success with this project. Since they are not reading we had to point out where to draw each picture. It might be different if they had been in VBS all week, but even with pictures they expressed frustration about not knowing how to draw a canyon, volcano, etc. The leaders had to tape the cone, wrap the chenille stem around the brad and attach the brad to the plate. This project would probably work better with children than it did with preschoolers.*

Interesting note: *Most of the kids tried wearing the finished project as a hat!*

Suggestions: *There is a lot of teacher prep for this craft. If you decide to go ahead with labeling the sections you might print the site names on small labels, and cut a plate in half to use as a straight edge to draw the lines.*