



The PATTERN FOR LIFE IS Jesus Christ

Use these Sewing and Creative
Workshop Devotional Guides and turn your sewing
class into an opportunity for the Gospel.

Workshop Devotional Teachers Guide

Creative Workshop Devotionals are created by Come and Sew Ministries, International, to be used with sewing and creative project workshops. The lessons should be adapted to apply to the age and spiritual level of the group you are working with, and should be presented in a friendly positive way. Be creative with personal applications from your own life and draw as many word pictures as possible as you present God's truth. You can put scriptures into your own words so the devotional does not sound like a complicated Bible Sermon. "The Message" by Eugene Peterson is a great resource for a modern translation of the Bible.

We suggest you spend some time studying the lesson for yourself, and then prepare your creative workshop devotional from this material.

The **PURPOSE** of each creative workshop is:

1. To build relationships within your group
2. To present the gospel of Jesus Christ in a clear way*
3. To encourage your group to grow in knowledge of God's Word
4. To encourage your group to live "Thank You Lives" for God

Four key elements are necessary to be understood before a person is able to clearly accept God's gift of salvation by faith alone in Christ alone.

1. **God loves all mankind.** John 3:16-17 says, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life. God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through Him.*"
2. **Man is sinful and separated from God.** Romans 3:23 says, "*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" (sin = the wrong things we do)
3. **Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and He was born, died on the cross, and rose again to give mankind a relationship with God.** Romans 6:23 says, "*...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ His Son.*"
4. **We simply accept God's gift and trust in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life.** Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "*you have been saved by grace through believing. You*

did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it."

**Use God's Word and these Workshop Devotional in a
POSITIVE WAY and change lives!**

A GREAT TIP FOR THE TEACHER: A sewing teacher, Jeanne Higgins shared a great tip. She did a sewing camp so her sewing classes were longer than just an hour. She decided to do the devotions in the middle of the class while the students were having a break. This was a wise tip because if they showed up late they would miss it at the beginning and if they left early they would miss it at the end. :) Thanks for letting God use your talents for His Glory.

Sewing project suggestions are up to each workshop leader, however the devotionals below have been prepared with certain projects in mind.

Included in this packet are devotional suggestions for:

1. Going Deeper in God's Word - great for teens
2. Hats – God Planned You
3. PJ's – Put on the Full Armor of God
4. Slippers – Set your feet upon the Rock
5. Ponchos and Vests – Cover yourself with God's Protection
6. Purses and Bags – God is my Strength
7. Decorated Belts – Wrap yourself in God's Belt of Truth
8. Leather – God Owns the Cattle on a Thousand Hills
9. Quilting – God's Unfathomable Ways
10. Scrap-booking – Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works



GOING DEEPER INTO GOD'S WORD

Time spent in God's Word, the Holy Bible, will cause you to grow spiritually. The following material can be used to gain a deeper understanding of God and of His ways. Once we put our trust in Jesus Christ Alone for our salvation, we need to begin to Grow Up in our knowledge of Him. Spend time each day in God's Word. Talk to God in Prayer through the name of Jesus. The Holy Spirit who comes to live within you at the moment you trust Christ will give you power in your life to overcome evil and to learn to walk in God's ways in your life. To locate scripture use a concordance. Most study bibles have a concordance in the back or you can buy one at a book store or visit Crosswalk.com or NetBible.org for help.

1. What are some burdens that are heavy in your life?

Go deeper: The only way you will know the strength and faithfulness of God is to take the yoke of Jesus upon you and learn from Him. Let go of your burdens. Give them to God.

Matthew 11:29-30 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me.
...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

2. What are some ways that I can learn to trust God more in my life circumstances?

Go deeper: Read and Study God's Word. Write down special verses. Memorize these verses so that when you need God's comfort, you can pray the words of God over and over, hiding them in your heart and mind. Remind yourself that God will bring you peace.

Hebrews 13:6 *... we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid.
What shall man do to me?'*

Isaiah 41:10 *Do not fear for I am with you...I will strengthen you, surely I will help you...*

3. What are some things that God hates?

Go deeper: Study **Proverbs 6:12-19** and discuss the seven things God hates. Do not let your mind and feet follow evil: (do not use this as a list of things to not do! Use it as a reference from God's word to encourage yourself and others to follow the good things in life. Make it fun and personal)

SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES

Proverbs 6:12-19 are six things God hates, and one more that he loathes with a passion:

Be creative with your spiritual preparation of you class and find a way to put these seven thoughts into your workshop.

1. Eyes that are arrogant
2. A tongue that lies
3. Hands that murder the innocent
4. A heart that hatches evil plots
5. Feet that race down a wicked track
6. A mouth that lies under oath
7. A troublemaker in the family.

Hats Workshop God Planned You



Psalm 139:13-14

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

God knew me before I was even born.

God created me exactly the way I am and His works are wonderful.

Each person is the unique workmanship of God.

God has a special plan for each life.

Starting Point:

What are some things that are different about people?

Hair color, skin color, how tall, sound of voice, way of laughing, talents, strengths, personality, etc.

We are each different in many ways. There is no one right way to be, because God has created each of us differently...exactly the way He wanted us.

God has a wonderful plan of creation and I am part of it.

Something else that is different about us is that we have certain likes and dislikes.

We are going to create Hats today.

We have **many different colors** of fabric and **six designs** of hats for you to choose because we know each of you has special ideas. There may not be any two hats exactly alike, just as no two of us is exactly alike...yet each is special.

First you will plan your hat, just like God planned you before you were born.

The best part of God's plan for you is to come to know His son Jesus. God gave us His Son so that we might know God, and be made righteous through Him, and have hope and peace.

Promises from God's Word to encourage you!

2 Corinthians 5:21 *He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

God wants us to learn His Ways and become transformed by renewing our minds.

Romans 8:6-8 *For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Romans 12: 2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Pray before starting the hat project.

Thank God for how different each person is.

Ask God to allow each one to come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Start the sewing project!

There are 6 different hat designs. The fabric is cut into 1 yard lengths and most of the hat patterns take only 1/ 2 yard of fabric. Look at the amount of fabric needed for the design you are helping to cut out and make sure that you cut the hat so that the stretch of the fabric will go around the head. Do not waste fabric – more than one design can be cut from each yard of fabric. ENJOY!

Conclusion:

Each of our hats is different...just like each of us is different – by God's Wonderful Plan.

The most important part of God's Plan for our lives is that we come to believe in Jesus as the Son of the Living God and find our righteousness in Him.

Put on your Special Hat and remember that Jesus loves you just the way you are.

Close with Prayer!

**PJ's / shorts Workshop
Put On the Full Armor of God**



Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

God gives us a way to protect ourselves from evil in this world.
We need to choose to put on God's Armor when we struggle against evil things.
When you trust Jesus as Savior, you put on the Armor of God.

Starting Points:

Have you ever seen a knight in full armor?

He looks like a walking metal shield so that no arrows can get to him.
That's just what God has given us...a full shield to protect our lives from evil.

What are some evil things that you must struggle against?

Lying, stealing, mean words, bad attitudes, selfish ways, cruelty, cheating, etc.
God has given us a way to protect ourselves from these evil ways.
Not only can it keep evil away from us,
but it can help us not choose evil ways in our daily lives.

How do you receive the armor of God?

When we choose to put our trust in Jesus, simply by believing that He is the sinless Son of God and that He died to pay the penalty for our sins, we are given God's armor to protect us. It is given to us, but if we don't choose to put it on, we can get pulled into evil ways.

Promises from God's Word to Encourage You:

Ephesians 6:13-18

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Pray before beginning.

Thank God for sending His Son Jesus to protect us from sin and evil.

Ask God to give us the strength to choose to put on His Armor in our life.

Start the sewing project.**Conclusion:**

Put on your PJ's and protect yourself from the cold of winter.

Put on the armor of God to protect yourself from sin and evil in this world.

Pray and ask Jesus to come into your life and become your armor.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His love and care.

Thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.

Slippers-Bedtime Buddies Workshop
Set Your Feet upon the Rock
(This is a more involved sewing project so it is likely
to be an older age group.)



Psalm 40:2

God lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud. He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip.

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

God wants us to walk according to His Ways.

God does not want us to follow the things of this world or seek after evil.

Starting points:

Have you ever been stuck to something sticky on the ground or walked in deep mud or snow?

It is hard to move your feet. Walking is slow and difficult. When we do things that are wrong, it is like falling in a deep ditch that is hard to get out of.

Have you ever had someone help you get unstuck from the mud or snow?

God promises to lift us out of the ditch of sin.

He pulls us out and sets us on a solid rock.

Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation, and Jesus is God's gift to take away our sin.

Have you ever slipped inside while walking on smooth floors?

House shoes protect our feet inside the house. We call them "slippers" in the US, because they keep us from slipping and falling down.

God promises that when we walk in His Ways, He keeps our feet from slipping.

If we live God's Way, we will not get stuck in sinful ways.

God will keep our feet from slipping.

Promises from God's word to encourage you!

Follow God and find hope:

Psalm 56:6 *God, you did everything you promised, and I'm thanking you with all my heart. You pulled me from the brink of death, my feet from the cliff-edge of doom. Now I stroll at leisure with God in the sunlit fields of life.*

Rest and find blessings:

Psalm 116:7-8 *I said to myself, 'Relax and rest. God has showered you with blessings. Soul, you've been rescued from death; eye, you've been rescued from tears; and you, foot, were kept from stumbling.'*

God will guide you:

Psalm 66: 8-9 *Bless our God, oh peoples! Give him a thunderous welcome! Didn't He set us on the road to life? Didn't He keep us out of the ditch?*

Learn how to follow the truth. Spend time learning the Bible.

Study God's word:

Psalm 119:105 *By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.*

Pray before beginning:

Ask God to teach us His Ways so we won't get stuck in deep mud.

Thank God for forgiving us when we get stuck in sin, and pulling us out.

Start the sewing project!

Conclusion:

This project may take more time than we will have with a class so you may have to begin your closing thoughts before they actually finish their slippers. Below is a suggested conclusion:

One day your new house shoes will wear out. Be encouraged that God's love does not wear out like your house shoes will. When you follow His great love you will grow stronger as you walk with Him. You can make new house shoes for the rest of your life and with each new pair be reminded that God is walking right beside you waiting for you to learn more and more about Him. Look to God's word daily as your encouragement!

1 Peter 5:6-7 So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; he'll promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you.

Close with Prayer

Thank God that Jesus Christ is able to do all things.

Thank God that His Word can be trusted.

(Encourage group to think of one thing to trust into God's power.)

Ephesians 3:20 "God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."



Ponchos/Vests

Cover yourself with God's Protection and Care

Psalm 56:11

In God I trust; I will not be afraid.

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

God loves us and never leaves us alone.

God protects and defends and comforts us.

God gave us His Son Jesus who died on the cross for our sins.

Starting points:

Have you ever touched fleece before?

It is soft and warm and smooth to touch.

It is wonderful to make clothing out of because it is so comfortable and easy to use.

Jesus is the same way. His touch in your life is comfortable and easy and smooth.

He touches your life with kindness and love. We can trust Jesus because He is God's Son.

Have you ever wanted to wrap yourself up in something warm and safe and hide out for awhile?

Fleece would be good for that.

And God's presence is also a good place to safely hide.

When you call out to God and trust Him,

He promises to come to you and wrap you up in His warm Love.

What are some times in your life when you have been afraid?

Everyone is afraid sometimes.

Tell of a time when you were afraid...how God helped you.

God wants you to come to Him when you feel lonely or afraid, and there is no one visible to help you. God is always with you. He has power to help and protect you.

You can trust Him.

The Bible tells stories of powerful people who called to God when they were afraid.

Listen to what King David said to God:

Psalm 3:4 *You God, shield me on all sides; You ground my feet, you lift my head high; with all my might I shout up to God, His answers thunder from the holy mountain. (Message Bible)*

Psalm 138:7 *When I walk into the thick of trouble, keep me alive in the angry turmoil. With one hand strike my foes, with Your other hand save me. Finish what You started in me, God. Your love is eternal-don't quit on me now. (Message Bible)*

Promises from God's Word to encourage you!

God promises to be near all the time.

Hebrews 13:5 ...for He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you.'

Psalm 121:5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Isaiah 41:13 For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.

God promises to give us comfort and protection. We must believe His Word.

Isaiah 43:1 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

1 John 4:4 ...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

God can give us supernatural strength!

Psalm 46:1-2 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change...

Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Pray before beginning.

Ask God to be with anyone here who feels afraid.

Thank God that He always keeps His Promise.

Start your sewing project!

Conclusion:

Let your new poncho/vest remind you of God's protection and His strength. Whenever you are afraid, pray to God and He will hear you and comfort you!

Close with Prayer

Thank God for His Protection, His Help, His Comfort, His Provision.

Thank God that He loves us so much He sent His Son Jesus to earth for us.

**Purses and Bags
God is My Strength**



Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD...

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

There is no burden that would be too heavy for God.

Jesus tells us to put all of our burdens on Him, and He will carry them for us.

All of our strength is in Jesus.

Starting points:

Have you ever had to carry something very heavy by yourself? What was it?

Give examples...large suitcase, bag of trash, grocery bag, pile of dirty clothes, etc.
It encourages us when someone offers to help us carry heavy things.

Have you ever had to carry a big problem or fear or worry all by yourself?

God calls our problems "burdens." They feel heavy on the inside of us.

God offers to let you roll those burdens and worries over onto Him.

He wants to carry the heavy problems of our lives for us...not with us, but for us.

All we have to do is let go. But sometimes that is hard to do.

Commit to God whatever burden He has placed on you.

Put it over onto Him and place yourself there with it.

You will see that your burden is then lightened by the sense of companionship.

Promises from God's Word to encourage you!

Psalm 62:7 *My salvation and my honor depend on God;
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

Matthew 11:28 *Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

The only thing you need to do is ask Him to help you:

Psalm 50:15 *Call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.*

Isaiah 40:29 *He gives power to the weak;
and to those who have no might He increases strength.*

When we praise God we receive divine power from Him.

Nehemiah 8:10 *The joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Colossians 1:11 *Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously.*

It lightens our burdens and makes us stronger to spend time with other Christians.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

It is good to help others. You may help your friend make a purse today.
All heavy or difficult things are much easier when you do them together.

Pray before beginning.

Thank God that He wants to carry our burdens.

Thank God that He gave us His Son, Jesus.

Start the sewing project!

Conclusion:

Our purses are not heavy until we begin putting things in them.

If you find yourself carrying heavy burdens in your life, call out to God and ask Him to carry your burdens for you. God is strong enough to carry everything for everyone. It will give you freedom and joy to let go of your problems and give them to God.

Close with Prayer.

Thank God that He is strong and faithful and keeps His Promises.

Thank God that He loves you so much He wants to carry your problems for you.

Go Deeper:

The only way you will know the strength and faithfulness of God is to take the yoke of Jesus upon you and learn from Him. Let go of your burdens. Give them to God.

Matthew 11:29-30 *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. ...For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*



Decorated Belt Workshop Wrap Yourself in God's Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:14

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

We are able to stand firm in life when we know the truth and live in truth.
God gave us Jesus, who is the Truth.

Our righteousness is not in our good works, it comes through faith in Jesus.

Starting Points:

Have you ever been lied to?

I think we have all been lied to at some time in our life.

Maybe someone said they would give you something, and they didn't do it.

It is disappointing to be lied to. It makes us distrust that person.

Why do we lie sometimes?

To protect ourselves or get what we want or need.

But it does not feel good to lie, does it?

We might get our way, but something inside us feels guilty for our dishonesty.

God wants us to trust Him and not lie to get what we need.

God loves truth.

God asks us to wrap truth around our waist, wear it as part of who we are.

God said truth will allow you to stand firm in your life.

In fact, God says His Truth will set you free.

Promises from God's Word to Encourage You:

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Romans 3:22

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Pray before beginning.

Thank God for the truth of the Bible.

Thank God for Jesus, the Truth.

Ask God to help us be truthful.

Start the sewing project.

Conclusion:

The belt you created is decorated and beautiful to have around your waist.

God tells us to wear His belt of truth. It also decorates our lives and makes them beautiful for others to see.

Truth always honors God.

Truth brings blessing to our life and others' lives.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the Truth of Jesus Christ.

Thank God that Jesus sets us free from the penalty of our sin and makes us right with God.

Leather Workshop
God Owns the Cattle on a Thousand Hills



Psalm 50: 10 - 15

*For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine.
Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.*

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

Everything in all creation belongs to God.

God has provided all of our needs and asks us to call upon His name.

Starting Points:

Have you ever realized that everything in our world belongs to God?

He has created the hills, the rivers, the ants, the cattle, the wild animals, and the birds. God says, everything that moves in the field is Mine.

Have you ever wondered why God created you the way He did?

God created the cattle for our use. We use leather from their hides. God created you for special purposes too. As you walk through the days of your life, God will lead you and use the special way He has created you, the unique way you are, for very special things.

Do you ever have trouble in your life?

Everyone's life has problems and troubles.

God has asked us to call out His name in our day of trouble, and He promises to rescue us.

Promises from God's Word to encourage you!

Matthew 6:30

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you?

Matthew 6:26

Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Psalm 61:2

*From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

John 14:1

*Jesus said: "Don't let your heart be troubled;
Believe in God, believe also in Me."*

Pray before starting the Leather sewing project.

Thank God for the cattle on the hills and for each person here.
All belong to God and were created for His good pleasure.

Start the Leather Project!

Conclusion:

This leather project will last a long time, because leather is very strong and durable. God created leather for you to use. And God created You for Himself. He wants you to trust Him with your life and He wants you to call His Name in your days of trouble. God promises in His Word that He will rescue you, and you will honor Him when you call out His Name.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for creating all things for us to use on this earth.

Thank God for creating each person here today in special ways to be used by God and to bring honor to God's name.

Pray that as they use their leather project, they will remember to call upon God's name in their days of trouble, and that God will faithfully rescue them, lead them and give them truth in all things.

Quilting Workshop God's Unfathomable Ways



Romans 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of both the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or, WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

Everything in our life comes from God, comes through His Love.
Everything piece of our lives is designed to bring glory to God forever.
God's mind and ways are far superior to our limited mind.
We can trust God with our life pieces.

Starting Points:

Have you ever thought of yourself as a piece of a quilt-block pattern?

Our lives are filled with days and times, like pieces of a quilt-block. Some pieces are bright and colorful. Others are plain or odd or colorless. But as each piece is laid one upon the other, the end of one is often the beginning of the other.

God has each piece of our life designed even before we were born. We won't be able to see how our life and other lives fit together, or how God has used our life pieces, until life is complete. But we can be sure that our God knows all things, and that He planned each detail.

Do you think that God's ways are like our ways?

God's ways are much superior to ours. We are limited in our ability to understand life, but God is all knowing and all wise and all powerful. God's ways of work in our lives are unfathomable for our finite minds, but we can be assured of His Love in every piece of our life.

Promises from God's Word to encourage you:

Isaiah 55:9

For {as} the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pray before beginning the Quilting Project:

Thank you, God, that You have a plan for our lives that is good.
Thank You that You designed each piece of our lives to cause us grow and to bring glory to You, forever.

Start the Quilting Project.

Conclusion:

Steve Arnold wrote: “I am but one quilt block – constructed one piece at a time by the One who always knew how my quilt block would look when it was complete. He was the One who revealed one piece at a time. I was the one who questioned many of the pieces and tried to put them in the wrong place. But He knew better!”

Closing prayer:

Thank God that He is all knowing, all wise, all powerful
Thank God that He loves us and makes beautiful patterns of our lives.

**Scrap-booking Workshop
Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works**



Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Purpose and focus of this lesson:

Each one of us is created uniquely by God, we are His workmanship.
God created us to trust in Jesus for salvation, and then, do good works for Him.
God has a special part for each of us to play in His work in the world.
Our good work brings glory to God.

Starting Points:

Have you ever thought of yourself as a special creation of God's Hand?

God designed you to do special work for His Kingdom.
God gave you special combinations of abilities and talents that only you have.
God is the Creator, and we are created "in His image."
Therefore, we are also created to be creators.

Why would God choose to use your gifts and talents to show love to others?

God loves you.
God uses the way He created you to love other people in your life.
God commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves.
God blesses our lives when we obey Him.

What are some ways you can use scrap-booking projects as good work for God?

Create cards to bring joy to others.
Share one another's burdens with words of encouragement on a beautiful card.
Create a scrapbook to capture memories for your children or friends.
Create a scrapbook to celebrate special events.
Use Scripture on your cards to share God's words with others.

Promises from God's Word to Encourage You:

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Isaiah 64:8

But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.

Proverbs 15:23

A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a timely word!

Proverbs 17:22

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.

Pray before beginning.

Thank God that He made us creative.

Thank God for the unique ideas each one has been given.

Ask God to open our creative minds.

Start the Scrapbooking Workshop.

Conclusion:

God wants to use your talents and gifts to bring honor to Him.

God wants you to love the people in your life with creativity and joy.

God will bless your life as you allow Him to use your gifts.

Closing Prayer:

Ask God to give us great joy as we see who He has created us to be.

Ask God to use our creative ways for His Service.

DEVOTIONALS FOR A 5 DAY SEWING CAMP

These devotionals were submitted by Jeanne Higgins. She hosted a 5 day sewing camp in her church and shared her devotional content with the ministry. Thank You Jeanne.

Projects: small, square bean bag, pillowcase, night shirt

Day 1:

Verses: Colossians 3:23-24, Phil. 2:14, Gal. 5:22-23,

Focus on how God wants us to work as we learn to sew. Adj.: heartily, cheerfully, enthusiastically, without grumbling or complaining, attentively.

Stress that God uses the word heartily, not perfectly or speedily. I wanted the girls to relax and not expect perfection as they learn. I also wanted to convey that this is not a race and although they should try to work steadily, excessive speed will work against them! God is more interested in how we work and how we grow than in our finished project!

Are we working heartily for God? As we work, God will reveal areas we need to grow in. God is willing to use every opportunity in our lives to encourage us to grow spiritually-even a sewing class!

Day 2:

Verse; Acts 9:36-42

Tabitha

1. "...abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did." She gave her time, talent, & energy because she loved God and the widows.

2. sewing was her ministry- she served widows by making tunics (dresses) for them, which they appreciated.

3. God considered her important enough to be written into the Bible and to raise her from the dead!

4. God gives different gifts to different people; each gift is valid and needed. We just need to be faithful in using our gift(s).

5. Many people in Joppa came to Christ as a result of Tabitha being raised from the dead.

Day 3:

Object lesson- use a small piece of cloth and 2 needles, threaded with a black and a white thread

Psalm 139: 13, Ephesians 4:24-32, Galatians 5:16-26

1. God wove us together in our mother's womb

2. We need to be mindful of what we weave into our lives
3. We can choose to weave sin or righteousness into our lives

Begin sewing running stitches with black thread through cloth as you talk about various sins mentioned in above verses. Talk about when we continually practice sin, it becomes more and more a part of us. The thread represents our sin, and would turn the cloth black, if we continued sewing (or practicing sin). God says if we do these things, we will not inherit the kingdom of God. We are dishonoring God and hurting ourselves and others.

Do same with white thread and talk about "sewing" righteousness into our lives. God desires us to "sew" righteousness into our lives. We can ask the Holy Spirit to teach us how to "weave" such things as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control into our lives.

Remove black thread from cloth and talk about how God forgives us when we confess, repent, and ask forgiveness for our sin.

Day 4:
Proverbs 31:13

1. God has designed women to take delight in working with our hands-it brings satisfaction
2. God is the author of creativity; He has given us creative gifts, as well
3. We can use this God given gift to bless others, as Tabitha did
4. As wives and mothers, we can use our creative gifts to provide for our families
5. Youth is a great time to learn creative skills such as sewing, cooking, knitting etc.

Day 5:
Given by a student- a summary from what I remember, since I can't locate her paper.

When we sew, we sometimes make mistakes. We can either choose to ignore or hide the mistake, or, we can rip out the stitches with a seam ripper to make it right. This can be a difficult task, but well worth the time and effort. Likewise, when we sin, we can either ignore or hide our sin, or we can "rip it out" by confessing, repenting, and asking forgiveness from God.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Higgins - sewing teacher