

Art Extra - Jesus the Word

Texture Tapestry

Kids weave a tapestry using various materials as a reminder that Jesus is God's Word in the world.

Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Ruler
- String
- Tape
- Yarn, assorted thicknesses and textures
- Stick or branch, 8–12" (20–30 cm) long, one per kid
- Paper, assorted colors and textures (optional)
- Shells (optional)
- Small pieces of wood (optional)
- Pine cones (optional)
- Feathers (optional)
- Buttons (optional)

Set Up:

Cut cardboard into 6" x 9" (15 cm x 23 cm) pieces to make a loom for each kid. Make notches or slits along the top and bottom, about ¼" (6–7 mm) apart. Tape one end of the string to the back of the cardboard. Wrap the string around and around the cardboard vertically (front and back), guiding the string to slide into the notches as you go. Make sure the string is situated in the slits, then tape the end to the back.

Instructions:

We know that Jesus is God's Word in the world, but not everyone does. That's why it's important for us to share the good news with people. But what does it mean for Jesus to be God's Word? I think it can mean a lot of things to a lot of people. Each person might see God's Word differently—kind of like all this yarn and string! There are a lot of different types here, aren't there?

1. Give one loom to each kid. **Please write your name on the back side of your loom.**
2. **Now, choose some pieces of yarn and start weaving. You can use all kinds of yarns for different textures—in fact, that will make a better weaving. Keep weaving and think about this—all of the different yarns we see woven into this tapestry represent the different ways we see Jesus in the world.**
3. Invite the kids to continue weaving until they are pleased with their designs.
4. Help them finish off their loose woven ends and slide the texture tapestry onto the stick or branch.
5. Attach another length of yarn for hanging.

These are beautiful! You are such creative weavers. Each tapestry looks so different, just as God's Word looks different to different people. I hope your weaving will help you remember that Jesus is God's Word in the world.

If you have less time . . .

Make a simple woven paper placemat using a variety of colors and textures of paper.

If you have more time . . .

Collect shells, small pieces of wood or pine cones, feathers, buttons, or other items for the kids to add as embellishments to their texture tapestry.