

Art Extra - **The Chief Priests**

Grades 5–6

Double-Sided Bookmark

Kids make a two-sided bookmark as they remember that we can change our ways.

Supplies:

- Copies of Heart Bookmark PDF [mouse icon]
- White cardstock
- Glue
- Scissors
- White chalk or white sewing pencil

Set Up:

Make copies of the Heart Bookmark PDF, one copy per kid.

Instructions:

Raise your hand if you have ever had a bad habit that was hard to break. Allow kids to raise their hands. Invite a volunteer or two to share about changing their bad habit or give a personal example of your own. **It can be very difficult to change our ways, but God can help us—all we have to do is ask! Our art project today will help us remember that sometimes we need to ask God for help when it's time to make a change.**

1. Pass out copies of the Heart Bookmark PDF to kids and invite them to cut out their favorite bookmark shape—either the Valentine's Day heart or the anatomically correct heart shape.
2. Invite kids to glue their bookmark image onto a sheet of white cardstock, then cut the cardstock along the lines of the image to create a sturdy bookmark.
3. Invite kids to decorate the front sides of their bookmarks.
4. Encourage kids to complete the opposite sides of their bookmarks by taking a few minutes to write or draw a representation of something they do that God might not like very much and that they'd like to change.
5. When kids are finished with their bookmarks, say a quick prayer together asking for God's help changing bad habits and thanking God for loving everyone no matter what.

Sometimes, we have to turn things around to live our lives in a way that makes God happy. It may be hard to do, but you can bet that—no matter what—we can change our ways!

If you have less time. . .

Copy the Heart Bookmark PDF onto white cardstock. Have kids complete the project as above.

If you have more time. . .

Ask kids to think silently of a behavior or habit they need to change. Say a prayer for the entire group. Ask God to strengthen each person to make the changes needed to be pleasing to Him.