
DAY 3

Noah

ONE MAN'S OBEDIENCE
FOR ALL MANKIND

“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. But I will **confirm my covenant** with you”

(GENESIS 6:17-18, NLT).

Noah lived during a dark time. The corrupted seed of Adam and Eve had indeed multiplied in the earth. In fact, Scripture tells us that evil had grown to such an extent on the earth that “the LORD was sorry he had ever made [humanity]” (Genesis 6:6, *NLT*). Then, He said He would “wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing” (verse 7, *NLT*). There seemed to be no hope. It was a desolate (joyless, sorrowful) time, but then the Lord looked and saw Noah.

The Word notes that “Noah found favor with the LORD” (verse 8, *NLT*). Instead of conforming to the wickedness of the civilization around him, Noah upheld morality and goodness. He was truly countercultural. The result of Noah’s obedience was that he and his entire family were saved from the Flood that destroyed every other living thing on earth.

It was a good thing, too. Without Noah and his family, humanity would’ve ended there. But through Noah, hope was reborn on earth. Because of his faithfulness to God in a world turned toward evil, God was able to use him to repopulate the earth and to continue His plan of Redemption for humanity. Noah showed how one person in obedience to God can change the entire arc of history.

God declared a new beginning and sealed it with a blessing and a covenant that echoed the one He had given Adam in the beginning. God told Noah, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth” (Genesis 9:1, *NLT*). “Then God told Noah and his sons, ‘I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth’” (verses 8-11, *NLT*).

And so, God’s plan of Redemption for humanity continued...

Study

In This World, Not of This World

“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:15-16, NKJV).

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2, NKJV).

LIVE THE WORD

Are you part of the world? Or have you embraced the life of holiness, as one set apart to God? This is the place God has ordained for us. And it is a life of joy and peace: in the world, not of this world.

SPEAK THE WORD

I declare today that I will present my body to God as a living sacrifice—laying aside sin, bad habits, ungodly friends and anything else that would hinder me in running the race God has set before me. I will not conform to the patterns of this world—not to its way of thinking, talking or acting—but I will spend time reading, meditating and acting on the Word of God so that I will be transformed into the kind of person He wants me to be. As I walk and live in the perfect will of God, I fully expect to see a powerful change in my life. I know that by staying in His will, I have positioned myself to receive every blessing promised in His Word, and I receive it now by faith. In Jesus' Name!

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

Romans 12; 2 Corinthians 6:17

Apply

God is calling us to be separate. We must live in this world, and yet not look like it, act like it, talk like it or live like it. How will others see the power of God in us, the love of God in us, the redemption of Jesus in us—if we look just like them? The difference they see in us should be Jesus! Are you shining in a dark world?

WALKING IT OUT TO VICTORY

- First, ask God to check your heart to find areas He needs to address (Psalm 139:24).
- Second, surrender behaviors, thoughts or attitudes the Holy Spirit convicts you about.
- Last, commit to changes that will allow Jesus to shine through you brighter than ever.

OPTION 1: PRINTED CIRCLE ORNAMENT (PG 4-6)

Today's Ornament



Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Print artwork for Option 1 and cut out both circles.

STEP 2

There are options for creating this easy ornament, depending on your supplies and desires...



PAPER & TAPE OPTION

Place tape on the back of one printed circle (fold tape over to create double-sided stick). You may want to make three circles of tape to help it stay together. Cut a piece of string and tie it into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the taped circle over the tape, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the printed circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the tape over the string on the 1st circle.

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PAPER & GLUE OPTION

Place glue on the back of one printed circle. You should cover the whole back to the edges, but do not over-soak if using liquid glue instead of a glue stick. Cut a piece of string and tie into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the glued circle into the glue, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the glue and over the string on the back of the 1st circle. Press evenly to secure to edges.

PAPER & PLASTIC BACKING OPTION

Place tape on the back of one printed circle (fold tape over to create double-sided stick). You may want to make three circles of tape to help it stay together. Cut a piece of string and tie it into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the taped circle over the tape, leaving enough loop coming out the top to hang the ornament. Line up the tops of the printed circle artwork and press the back of the 2nd circle into the tape over the string on the 1st circle.

PAPER & WOODEN BACKING OPTION

Using a foam brush, paint the wooden backing with Mod Podge. Press the printed circle artwork onto the wet Mod Podge (be sure to line up the top with the hole for hanging at the top) and let it sit to dry. Using a toothpick or skewer, poke the hole on the wooden backing through the paper. Then paint over the top of the printed circle with the Mod Podge to seal the paper to the wooden backing. Repeat for the 2nd circle on the other side of the wooden backing. Cut a piece of string and pass it through the hole at the top of the wooden backing (you may need the toothpick or skewer to help push the string through the hole), and tie into a loop for hanging. [Find these on Amazon here.]

STEP 3

This will create a double-sided ornament ready for hanging.



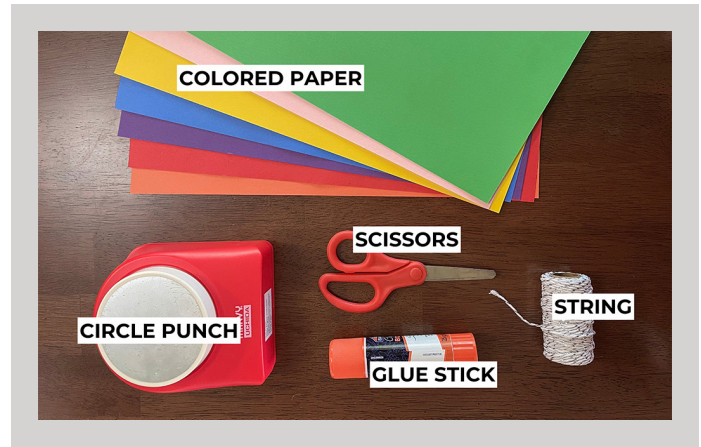
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OPTION 2: CRAFT ORNAMENT (PG 7-8)

Today's Ornament



Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Cut a 3-inch circle of each color.



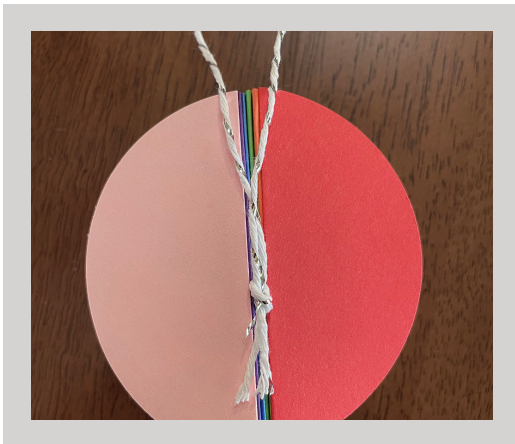
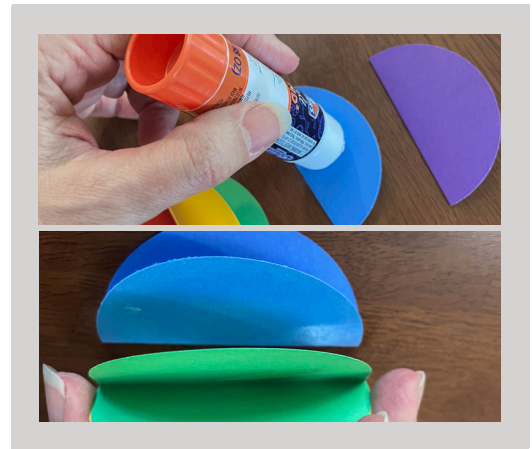
STEP 2

Fold each circle in half and lay out on the table in the order of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink)

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STEP 3

One at a time, glue one side of the folded circle to one side of the next color's folded circle, until you have glued one side of each to another.

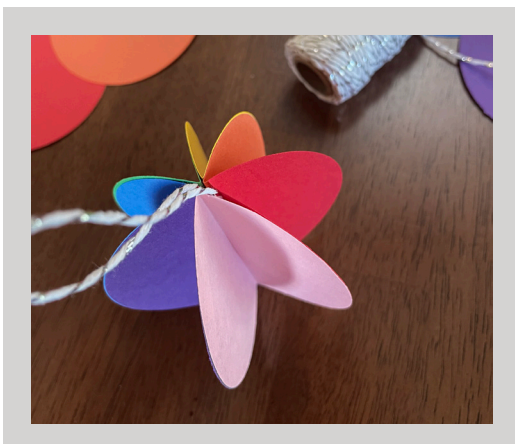


STEP 4

Before gluing the pink and red halves together, cut a piece of string and tie into a loop for hanging.

STEP 5

Place glue along the spine of the rainbow circle, and press the loop into that spine.



STEP 6

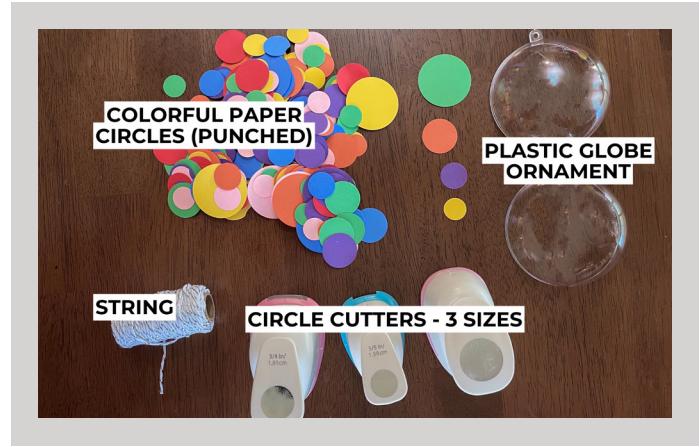
Add more glue to the pink and red sides and complete the circle ornament with the string inside.

OPTION 3: GLOBE ORNAMENT (PG 9-10)

Today's Ornament



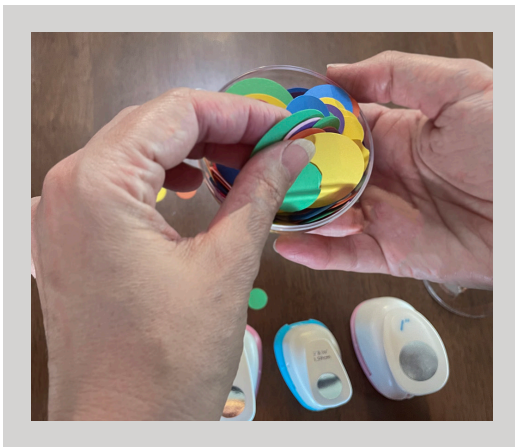
Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Cut or punch various size circles from the 7 colors of construction paper.



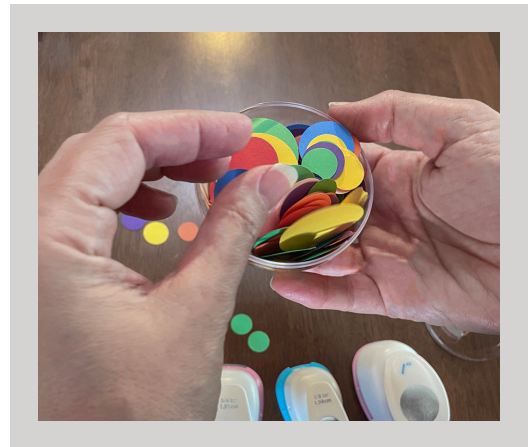
STEP 2

Add the colored circles into half the plastic globe until it feels full enough.

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STEP 3

Attach the other half of the globe, lining up the holes for hanging at the top, and press to secure.



STEP 4

Cut a piece of string and put one end through the hanging holes on the globe ornament. Tie into a loop for hanging.