



Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory

Welcome, Y'all!

Toddler and Pre-Primary Crafts and Games

Purpose of this Shindig

- Encourage you as you look forward to teaching young children, whether it be toddlers or pre-primaries.
- Acquaint you with the format of the Teacher Guides.
- Share some useful tips for your class time.
- Learn what games we have in store (and have some fun with them).
- Show some crafts and make one of your own.



Toddler vs. Pre-Primary

❖ Pre-Primary Guide

- Similar to the other teacher guides, which are basically the Bible lessons.
- Pre-primaries will likely rotate with the older kids.
- Snacks, games, and crafts are in the respective leader guides.

❖ Toddler Guide

- All-inclusive; Bible lessons, snacks, games, and crafts are included in this guide as well as the respective leader guides.
- Toddlers likely will not rotate with older kids.

Both guides have handy helps for set up, decorations, and tips for working with young children.



High Point Bible Time

❖ Lessons include:

- **Scripts for two teachers or a teacher and a puppet**
- **Daily introductions including an overview and devotional to help you prepare**
- **Exploration Stations themed for specific Bible passages, animal pals, or the Old West**
- **Introduce It! section is a time of welcome and transition into the lesson**
- **Teach It! section is the main focus of the lesson on biblical truths**
- **Apply It! section is a time for reviewing the memory verse and working through application activities**
- **In addition, both guides have lesson review questions, a special Nugget of Truth, and Simple Songs for kids to sing and get their wiggles out**

Extra Helps

❖ Margins include:

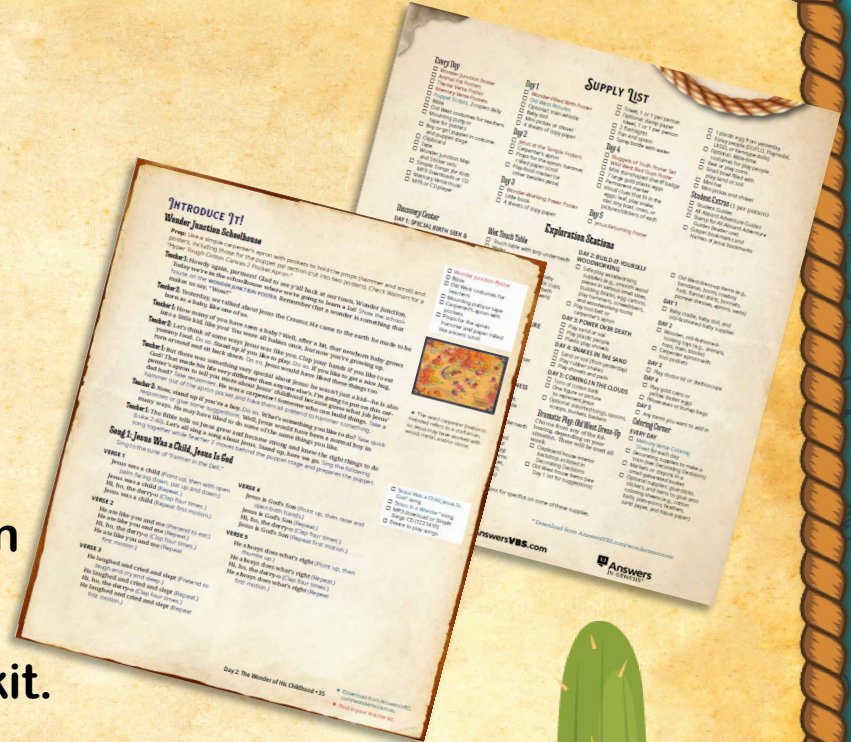
- Color thumbnails of posters
- Quick tips and reminders
- Materials lists placed where needed

❖ Back Cover includes:

- Materials for each Bible lesson and Exploration Station.
- Color-coded by source: download or teacher kit.

❖ Teaching Tie-Ins

- Games, snacks, crafts, science experiments, and Exploration Stations
- Help you make an important connection between specific activities and themes being taught.



Exploration Stations

❖ Five types of stations:

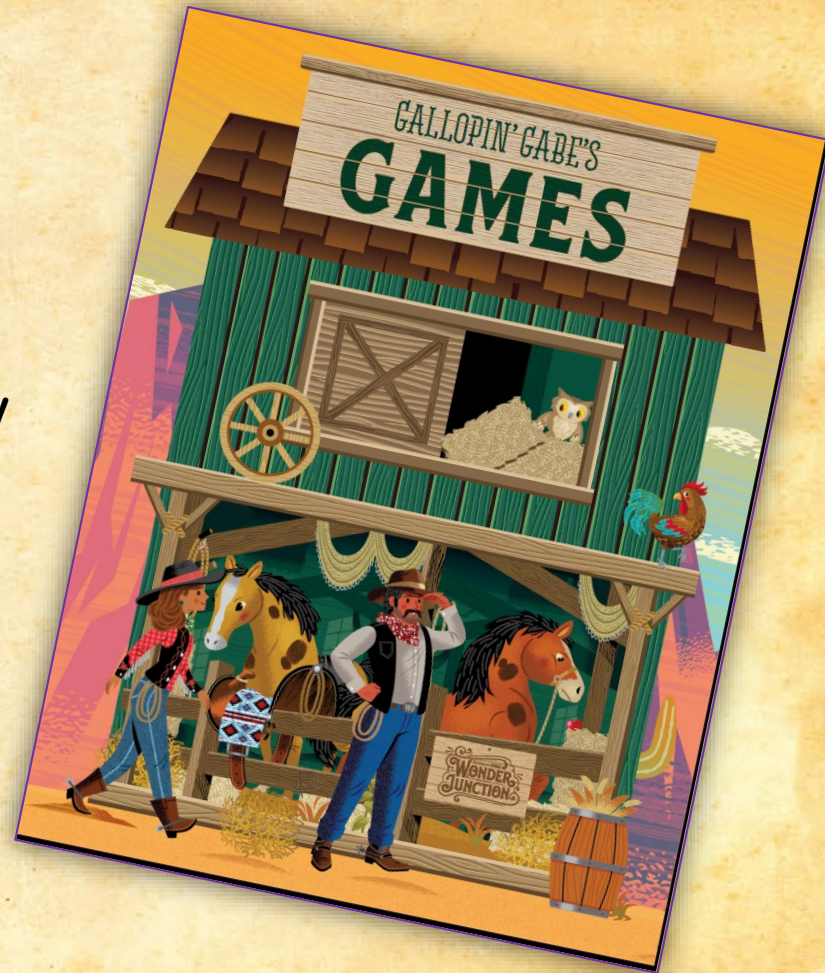
- **Discovery Center**—teacher-led, quick games or activities.
- **Wet Touch Table**—container with water and objects for tactile play.
- **Dry Touch Table**—container with dry objects for tactile play.
- **Dramatic Play area**—costumes and props for imaginary play.
- **Coloring corner**—crayons, markers, and other materials to use with memory verse coloring sheets.
- Each station is themed and has a Teaching Tie-In.



Game Time

❖ *Gallopin' Gabe's Games*

- Pre-Primaries have three options per day for the game leader to choose
- Toddlers have two game options per day
- All are simple and quick to learn and play
- Few materials are required
- Most can be played indoors or outdoors.
- Many of the options are the same for Toddlers and Pre-Primaries, with age-appropriate adjustments.



Game Tips

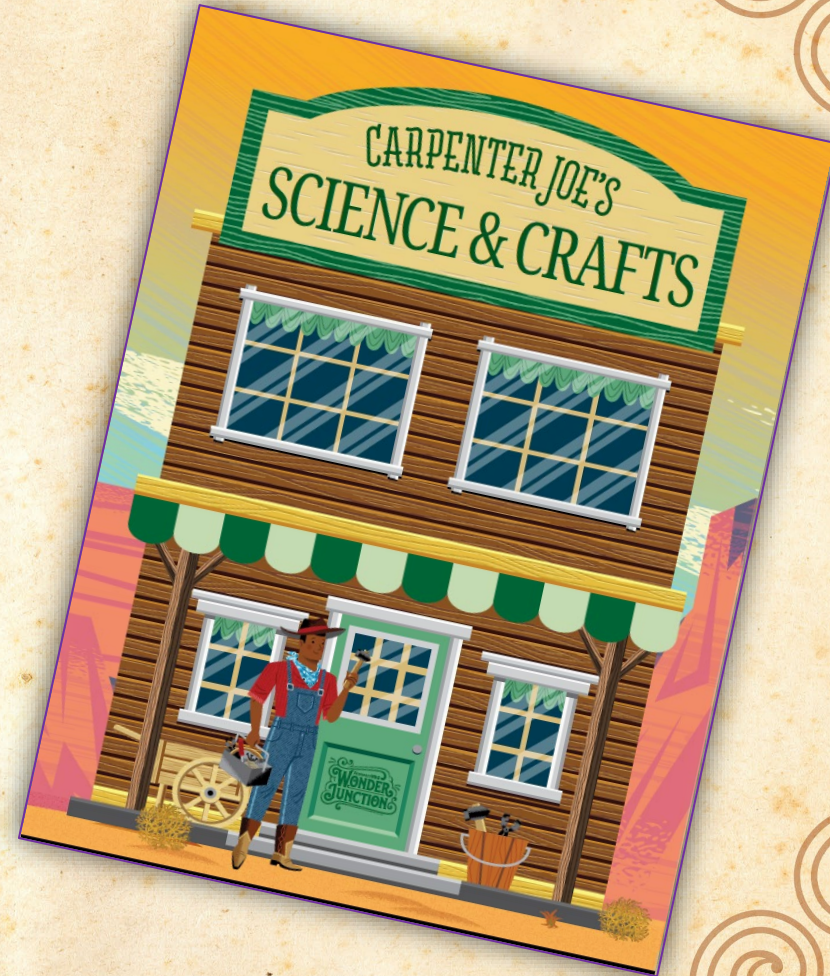
- Share the Teaching Tie-In before or after each game.
- Be ready to switch games if the first one is too hard or the kids need something new.
- Be flexible. If a rule doesn't work well for your age group, change it.
- Young children won't understand the gameplay by merely listening to instructions. Keep it simple and show them how to play:
 - Help them search for lost stuffies
 - Demonstrate motions they'll use
 - Take their hand and run with them



Craft Time

❖ *Carpenter Joe's Science & Crafts*

- Great way to use creativity and imagination.
- Develop fine motor skills and dexterity.
- Take-home reminder of the lesson that may be used again.
- Because it's fun!



Tips for Craft Time

- Show a finished sample of the craft.
- For Toddlers, pass out one or two pieces for each step instead of a bag full of “distractions.”
- If they do have all materials, ask them to find and hold up each piece as you demonstrate.
- Try to find ways for toddlers to be engaged in making crafts.
- Resist making the craft for them. Show them how, then give them a chance to try.
- Let your assistants know what you expect them to do.

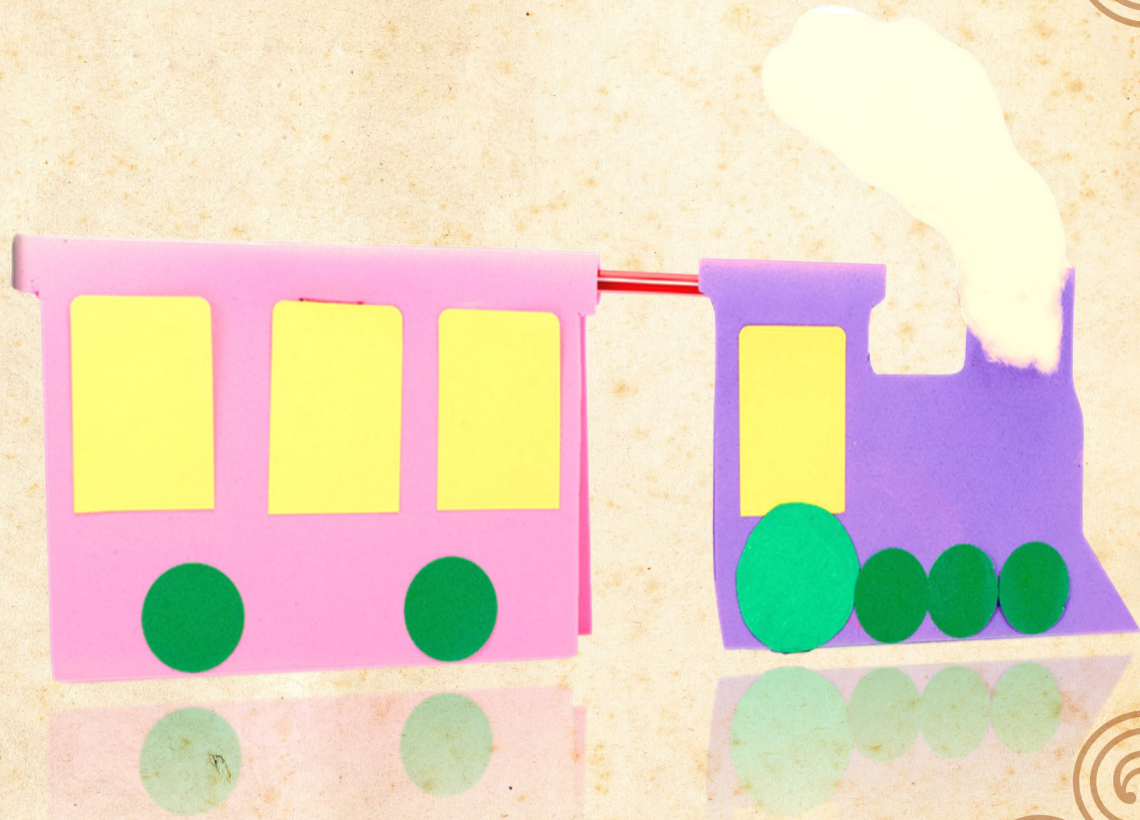


Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 1

❖ Toddlers' Craft

▪ Wonder Locomotive

- Prep the foam pieces using the patterns.
- Toddlers add stickers for the windows and wheels and cotton for steam.



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 1

- ❖ **Pre-Primaries' Craft Options**
 - **Christmas Crèche**
 - **Ticket to Ride Ornament**



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 2

❖ Toddlers' Craft

▪ Old West Vest/Sheriff Badge

- Prep the grocery bags (online videos helped me) and badge patterns.
- Toddlers color their badges and either glue to their vest — OR glue the badge to a canning lid to wear (using an alligator clip).



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 2

❖ Pre-Primaries' Craft Options

- Covered Wagon Conversations
- Mini Horseshoes Game



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 3

❖ Toddlers' Craft

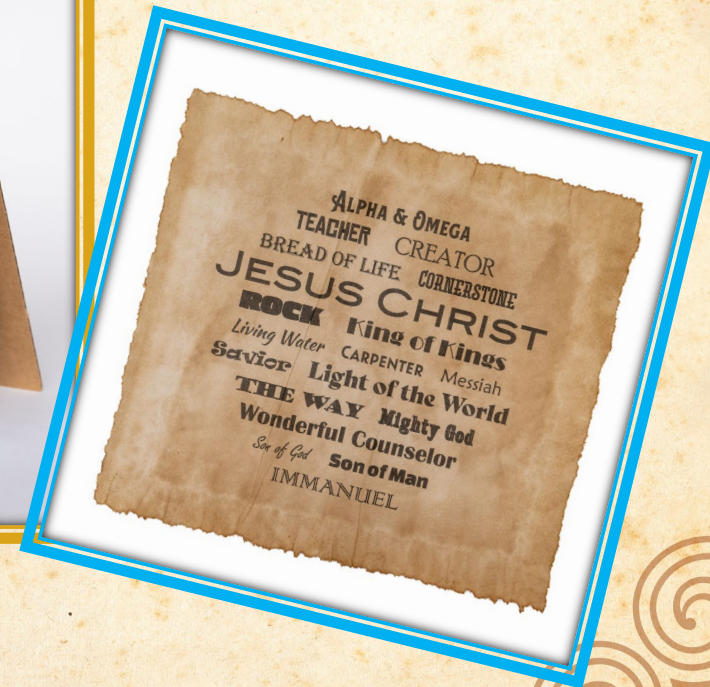
▪ Stormy Miracle Boat

- Prep the boat patterns, paper plates, and tissue/crepe paper.
- Toddlers color, then help add waves and optional stickers.



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 3

- ❖ Pre-Primaries' Craft Options
- Praise Journal
- Names of Jesus Print



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 4

❖ Toddlers' Craft

▪ Sunset Painted Cross

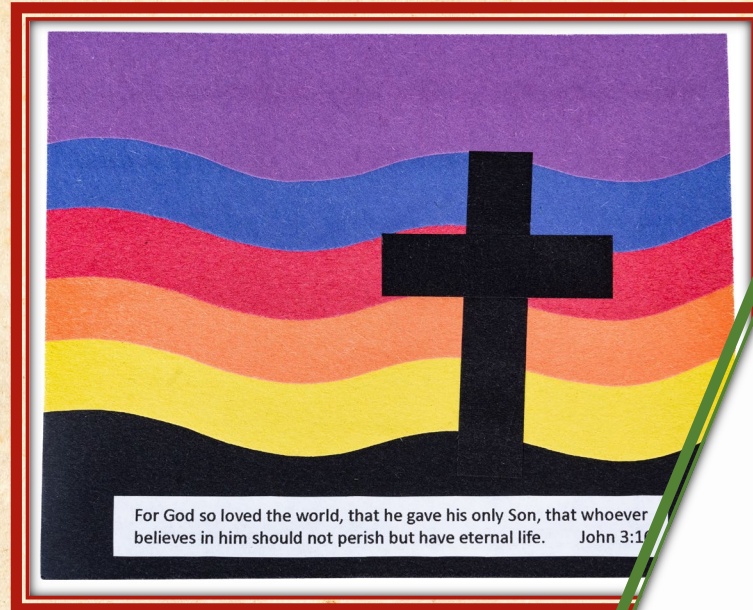
- Prep the sign patterns and yarn, then tape crosses onto the foam.
- Toddlers paint dots onto the foam.
- Requires another activity while the paint dries. Then peel off the tape to reveal a cross.



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 4

❖ Pre-Primaries' Craft Options

- Sunset Silhouette
- Spikes Cross Magnet



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 5

❖ Toddlers' Craft

- Giddyup Horse Puppet
 - Prep the pattern, ribbon, and yarn.
 - Toddlers will color and attach pattern pieces and decorations.



Carpenter Joe's Crafts-Day 5

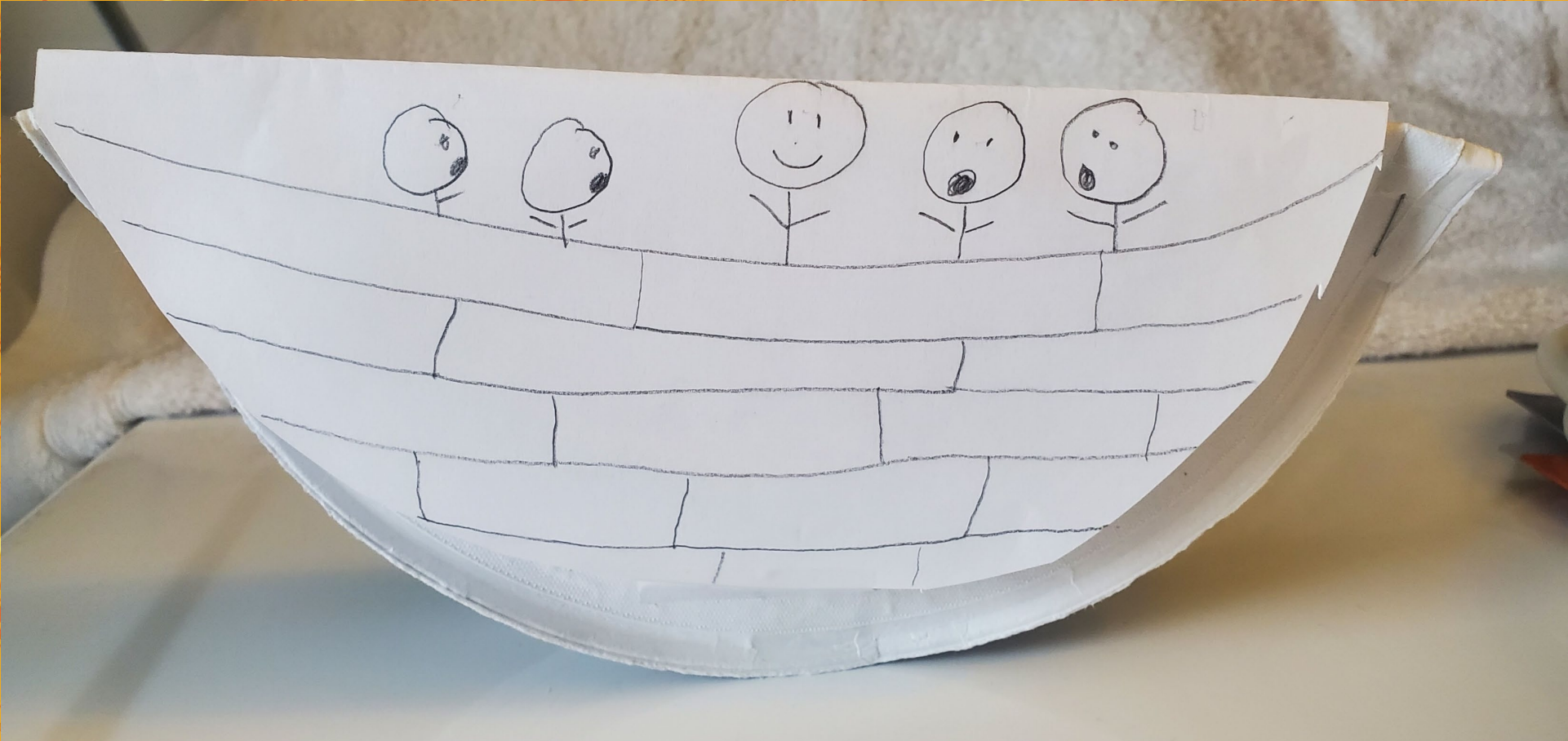
- ❖ **Pre-Primaries' Craft Options**
 - **Money Pouch**
 - **Wonder Junction Bank**



Stormy Miracle Boat Craft Instructions

- ✓ **Gather: one plate, one picture, and one strip of tissue paper.**
- ✓ **Fold paper plate in half (front side in)**
- ✓ **Cut out the boat picture and color**
- ✓ **Attach the boat picture to the paper plate**
- ✓ **Attach the strip of tissue paper**
- ✓ **Add optional stickers**





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Stormy Miracle Boat Craft Instructions

- ✓ **Attach the boat picture to the paper plate:**
 - Stand the plate up, place the folded picture over the top
 - Hold the picture and plate all together and flip it upside-down like a taco
 - Staple or tape along the edges
- ✓ **Attach the tissue/crepe paper:**
 - Lay the strip of tissue paper on top of the plate, matching up the edges along the curve.
 - Staple or tape the tissue along the edge
 - Stand the boat up and fold the tissue down
- ✓ **Add optional stickers**
- ✓ **Have the kids rock their boats in the stormy sea as you review with the Teaching Tie-In.**



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