
DAY 4

Abraham

THE FATHER OF MANY
GENERATIONS

“The LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty.... I will make My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.... As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be the **father of a multitude of nations**. No longer shall you be named Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations’”

(GENESIS 17:1-2, 4-5 NASB).

God made a covenant of friendship with Abraham, that confirmed he was a father, and not just a father, but the father of a **multitude of nations**. He used Abraham to increase humanity, to bless humanity, and to bring about the birth of His Son, Jesus, into the earth. God knew Abraham would be a good steward of the children He gave him. God said of Abraham, “For I know him, that **he will command his children** and his household after him, and **they shall keep the way of the LORD**, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (Genesis 18:19).

This statement showed God’s implicit trust in Abraham. But Abraham’s part was to faithfully cooperate with the Lord. If Abraham didn’t do that, if he didn’t obey what God told him to do, God couldn’t fulfill His promise to make Abraham a father of many nations, and ultimately bring about His plan of Redemption and THE BLESSING of the Lord through his bloodline. His cooperation was required.

Thankfully, Abraham did just that, and the story of God’s redemptive plan continued through generation after generation...

Study

Have a Relationship With God

“The scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God...’ and he was called God’s friend” (James 2:23, *NIV*).

LIVE THE WORD

How will you draw closer to God today? Will you take time each day to talk to your friend Jesus? Are you building relationship with God or just checking the box? Make a decision to start each day with this declaration and then follow it up with action: “I will draw near to God today...and He will draw near to me!” (James 4:8).

SAY OUT LOUD

I listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. When He knocks on the door of my heart, I answer. And I answer in faith. I believe God has good things for me, for He is a rewarder of those who do His will. I welcome God into my heart, into my mind, into my life. He makes His home with me. His love for me is overwhelming. And that love calls forth a response of obedience to the Word of God. I am a friend of God, and I celebrate my covenant relationship with Him today!

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

Revelation 3:20; Hebrews 11:6; John 14:23

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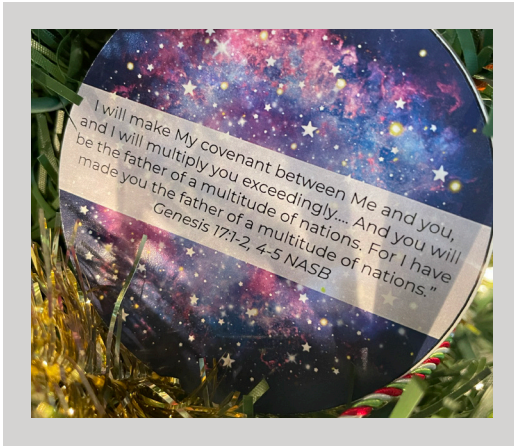
Busyness is tempting, especially at this time of year. There are many relationships to cultivate in your life, but keep your priorities in order. Be sure to focus first on your most important relationship, believing that if you will seek first the kingdom of God, all that you need will be added to you (Matthew 6:33).

WALKING IT OUT TO VICTORY

- Put God first in all you do. As you seek to know and find Him, all other relationships will be put into perspective and begin to fall into place.
- Believe for and receive God's absolute best in repairing and building your relationships.
- Believe that God is giving not just healthy, restored relationships, but all you have need of. That is truly an abundantly prosperous life!

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

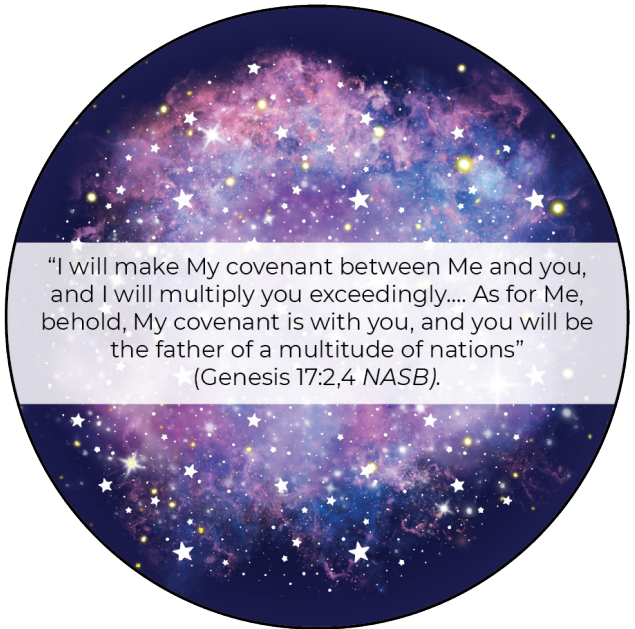
Place tape on the back of one printed circle (fold tape over to create double-sided stick). You may want to make three circles of tape to help it stay together. Cut a piece of string and tie it into a loop for hanging. Place the string on the back of the taped circle over the tape, leaving enough loop 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.



"I will make My covenant between Me and you,
and I will multiply you exceedingly.... As for Me,
behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be
the father of a multitude of nations"
(Genesis 17:2,4 NASB).

OPTION 2: CRAFT ORNAMENT (PG 7-8)

Today's Ornament



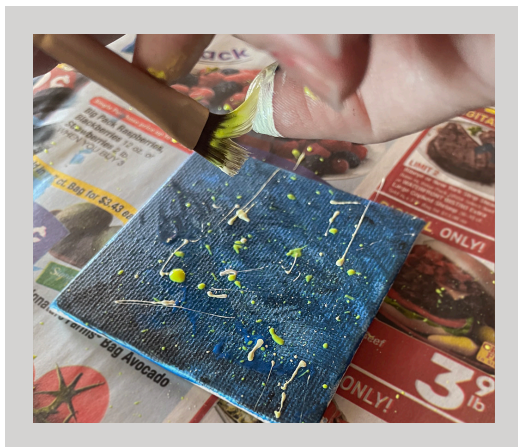
Materials



Instructions

STEP 1

Paint the background for your galaxy blue and add some black lightly to darken as desired.



STEP 2

Using your paintbrush or an old toothbrush, add a little yellow paint to the brush and gently run your fingertip along it, angling it toward the canvas to splatter stars onto the night sky you painted. Repeat with white paint. [Remember: Abraham had MANY descendants, so we need MANY stars!]

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STEP 3

Add star sequins, jewels or stickers as desired using liquid glue.

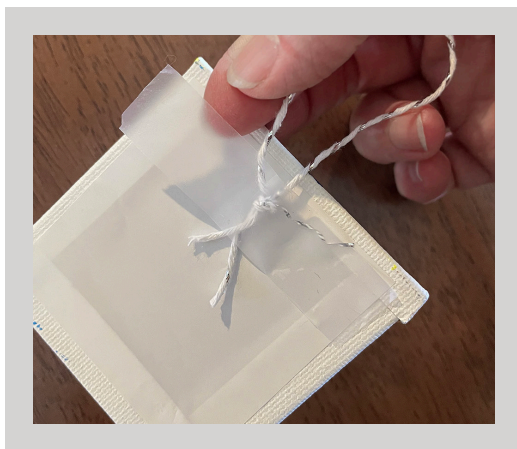


STEP 4

Cut a piece of string and tie into a loop for hanging. Using a piece of tape, tape the loop to the backside of the canvas.

STEP 5

OPTIONAL: You can write the devotional scripture, or the promise part of it on the back of the canvas with permanent marker.



OPTION 3: GLOBE ORNAMENT (PG 9-10)

Today's Ornament



Materials

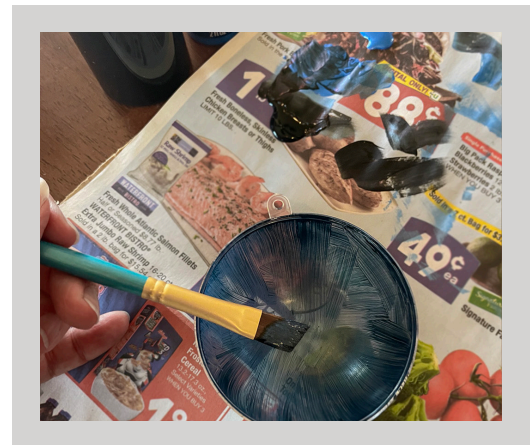


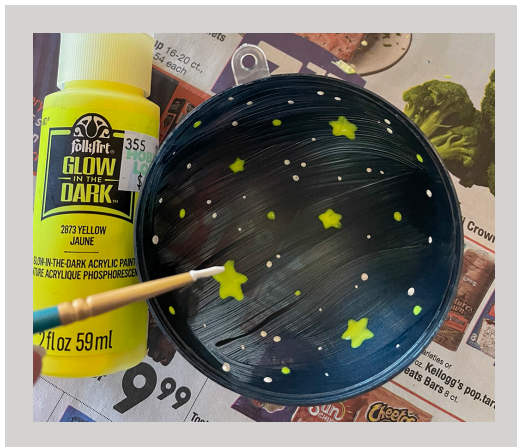
Instructions

STEP 1

On half the plastic globe, paint blue and black for the background of the night sky. [NOTE: You must let it dry completely to add layers, painting gently.]

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STEP 2

Using the fine brush, paint small stars, and dots for stars to fill the background. [Remember: Abraham had MANY descendants, so we need MANY stars!]

STEP 3

Let it dry completely.

STEP 4

Add your various sized stars into the half of the globe as full as desired.



STEP 5

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

STEP 6

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