

FOR PRIMARY GRADES: Scripture Activity Tote Bag



Here's a great craft idea to help children become more organized and learn more Bible verses: a Scripture Activity Bag. Give students choices as they participate in the craft project. Allow them to choose different patterns and colors and decide what items to put in their bags. Let them do as much of the work as possible. (We predict, however, that you'll need some extra help in your classroom when you do this project.)

Materials Needed:

- canvas tote bag (light-colored works best)
- permanent colored markers
- bright-colored shoe strings
- assortment of buttons
- 1 yard of narrow ribbon
- zipper
- stickers, sugarless gum, pencils, rubber stamps, pads of paper, crayons, and several small surprises
- hot glue gun (for adult use only)
- 3" x 5" cards

Directions:

1. Write the child's name on the center of the bag.
2. Using a hot glue gun, fasten a zipper to one side of the bag.
3. Use the shoe strings to make a lacing pattern similar to a tennis shoe on the bag. Hot glue them in place.
4. Cut several ribbon loops and hot glue them in place. Glue buttons nearby.
5. Let the child use markers to draw original art on the bag. (Suggestions: family members, pets, home, church, flowers, A-B-C, 1-2-3, and so on. Protect the child's clothing while working, as the colors are permanent.
6. Write out several short Bible verses on 3" x 5" cards. Place them in a self-closing plastic bag inside the tote bag. Begin with two or three verses, depending on the age of the youngster. Add others as the child memorizes them. Talk about what the words mean.