

Family Worship Resource Table

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Children's Bibles —Spark Story Bible, Deep Blue Story Bibles, Children of God Storybook Bible and others

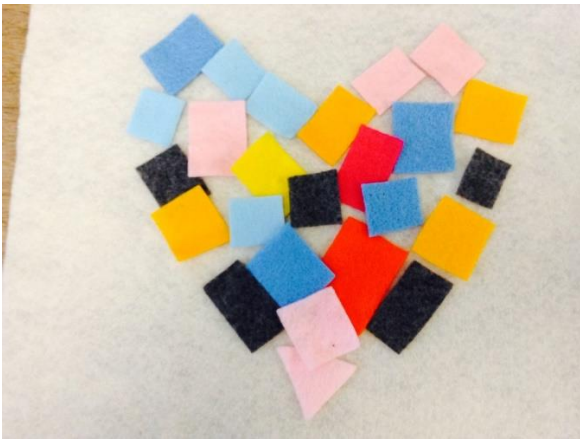
Basket of Books — board books, books for preschoolers, seasonal books (Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Pentecost, All Saints/Halloween, Thanksgiving)



Toddler Busy Boxes — homemade from large plastic canisters. I removed the center from the lid and added a slotted felt piece. Inside are large items that toddlers can drop in and remove from the box. Items are XL Pom Pom, Felted characters, small stuffy, large wooden doll pin, chunky heart.

Toddler Meal Prayers or Prayer Books (not shown)

Writing Utensils – crocks of pencils* and colored pencils* on table; bags of crayons in baskets, 1 pen & 1 dry erase crayon in each Elementary zip case



Felt Mosaic packs – In each bag there is one piece of felt with lots of little squares or other shapes of felt. I have some repeating suggested pictures for church seasons and regular services like communion. I also make pictures that go with the sermon/scripture theme* of the day.

Preschool Clipboards – Holds preschool age Children’s Worship Bulletin* (online subscription so I can choose scripture or theme)

Elementary Packs – zip pencil packs contain 1 pen, 1 dry erase crayon, 1 small white board, 1 Pocket magazine, 1 Children’s Worship Bulletin*.

Church Wi-Fi sign (Children’s Worship Bulletins have a game code that coordinates with the topic)

Writing Pads & Bookmarks – I collect colorful scratch pads that charities mass mail for fundraising & change them with the season. Curriculum bookmarks, Camp Registrations, and other resources for the taking.

Preschool Leaflets – leftover class leaflets (aka “bulletins”) that fits the theme or from the week before.

**I download and copy Children’s Worship Bulletins and switch out some pictures for the Felt Mosaics at the end of each month. A regular office volunteer folds the bulletins, and switches out the bulletins and Pocket magazines. Volunteers also sharpen pencils, check crayons and straighten books. I spend a very small amount of time checking the Toddler Busy Box and occasionally add seasonal items.*

Occasional Activities



Fishing Prayers



IllustratedChildrensMinistry.com

Examples of Seasonal Resources



Easter cross to add flowers.



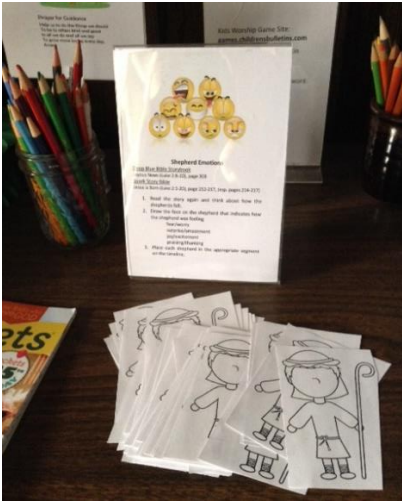
Holy Week – pictures and descriptions of the days to put in order.



Pocket Nativities available thru Cokesbury.



I laminated leftover advent calendar stickers and put them in sets.



I used this station in Sunday Family Bible Study time. I added it to our options for worship during advent.