

Stained Glass Windows of the Story of the Wise Men

variation of project idea from Janet McMaster

Level: All (preschoolers will need a lot of help)

Time: 15-30 minutes, with additional time needed if making a frame

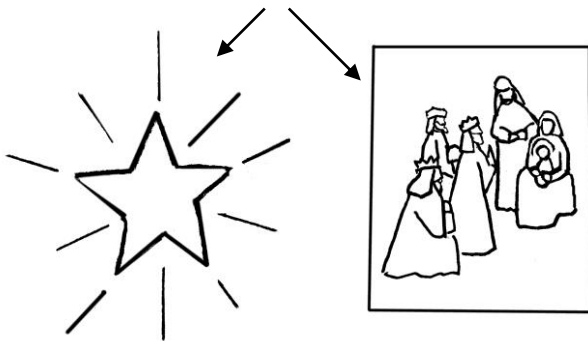
Application Ideas

This activity is well-suited to religious festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

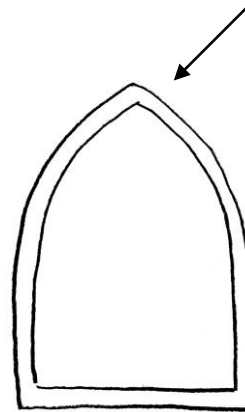
Here are several ideas relating to the story of the wise men who followed the star to find the Lord:

- The star of wonder
- Three wise men
- The wise men come before the Lord and Mary, His mother.
- Three gifts

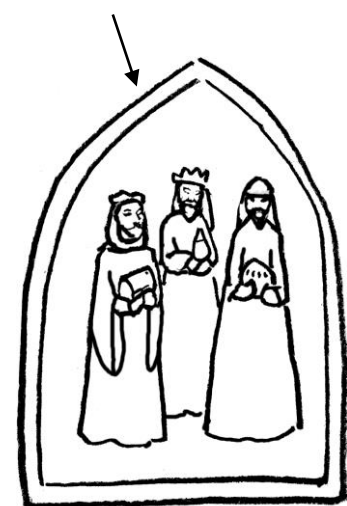
Ideas for window designs.



Arched frame for "stained glass" window.



Stained glass window with frame.



Materials Needed

tracing paper
coloring utensils (crayons, markers, *etc.*)
pencil
eraser
construction paper or poster board
scissors if needed
tape

Preparation

For little children, make the frame for the window ahead of time.

You may also wish to make frames ahead of time if you are teaching a large group of children and have limited time.

Steps

1. Cut tracing paper to fit the frame.
2. With young children: Draw window design with black felt tip pen.
3. With older children: Make a pencil drawing of the window first and then go over the pencil lines with black felt tip pen.
4. Color in the "window panes" with bright colors.
5. Cut out the inside of the window frames.
6. Center and tape the window into the frame.