

# AWANA Cubbies

## Universal Crafts: One Craft, Multiple Scriptures

Craft	Supplies	Directions	Variations
1. Notecards	Card stock paper, shaped sponges OR potato stamp OR stickers, paint (acrylic or tempera), envelopes	Use ½ sheet of card stock paper for each child. Fold the ½ sheet into a card. Print (by hand or computer generated) the scripture onto the bottom of the note card. The children will use sponges or potato stamps to put pictures (hearts, crosses, animals, etc.) onto the note card.	Use an inkpad to have the children put thumbprints onto the note card. Draw the thumbprints into animals.
2. Door Hanger	Poster board, door hanger template, scripture sticker/card, gems/jewels	Cut the poster board into door hangers. (Template available at craft store.) Create scripture labels or print scripture onto door hanger. The children will glue the gems/jewels onto the door hanger.	The children can color a small picture and glue it onto the door hanger.
3. Calendar	Computer calendar template (MS Word), monthly templates	Create a calendar on the computer using Word or another program. Photocopy the appropriate pages. The children will color the top part of the calendar.	You can create a smaller version and put a magnet on the back to put on a refrigerator.
4. Placemat	Construction paper, coloring page (landscaped), crayons, glue, laminating machine (if available)	Photocopy a coloring page (landscape) with the scripture on the page somewhere. The children will color and glue the coloring page onto the construction paper. If a laminating machine is available, you can laminate it to be longer lasting.	You can use clear contact paper to laminate placemat.
5. Refrigerator Magnet	Magnetic strips/circles, paint, sponges, poster board, foam sheets, glue wooden cut outs, etc.	Cut poster board or foam sheets into shapes (hearts, stars, circles, rectangles). Have the children sponge on a shape (heart, apple, whatever goes with the Bible verse or story). Put a scripture sticker or write the verse on the magnet. Put magnetic strip or circle on back.	Clothes pins work well to hold things on the refrig. Puzzle pieces can also be glued together to make a picture frame.
6. Door mat	Carpet pieces (\$1 store), acrylic paint, sponges (heart, fish, cross, etc.) OR paint brushes, paper plates	Paint the scripture on the top or bottom of the piece of carpet. Have the children use sponge shapes to sponge paint onto the carpet. This was a popular craft & one that is used by the children for years.	You can use stencils to put the scripture on the carpet. I stenciled a fish symbol in the middle and the words around the fish.
7. Pocket Cards	Computer generated or hand drawn cards, rubber bands	Create cards that list the various things related to a Bible verse or story. Example, obeying your parents – create cards that show examples of them obeying their parents (chores, bedtime, etc.)	Cards can be put onto a metal ring to hold them together.
8. Key Ring/ Chain	Sculptly clay (craft store), oven, key rings/chains, cookie cutters (heart, etc.) textured buttons, tooth picks	Hand out sculptly clay. The child will flatten the clay and use a cookie cutter or mold the clay into a shape. The textured buttons can be used to put imprints. The leader will put a hole in the item for the key chain to go through. Bake and cool. Thread the key chain into the clay piece.	Wooden hearts, stars and other items can be used to make the key chain.
9. Pillow Case	pillow case (provided by parents), fabric markers and template OR shaped sponges and acrylic paint mixed w/textile medium, newspaper	Ask parents to bring a pillowcase for their child at least 1 month in advance. Once pillowcases are collected, put newspaper between the two pieces of cloth and write on the scripture on with a fabric marker or Sharpie. Put the names on the pillowcases. The children paint the picture (if drawn), or sponge on shapes (hearts, stars, crosses, etc.)	You can put a cardboard template OR stencil onto the pillowcase and have the child paint the shape.
10. T-shirt	White t-shirts (provided by parents), fabric markers OR acrylic paint (mixed with textile medium), sponges, newspaper	Ask parents to bring a white t-shirt for their child at least 1 month in advance. Once t-shirts are collected, put newspaper between the two pieces of cloth and write on the scripture on with a fabric marker or Sharpie. Put names on the t-shirt. The children paint the picture (if drawn), or sponge on shapes (hearts, stars, crosses, etc.)	-
11. Gift bag	Gift bags (craft store), paint, sponges OR potato stamp OR stickers, scripture sticker OR card	Have the children sponge paint shapes onto the bag. Put a scripture sticker or paper onto the bag.	Have the children glue dye cut outs onto the bag.

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13. Bookmark	Card stock paper, computer generated template OR hand written bookmark, hole punch, ribbon	Copy the bookmark graphic or word with scripture onto card stock paper. Cut into bookmarks and punch a hole towards the top of the bookmark. The children color the picture. The leader puts yarn or ribbon into the hold.	There are a lot of variations using tissue paper, markers, paint, etc.
14. Gel bag	Ziploc type bags (freezer pint or quart), clear packing tape, hair gel (\$1 store), foam cut outs (craft store)	Have each child pick out some foam cut outs (fish, hearts, etc.) and put them into a Ziploc bag. Add hair gel. Seal with packing tape. Write the child's name on the bag. Example: Jonah, wind and sea, fishers of men, hearts – love, etc.	The children absolutely loved this craft. They played with it all night. This can be used for a variety of scriptures.
15. Glove Puppet	Gloves (\$1 store), felt, glue		If you have access to a die cut machine, the letter "i" can be used to the fingers.
16. Hand towel	Hand towels (\$1 store), acrylic paint, textile medium (craft store), black lettering paint (craft store)	Paint the scripture on the towel towards the bottom. Mix the acrylic paint with textile medium (see bottle). The children put their hands in the paint and put their handprints onto the towel to form a heart, sheep (upside down handprint) or angels wings. The leader then embellishes the handprint using the black lettering paint.	Sponge painting can also be used.
17. Memory Game	Computer generated OR hand drawn game cards, crayons OR stickers, Ziploc type baggies	Create memory cards using graphics or drawing pictures. The children color the pictures. Write the name and scripture on the bag.	This is good for matching the disciples or parts of any story, like the nativity.
18. Necklace	Sculptly clay, ribbon/string/yarn, foil, oven, textured buttons	Give each child a little sculptly clay. This works good for cross necklaces. Have them mold the sculptly clay into (or other shape). Put a hole in the top for the ribbon. Write the name of the child on the back of the necklace. Press a textured button in the middle. Bake & string on ribbon.	Be careful of the baking time. We burnt one batch last year!
19. Potholder	Potholder (\$1 store- 2/\$1), acrylic paint (mixed with textile medium), sponges, hair dryer	Paint the scripture around the edge of the potholder. Write their names on the back. Have the children sponge paint a shape onto the middle. Use a hair dryer to help the paint dry faster.	You can also use this for any servant related scripture by having the children put their handprints in the middle.
20. Puzzle	Puzzle template, coloring page with scripture, crayons, scissors, Ziploc bags	Photocopy the puzzle template on top of a coloring page (make sure the scripture is on the page). Photocopy onto cardstock paper. The children color the picture. The leader cuts the puzzle into the pieces following the puzzle lines and puts it in each child's Ziploc bag.	Children can use markers. You can also purchase blank puzzles at craft stores.
21. Snack Craft	Undecorated cookies with frosting and sprinkles.	This is the <u><b>EASIEST CRAFT</b></u> because the parents bring the supplies. I ask the Cubbie parent who is bringing snack that night to bring undecorated cookies with frosting and sprinkles.	This works well for any craft that has a shape.
22. Trivet	Tiles (hardware store), paper cut outs (leaves, hearts, stars), tissue paper, scripture sticker, glue	Cut the tissue paper the size of the tile. Glue up to 3 layers of tissue paper onto the tile. The children put the scripture sticker onto the cut out and glue the cut out onto the tile, spreading a coat of glue on top of the entire tile. You can also do this without the tissue paper.	Paint the top of the tile with glass paint. You can also put feet on the trivet with wooden shapes (circles, pegs, etc.)
23. Vest	Grocery sacks, cut outs, scripture sticker, glue	Cut out a vest from grocery sacks. The children will glue cut outs onto the vest and put the scripture sticker on the front of the vest.	The children can also color on the back of the vest.

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