

"Know Jesus; Know God" Sand Paperweights

Kids create sand paperweights that can be given as a gift to remind others that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Supplies:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Colored sand
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Black markers
- Colored pencils
- Clean baby food jars with lids, without labels
- White or brown lunch bags (optional)
- Markers (optional)
- Crayons (optional)
- Paint (optional)

Set Up:

Cut paper into strips 1½ inches wide and long enough to wrap around the baby food jars. Put a different color of sand in each bowl. Set out bowls and spoons.

Instructions:

In this story, Jesus said he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was telling the disciples that he was the way to God. Through Jesus, we can know the truth about God, and because of Jesus, we can have everlasting life. A lot of times, people forget that Jesus is all those things, and they think they can find their own way to God.

Lets make a gift today – a paperweight – that you can give to someone to help that person remember that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

1. Ask kids to use black marker to write on a strip of paper: "Know Jesus; Know God"
2. Invite kids to decorate their paper slips with colored pencils.
3. Give a baby food jar and lid to each kid. Show kids how to put a strip of paper inside the jar so it wraps around the inner wall of the jar with the words facing out.
4. Show kids how to spoon sand into the jar, being sure that the slip of paper stays against the inner wall of the jar and is not covered by any sand. Invite them to use different colors of sand to create layers. Colorful layers should show up below and above the slip of paper.

Make sure you fill your jar with sand all the way to the top, then close the jar really tight.

Give your cool paperweight to someone so that person can know that when we know Jesus, we know God! Drop it off at their front door (social distancing!! ☺).

If you have less time . . .

Provide strips with printed messages and only a single color of sand.
Invite kids to fill jars with sand to hold strip in place.

If you have more time . . .

Have kids make gift bags for the paperweights.

Use white or brown paper lunch bags along with markers, crayons, or paint. Put uplifting messages on the bags!