

The United Thank Offering Presents:
Waves of Gratitude

A Vacation Bible Camp Curriculum Focused on Gratitude



Expanded Directions for the Crawfish/Lobster Craft

Supplies (per participant):

- one sheet of claws/tail copied onto red paper
- one red pipe cleaner
- two eyes
- red paint
- craft glue
- egg carton section
 - cut one carton into 4 pieces of three egg parts each...so one carton makes 4 crafts
 - poke two holes into the top of the head for lacing the pipe cleaner through

Directions:

1. paint the egg carton red (or orange or whatever color you want your crawfish/lobster)
2. while the egg carton dries cut out the claws and tail
3. once dry, glue the claws and tail to the egg carton
 - a. I found it easiest to fold the claws/tail inside of the egg carton and glue the tab, secure with tape
4. lace the pip cleaner through the head to create antenna
5. add the googly eyes

Add On Ideas:

1. You can invite the kids to write or draw three things they are thankful for on the egg carton once it is dry.
2. you can glue the crawfish/lobster onto a tan sheet of paper and decorate the sheet to look like the ocean floor

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Expanded Directions for the Mermaid Craft

Supplies (per participant):

- 6-8 egg carton pieces
 - For this craft, each participant will need 6-8 individual parts of the egg carton. I tried many techniques to cut the cartons and the best way I found was:
 - cut off the lid and closure;
 - trim the middles so they were even with the sides;
 - cut the middle edges so you can tear the carton in half;
 - carefully tear the carton into individual cups;
 - trim the edges with scissors to neaten up the cups;
 - poke a hole in the center of the cup for the pipe cleaner.
- one long pipe cleaner
- one mermaid torso and tail sheet
- paint for the egg carton pieces (girls especially love adding some glitter paint over the colors)
- markers/crayons/etcetera for drawing the mermaid body and tail (I do not recommend doing paint as you'll need to decorate both sides)

Directions:

1. paint the egg carton pieces whatever colors you like
2. while the egg carton dries cut out the mermaid body and tail
 - a. color and decorate both sides of the mermaid body and tail
 - b. this is better to do with anything but paint so they can do both sides at once
 - c. if they want a mer-man instead of a mermaid, you can cut off the hair
 - d. punch a hole in the bottom of the body and the top of the tail
3. once dry, hook the pipe cleaner to the bottom of the body and then lace on the egg carton pieces, finish by securing the tail to the bottom of the pipe cleaner

Add On Ideas:

You can invite the kids to write or draw things they are thankful for on the egg carton once it is dry.