

Craft Night Devotional Ideas



Filling Gifts in a Jar

- How God fills us completely with His love.
- Allowing the filling of the Holy Spirit.
- Filling the lives of others with kindness.

Making Wreaths

- Focusing in on a "circle"
 - Can be on marriage.
 - Can be on the bonding of Christian friendship.
 - Or maybe even how our lives intersect as fellow Christians in the body of Christ.

Making Candles/Decorating Candles

- Being the Light of the world and sharing Christ.
- Jesus being the true Light.

Making Paper Flowers

- How delicately God works in the tiny spaces of our lives.
 - He knows how much pressure we can take.

- He knows where the cuts go and what pain will enhance us and build us stronger.
- He knows where to put the folds.

Making Christmas Ornaments

- Focusing on how we should embellish the body of Christ.
- Being an "ornament of a meek and quiet" spirit. (1 Peter 3)
- Focusing on how different and unique each of us are in the body of Christ.
 - Some have glitter!
 - Some are vintage!
 - Some make music!
 - Some are treasures!
 - Some are heirlooms to our loved ones!
 - Some inspire great memories in others!
 - Some have added lights and personality!
 - Some have unique messages!
 - We share them through our testimony for God.

Painting (any project)

- How Christ paints our lives with details and makes us each unique and different.
- How we can be masterpieces if we allow Christ to paint the details of our lives.
- How we can be a "portrait of grace".
 - You can find my "Portrait of Grace" Devotional here.
<http://www.juliabettencourt.com/handouts/group-shares/DEVOTIONAL-portrait-of-grace-by-Julia.pdf>

Painting (signage)

- Sure Signs of Friendship
 - Focusing on the traits of friendship.
 - Love.
 - Sharing joys and sorrows.
 - Praying for each other.
 - Encouraging each other.

- Going the extra mile for each other.
 - Following the example of Jesus, our True Friend.
- Tell Tale Signs of a Growing Christian
 - Spiritual fruit.
 - Compassion and love for others.
 - Regular Bible reading.
 - Regular prayer time.
 - Suiting up in our Christian armor (Ephesians 6).
 - Many other things!
- Show me a Sign
 - Study the passage in Matthew 16 where the Pharisees and Sadducees wanted a sign from Jesus.
- Signs and Wonders
 - Study the plagues of Egypt and the story of Moses.
 - Study various signs from God throughout the Bible.
 - Study the Christmas signs.
 - Jesus birth foretold. (Isaiah 7:14)
 - The star. (Matthew 2:1-2)

Working with Decals/Peel Off Lettering

- What are we allowing to rub off on us and imprint us?
 - The world or God's Word?
 - Who are our heroes?
 - What do we think is important?

Rubber Stamp Projects

- Being branded for Christ.
- Exhibiting the mark of Christ in our lives by how we act and how we live.

Bead Crafts

- How God colors our world.
- God knows how to fit the pieces together.

Making Cards

- A card shows care and concern and can brighten someone's day.
 - How do we do that?
 - Do we bring joy to people?
 - Do we stir up love?
 - Do we stir up encouragement?

Sewing Projects

- "Eye" of the needle
 - The gift of Salvation.
 - “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” Matthew 10:25
- Stitched together
 - The body of Christ.
 - We have a bond
 - We have a common cause – Christ.
 - We have to work together.
- “A stitch in time saves nine”
 - Making an effort for Christ so we have no regrets.
- “Button your lip”
 - Bring a lesson on the tongue.
- Mend your fences
 - The need to ask for forgiveness.
 - The need to put things right with others and with God.
- Mend your ways
 - Study the story of the Prodigal Son. (Luke 15)
 - Don't be a torn garment! Mend your ways!
- In need of mending
 - What's in your life that you see signs of wear in?
 - Are there things falling apart in your life?
 - Turn to the Word of God.
 - Turn to prayer.
 - Turn to fellow Christians.

Knitting Project

- Knit together in love
- Hooked on the Word of God
- Casting on
 - This is a term in knitting that means new stitches. They aren't dependent on the ones you've previously done on a project.
 - Sometimes we need to "cast on" in our Christian life. We need to change it up. We need to start fresh and go forward.
 - Add in some new "stitches" to your Bible reading.
 - Change it up!
 - Do something new!
 - Start a new study of a book you never had done before!
 - Do a different type of study that you have never done before!
 - Add in some new "stitches" to your prayer time.
 - Change where you pray!
 - Change how you pray!
 - Change who you pray for---Add in new people!
 - Change what you pray for---Add in new things!
 - Change what you are thankful for---Find new things to be grateful to the Lord for.
 - Add in some new "stitches" to your worship time with God.
 - Sing some songs of Worship!
 - Pour your heart out in praise like you've never done before!
 - Honor and quote the attributes of God!
 - Honor and quote the names of God!
 - Honor and quote the character traits of God!
 - Get out a pen and paper and write down all the things that God has created!
 - Get a pen and paper and write down why you love the Lord!