INTRODUCTION

The crafts included in this book coordinate with each lesson in the Noah’s Park Leader’s Guide. Each craft activity is designed to help reinforce the Bible story the children have heard and participated in during the lesson. The craft is also designed to help the children and their parents extend the learning even further by linking it to activities they can do at home during the following week.

If a craft is to be cut out and put together, be sure to include the HomeLink by gluing it to the back of the craft, enclosing it in a resealable plastic bag, or attaching it in some other way to be sent home.

You will notice the designation for the activities. **GCE** refers to the Elementary Craft in the Green Edition of Noah’s Park Children’s Church. **GCP** refers to the Preschool Craft in the Green Edition of the Noah’s Park Children’s Church. The number following that designation identifies the lesson number.

Each craft activity has a list of supplies listed which you will want to gather prior to your session. You may want to make one of the crafts in advance so that you can show the children what they will make. This will also assist the Park Patrol members as they help the children.

There are some basic supplies that you should keep on hand. These are listed below. Other supplies are more specialized and should be gathered as needed.

- Pencils with erasers
- Markers
- Drawing Paper
- Construction Paper (variety of colors, both 9” x 12” and 12” x 18”)
- Tape
- Glue, paste, or glue sticks
- Scissors
- Craft Sticks
- Paper fasteners, paper clips
- Stapler and staples
- Yarn, glitter, confetti
- Resealable plastic bags (sandwich size)
GCE1: Hidden Message

Supplies: A copy of this craft page for each child • Orange, red, green and blue markers or crayons

Directions: There’s a message hidden on this page! Can you find it? Get some crayons or markers, then use the code below to color the spaces and figure it out!

HomeLink: Today we learned that we are important to Jesus. Retell the Bible story about Nathanael to your family. Then all during the week remind each other that you are all important to Jesus! Hang up your Hidden Message as a reminder to all your family members of your importance to Jesus.

O = Orange  R = Red  G = Green  B = Blue

I AM IMPORTANT TO JESUS
GCP1: Bible Story Puppets

**Supplies:** Crayons or washable markers · Scissors · Craft sticks (4 per child) · Tape · Resealable plastic bags

**Preparation:** Make a copy of the craft sheet for each child. You may want to cut out the puppets before class if your students are too young to cut.

**Directions:** Have the children color the figures of Jesus, Nathanael, and Philip. If the figures are not already cut out, have the children do that now. Help the children tape a craft stick to the back of each figure to make a handle for the puppets. Write the children’s names on the backs of their puppets. Place each child’s puppets and the “HomeLink” in a resealable plastic bag to send home.

**HomeLink:** (John 1:43-49) Use the puppets to help your child retell the Bible story at home this week.

- **Jesus asked Philip to be His helper.** Have your child hold the Jesus and Philip puppets.
- **Philip went to tell his friend Nathanael.** Have your child set down the Jesus puppet and pick up Nathanael.
- **Nathanael went with Philip to meet Jesus.** Hold the Jesus puppet for your child.
- **Nathanael was surprised that Jesus knew all about him.** Have the Jesus puppet nod yes.
- **Nathanael knew that Jesus was God’s Son.** Have your child make the Nathanael puppet nod yes.
- **Nathanael became one of Jesus’ helpers too.** Take all three puppets and have them pretend to travel.