

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Decorate your room with these colorful wreaths full of thanks to God.

Wreath of Thanks

What You'll Need

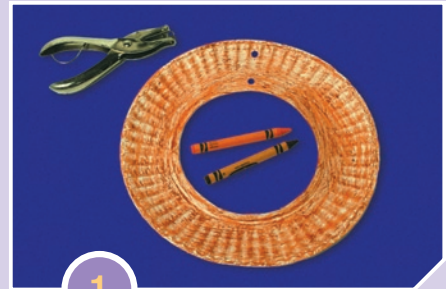
- paper plate
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- hole punch
- yarn
- construction paper or craft foam (autumn colors)
- traceable shapes or pre-cut shapes
- craft glue or glue stick
- stickers
- cinnamon sticks (optional)

What to Do

1. Cut out the center of a paper plate, creating a ring for the wreath. Scribble-color the plate in oranges and browns. Punch two holes in the top of the ring, one above the other.
2. Cut a 2½" x 3½" message sign from construction paper or craft foam. Print "Thank You, God!" on the sign. Punch a hole at the top of the sign. Using an 8" length of yarn, attach the sign to the inside hole on the paper plate ring. Tie another loop of yarn in the top hole on the ring for hanging the wreath.
3. Cut leaves, pumpkins, or other autumn shapes from construction paper or craft foam. Glue the shapes onto the ring. Add stickers or print on each shape something for which you are thankful. To add a fall scent to the decoration, use yarn to tie cinnamon sticks to the wreath.

Another Idea!

Make additional wreaths and take them to a local health care facility. Residents will enjoy seeing the decorations hung in windows or on doors. The signs in the center of the wreaths could have different messages: "You are special." "God loves you!"



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