

Art Extra **Early Believers** Grades 3-4

"Depend on God" Lantern Cover

Kids make lantern covers to remind them that God's people are dependable.

Supplies:

- Pencils
- Circle patterns (small plates or bowls)
- Vellum paper, plain or colored
- Scissors
- Edging scissors
- Paper punches, assorted
- Tape
- Nightlight

Set Up:

Place the supplies on a worktable.

Make a sample lantern to become familiar with the process.

Instructions:

The early believers in the story knew that they could depend on one another.

When someone needed something, a fellow Christian friend would always come through.

As God's people, we know that we can depend on God. God's people are dependable, too.

Do you ever think about how much you depend on having certain things like food, a furnace to stay warm, electricity to see when it is dark outside? Allow time for kids to respond.

Lets make a lantern shade that you can use in your room. Your shade will remind you of what we just talked about – God's people are dependable!

1. Show kids how to trace a circle on the vellum paper, using the small plates or bowls as patterns.
2. Have kids cut one or more circles out of the vellum paper.
3. Show kids how to use the edging scissors and paper punches to make designs all around the paper.
4. Demonstrate how to roll the circle to make a shape like a lampshade, taping it along the overlapping edge.
5. Show kids how to place the shade they have made over the nightlight as a sample to get an idea of how it works.

Whenever you see your cover, you can remember that God's people are dependable.

If you have less time . . .

Precut the paper into circles to make shades. Have kids use the edger scissors and punches to decorate and complete the shades.

If you have more time . . .

Let kids make as many lampshades as time allows. Encourage kids to consider making multiple shades as gifts, or to create enough to cover a string of Christmas lights.