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Accordion-folded Palm Fronds

Supplies

- Green Kraft paper (approximately 18" x 36")
- Glue gun with glue sticks
- Bamboo stick or BBQ skewer
- Scissors

Thanks to [Something Turquoise](https://somethingturquoise.com/2021/05/28/diy-paper-palms/) for this great idea. I recommend you visit this link for more detailed directions step-by-step with pictures:
<https://somethingturquoise.com/2021/05/28/diy-paper-palms/>

Directions

- Fold the paper long-ways in an accordion style (like a fan-fold) with about 1" pleats (so the paper will still be 36" x 1" when completely folded).
- Fold the entire folded strip in half (now each side of the fold is 18" x 1").
- Cut a 1/2" slit where the fold is (see image).
- Using the glue gun, glue together the top half of the two fan-folded sides of the paper (see image).
- Cut a point on each fold, starting at the edge of the outer peak and cutting toward the valley about 4".
- Insert the bamboo stick or BBQ skewer into the slit, extending it to where you previously stopped gluing the two halves together.
- Use the glue gun to attach the remainder of the fold with the stick between the fold to secure the stem.



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Bamboo Stalks

Supplies

- Green paper cups
- Glue gun with glue sticks
- Small to medium cardboard boxes of various heights
- Masking tape.
- Greenery or leaves cut from green paper



Directions

- Place hot glue around the rim of a cup and then attach the rim of another cup. Hold it long enough to set.
- Place hot glue on the base of one of those cups and attach the base of another cup. Hold it long enough to set.
- Continue in this fashion to create one stalk of bamboo that is 3 - 6 feet high.
- Create multiple stalks of varying heights.
- Use the glue gun to attach an entire stalk to the top of a cardboard box. Then add some tape to better secure it to the top of the box.
- Continue to add each stock to the boxes.
- Cover the boxes with greenery or leaves cut from paper.
- Add some paper leaves to various places on each stalk

Quantity Needed:

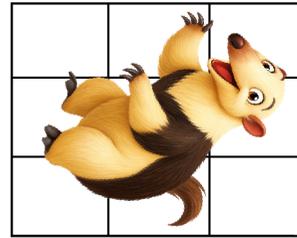


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Buddies on Foam Boards

Supplies

- Bible Buddies printed on multiple 11" x 17" pages
- Glue stick/Scotch tape/Scissors/Cutting tool or X-Acto knife
- Foam boards
- Packing tape
- Spray Adhesive



Directions

- Line up the pages that form the Bible Buddy like a puzzle. Then loosely cut around the outside edges of the buddy, leaving a little bit of a margin.
- On the sides where the papers will connect, carefully cut the white trim completely off on the right and bottom edges. NOTE: Where the pictures will be glued together, leave the left and top edges so that they can overlap to be glued more easily.
- Use a glue stick to connect 2 pages. Then carefully line up and add one additional page at a time.
- Once the buddy is attached with glue sticks and looks right, turn the paper over to the back side and tape in a few places to better secure it.
- Spray the foam board & buddy with adhesive and carefully attach the buddy, smoothing any air bubbles out as you go.
- Use a cutting tool to cut out around the outside of the buddy.
- NOTE: on 40" x 30" buddies, the foam boards need to be attached to one another first. Watch this video for tips: <https://youtu.be/5yBdLmnP8n8>

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Coffee Filter Butterflies

Supplies

- White coffee filters
- Washable markers (the vibrant, bleeding kind) or watercolor paints and a paintbrush
- Spray bottle with water
- Chenille stems
- Clothespins



Directions

- Separate coffee filters and lay them flat on a table (it is recommended that you cover your table first to protect it!)
- Color the coffee filters with washable markers, or with watercolor paints.
- If using washable markers, use the spray bottle with water to lightly mist the filter and bleed the colors.
- Allow the filters to dry.
- Once dry, accordion-fold the filter into a butterfly shape. After folding, pinch the center of the filter, wrap a clothespin around the filter (tight enough to hold but loose enough so it doesn't tear) and gently fan out each side to make the wings.
- Fold the chenille stem in half and twist it around the clothespin to make the antennae.

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Covered "stone" boxes

Supplies

- collapsed box
- stone wall tablecloth (provided)
- scissors
- clear packing tape



Directions

- Before starting, watch this video to see the process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmGUc2nxlrU>
- Spread out the stone tablecloth, lay the collapsed box on top of it, and wrap it according to the video.
- Leave the box collapsed for easier transport to the church. We will open it and tape it when we are ready to use it in the Bible Story room.

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Crew Signs

Supplies

- Cardstock Print outs of Crew Names and Crew Numbers
- Dowels (or yardsticks)
- Packing tape
- Glue stick
- Stapler
- Variety of cut out leaves in various shades of green (and a few orange, pink, and yellow leaves)
- Twisted paper vine made from packing paper

Directions

- Lay the Crew Sign face down on the table.
- Lay the dowel so that it is vertically centered on the crew sign. The top of the dowel should be about 2 inches from the top of the sign.
- Use a small strip of packing tape to secure the dowel to the sign at the top of the dowel and use another strip of packing tape on the dowel near the bottom of the sign.
- Glue or tape a variety of tropical leaves so that the majority of each leaf sticks out around the perimeter of the sign.
- Staple the edge of a twisted paper vine right next to the dowel.
- Roll a glue stick along all 4 edges of the sign and then criss-cross the glue stick a few times across the rest of the sign.
- Quickly line up the back of the numbered sign so that it adheres to the crew sign, forming a 2-sided sign with the dowel and leaves sandwiched between the two signs.
- Use the stapler on the 4 corners and on either side of the dowel to further secure it.
- Wind the twisted vine around the dowel and add a dab of glue in several places to secure it.
- Glue a few small leaves to the twisted vine.



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Cricut Leaves

Supplies

- Lots of Green paper (various shades)
- Some orange, pink and yellow paper
- Cricut machine
- SVG file (use provided one or files of your own)



Directions

- Cut out scores of paper leaves for us to use in various places for decor (most should be shades of green, but some yellows, oranges, and pinks can be in the mix too)

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Cricut Tropical Flowers

Supplies

- Lots of Colored paper (especially hot pink, orange, yellow, red, purple)
- Cricut machine
- SVG file (use provided one or files of your own)



Directions

- Cut out various flowers in different sizes and colors for us to use for decor throughout the building
- If you want to get creative, try layering flowers of different sizes for a 3-D effect.

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Cupcake Liner Hanging Flowers

Supplies

- Bright colored cupcake liners
- String or Yarn (3 feet long)
- Hot glue (or good tacky glue)



Directions

- Lay the string/yarn straight on a table.
- Fold a cupcake liner in half and bunch at the bottom
- Beginning about 12" - 16" from the top of the yarn/string, dab hot glue on the yarn and press the cupcake liner onto the glue so that the cupcake liner fans to the left of the yarn.
- For the next cupcake liner, fan it to the right of the yarn.
- Continue alternating the direction of the cupcake liners until reaching the bottom of the yarn (see the picture for reference).
- Please make at least 12 flowers strings.

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Clip-art Cut-outs

Supplies

- Printed clip art
- Scissors

Directions

- Cut out the printed clip art included in the kit.



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Dry-erase Cross

Supplies

- Stiff cardboard or foamboard (roughly 12" x 22")
- Utility knife or heavy-duty scissors
- Whiteboard adhesive paper



Directions

- Cut out a large cross shape from the cardboard/foamboard.
- Neatly cover one side of the entire cross with whiteboard adhesive paper.

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Hanging Monkey

Supplies

- 6 pages of printed monkey template (for each monkey)
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Brads (4 for each monkey)

Directions

- Cut out the pieces on the template provided for you (4 pages on brown paper/cardstock and 2 pages on tan, peach, or pink paper/cardstock).
- Glue the face to the center of the head.
- Glue the inner ear to the center of the outer ear, lining up the bottom of the inner ear with the dotted glue line.
- Apply glue where indicated on the outer ear and attach it to the back of the head.
- Glue the inner body to the center of the outer body.
- Apply glue where indicated on each hand and attach them to the arms.
- Apply glue where indicated on each foot and attach them to the legs.
- Use a brad to attach each arm and leg to the outer body (use the small circles as guides).
- Apply glue where indicated on the outer body and attach it to the back of the head.
- Apply glue where indicated on the tail and attach it to the bottom of the outer body (on the backside).
- Name your new monkey friend and hang him in a tree so you can enjoy his company!



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Hearts for Bible Lesson Day 2

Supplies

- Heart template printed on cardstock
 - Option 1: Enough heart templates printed to have 1 for each child
 - Option 2: 1 template printed to cut out and use as a form to trace
 - Option 3: Request the SVG file in order to use a Cricut machine
- Paperclips (1 for every 5 hearts)



Directions

- Trace (if needed) enough hearts to have one paper heart per VBS child in attendance.
- Cut out the hearts.
- Group the hearts into stacks of five and paper clip each stack together.

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Lei Flowers

Supplies

- Bamboo skewers
- Hawaiian lei
- Scissors
- Tacky glue



Directions

- Cut the lei string and remove the flowers
- Poke each flower through the skewer (if your skewer is a bit too thick, you can use the scissors to make the hole a tad bigger)
- Once all the flowers have been added, adjust the spread between the flowers until you are happy with the look
- Add a bit of tacky glue to attach the top flower the skewer and the bottom flower to the skewer (if you don't have glue, tape will work too).

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Mesh Ribbon Florals

Supplies

- Mesh wired ribbon
- Stapler



Directions

- Roll ribbon into tubes 1-2" in diameter and 6-12" tall.
- Staple at seams to hold tube shape.
- Use the stapler to attach multiple tubes together at the base.

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Mossy Rocks (large)

Supplies

- Cardboard box (16" - 24")
- Packing tape
- Optional: staple gun
- Optional Additional pieces of cardboard
- Large sheets of brown or grey paper
- Paint (black, dark green, yellow-green)
- Sponges and/or brushes for painting



Directions

- Take the rectangular box and smash it so it no longer looks like a cube or prism. Especially pay attention to the corners to make sure they have been smashed down. (Stepping on the box works well for this.)
- Optional: To add further shaping to the box, crumple some pieces of cardboard and use the packing tape to attach it to various places on the original box. This is just to add shape and dimension.
- Wrap the entire box in the brown or grey paper, securing it with the packing tape on the back or bottom of the box. You can also use a staple gun to attach the paper to the box.
- Using a sponge, liberally add black paint to the crevices around the entire box.
- Next take a sponge to cover a lot of the box with dark green paint. Allow the texture of the sponge to show.
- Finally, use a dry brush or another sponge to add yellow-green paint. Feel free to play with the paint colors until you are happy with the mossy look of the rock.

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Palm Tree

Supplies

- Tree stand
- Carpet tube (about 6' to 8' long)
- Old golf umbrella (broken is OK)
- Pack of 50 brown paper lunch bags
- Duck tape or packing tape
- Green kraft paper from roll
- Glue gun with glue sticks

Here's a link to a tutorial with pictures:

<https://eberhartsexplorers.blogspot.com/2012/06/diy-palm-tree.html>



Directions

- Put a rubber band around the carpet tube, about 6" from the bottom.
- Cut the bottoms off the paper bags so that there is no bottom to the bag.
- Put a bag over the carpet tube and scrunch it down to the rubber band on the bottom of the tube. Secure this first bag with the rubber band.
- One at a time, continue placing paper bags on the tube and scrunching them down to the bag at the bottom (no need for more rubber bands). Continue until the entire tube is covered with bags.
- Remove all fabric from the umbrella so that it is just the wires.
- Fold long strips of green paper in half, cut it into a long pear shape, and then cut slits or narrow triangles from the edges to make big leaves.
- Unfold the paper and hot glue the center fold of each cut leaf to the top of an umbrella wire.
- Insert the umbrella into the top of the carpet tube and, if necessary, secure it with duck tape or packing tape (just cover any tape with another paper bag to hide the tape).
- Insert the carpet tube into the tree stand (which can also be done at church).

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Paper Chain Snakes

Supplies

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Markers
- Stapler, tape, or glue



Directions

- For each snake, cut 10-20 strips of construction paper that are roughly 1"-2" wide.
- Glue, tape, or staple the first strip of paper into a circle. Loop the next strip through the first, then glue, tape, or staple it, repeating until a long chain is formed.
- Cut a head shape from construction paper (a large, rounded triangle works well, or see the above picture for an idea of the shape.) Decorate the head with markers and/or googly eyes.
- Cut a tongue out of red construction paper. Glue or tape the tongue to your head.
- Glue, tape, or staple the snake head to the first link of the chain.
- Cut a tail out of construction paper and glue, tape, or staple it to the final link of the chain.

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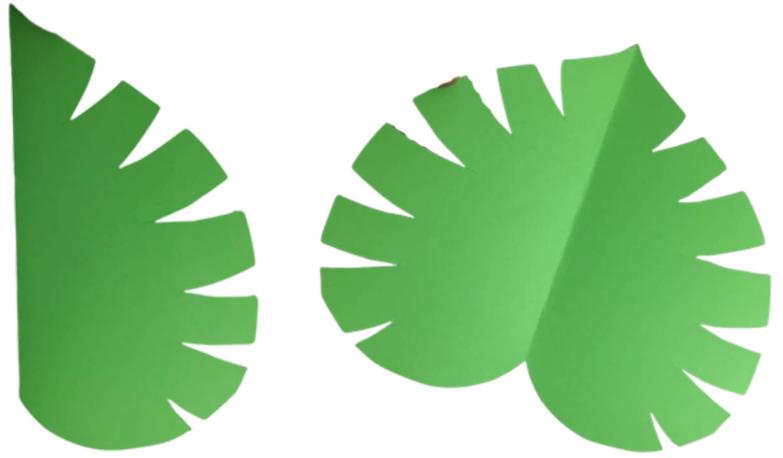


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Paper Leaves

Supplies

- Cardstock or paper in various shades of green
- Leaf templates (optional)
- Scissors



Directions

- Fold the paper in half.
- Option 1 (freehand): Cut half of a heart shape (like you are making a paper heart.). Then cut triangles on the curved part of the leaf.
- Option 2 (use template): Trace a half leaf from the template file and cut it out.
- Unfold.

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Paper Plate Parrot

Supplies

- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Ribbon (optional)
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Tape or glue
- Hole punch (optional)
- Ribbon or string
- Googly eyes (optional)



Directions

- Cut a paper plate in half. One half will be the parrot's head, the other will be the body.
- Paint one half to look like the parrot's head and the other to look like its body.
- Glue a googly eye to the head (or paint/draw the eye)
- Glue ribbon to the bottom of the body to make the parrot's tail.
- Use glue to attach the head piece to the body.
- To hang the parrot from the ceiling, punch a hole in the top of the head and string ribbon or string through the hole.

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Paper Plate Toucan

Supplies

- Dinner-sized paper plates
- Dessert-sized paper plates
- Scissors
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Tape or glue
- Hole punch (optional)
- Ribbon or string (optional)



Directions

- Cut a dinner-sized paper plate in half. One half will be the toucan's head, the other will be the body.
- Cut a dessert-sized paper plate in half. This will be the toucan's tail.
- Paint one half of the dinner-sized plate to look like the toucan's beak and the other to look like its body. Paint the half of the dessert-sized plate to look like the toucan's tail.
- Use glue to attach the head piece to the top of body, and the tail to the bottom of the body.
- To hang the toucan from the ceiling, punch a hole in the top of the head and string ribbon or string through the hole.

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Paper Tree Frogs

Supplies

- Cardstock
- Frog templates
- Scissors
- Paints (acrylic, tempera, or watercolors work) or markers



Directions

- On cardstock, draw the outline of a frog (or print the templates on cardstock).
- Cut out the frog.
- Use paints, markers, and/or other embellishments to decorate the frog.



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Paper Vines & Leaves

Supplies

- Brown kraft paper
- Green kraft paper
- Optional: various colors of green tissue paper, construction paper, etc.
- Stapler



Directions

- Cut long strips (15' to 20') of brown kraft paper (or use brown packing paper saved from Amazon and other deliveries). Begin on one end and twist the paper. Continue twisting until the entire length looks like a vine. Watch this video for a tutorial: <https://youtu.be/PEORS9zCoEU>
- **PRO-TIP:** After twisting one end of the paper, attach it to a drill. While another person is securely holding the other end, let the drill do the twisting for you!
- Optional: Cut large, simple leaves from the green kraft paper. Feel free to add leaves of other colors of green by cutting tissue paper or construction paper to add to the vines. Staple the leaves to the vines.

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Poly-fil Clouds (for Bible Story Room)

Supplies

- 3 Skewers
- 2 white paper bowls
- 12 oz bag of Poly-fil
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Fishing line
- Scissors

There's a great tutorial with pictures of similar clouds here:

https://www.reveriehomeco.com/post/diy-clouds?utm_source=Pinterest&utm_medium=organic

Directions

- Cut a hole a couple inches in diameter in the bottom of one of the bowls (it doesn't need to be perfect).
- Put hot glue around the rim of that bowl and attach the rim of the second bowl to it.
- Once the glue has dried, Insert wooden skewers through the bowls. Place three skewers at different angles and lengths so the cloud can have a natural, uneven shape.
- Insert some fishing line through the hole in the top bowl and wrap it around the center of the top-most skewer, tying a secure knot. Leave the fishing line long enough to hang the cloud from the ceiling.
- Pull small pieces of poly-fil from the bag. Apply hot glue to the poly-fil and attach it to the Styrofoam ball.
- Continue attaching poly-fil around the entire ball—covering the top, bottom, and sides.
- Add poly-fil around the skewers to build out the cloud shape.
- Continue layering and shaping the poly-fil until the cloud reaches the desired size and form. (Remember, clouds aren't perfect balls, so have fun with the shapes!)

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River Rocks

Supplies

- Gray paper
- Newspaper/packing paper
- Packing Tape/clear tape
- Scissors
- Gray, black, and white craft paints
- Paint sponge or paintbrush



Directions

- Lay a square of gray paper on a flat surface.
- Use a larger piece of newspaper as stuffing. Ball up the paper and place it in the center of the gray square.
- Beginning with one corner of the gray paper, fold the corners tightly over the ball of paper and secure with tape, like wrapping a present. Gather the other corners and edges, and tape them down to make the rock roughly rounded. The taped side will be the bottom.
- Paint the rock using a dry brush technique, beginning with black, then gray, then white. (To dry brush: Lightly dip the paintbrush or sponge in paint, then blot it on a paper plate so very little paint remains on the brush or sponge.)

A how-to video is available to watch here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raKo4eLg4rw>

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Tablecloth Vines

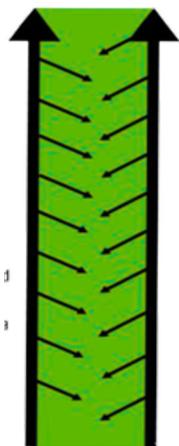
Supplies

- Tablecloths (various shades of green)
- Scissors (nice, sharp ones!)



Directions

- Here's a video that shows how to cut the tablecloths:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoLIYP79s&t=191s>
- Partially unfold the plastic tablecloth until it is long and thin (there should still be 4 layers).
- Slice up the right and left side of the folded tablecloth to separate the layers (but leave them stacked as is).
- Make diagonal cuts from the edge toward the center, alternating sides (see the diagram). Be careful not to cut all the way to another cut.
 - You can leave the tablecloths stacked and gently roll them to bring to the church. We will open them when we are ready to hang them for decor.



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Tissue Paper Flowers

Supplies

- Colored tissue paper (8 to 10 sheets per flower)
- String or fishing line
- Scissors

Directions

- Neatly stack 8 to 10 sheets of tissue paper on top of one another.
- Beginning at one end, fan fold the entire stack of tissue paper (about 1 inch per fold)
- Tie a string around the center of the entire fanfold.
- Use the scissors to cut each end of the tissue paper to a point (like a triangle) or rounded in a half circle.
- Then one sheet at a time, carefully separate it and pull it gently toward the string.
- Continue until all of the sheets have been fluffed and separated from one another. Gently shape the coral.
- You'll find a good tutorial with pictures here: <https://hellocreativefamily.com/how-to-make-diy-giant-tissue-paper-flowers-tutorial/>



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Tree Stump

Supplies

- Dark brown paper
- Light brown paper
- 5 Gallon bucket
- Packing Tape (or clear tape)
- Spray Adhesive
- Dark brown, black, and white craft paint
- Paint sponge or paintbrush



It will be helpful to watch this video before beginning your project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYE8MiXHeCA>

Directions

- Remove the handle of the bucket.
- Tape the shorter piece of brown square around the bottom of the bucket as pictured.
- Crumple the long piece of brown paper starting on one end down the length of the paper haphazardly accordion style.
- Spray the outside of the bucket with spray adhesive (using ventilation) and quickly press the crinkled paper all the way around the bucket ensuring one side is flush with the bottom of the bucket letting it crease and wrinkle as you go leaving a bark-like texture.
- Tape the overlap inside the bucket.
- Dry brush the crevices of the bark with shades of brown. After its dry, lightly dry brush a few touches of white and black on the outer bark edges.
- Add ring details to the top of the stump by dry brushing concentric circles using a brush from the center with light tan paint.

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Tube grasses

Supplies

- Colored construction paper (especially shades of green, orange, and yellow)
- Stapler (or glue or tape)
- Scissors



Directions

- Stack several sheets of paper together.
- Cut narrow strips (much like fringe) from one end. Leave several inches at the bottom of the paper uncut.
- Roll the paper into tubes of various widths and secure the base of each one with staples.

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