

Nail It String Art

DAY 1: FOUNDATION OF LOVE

BIBLE STORY: Jesus Chose Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13)

TODAY'S POINT: Jesus chooses to love me. I can't earn it. (Grades 1-6)



CRAFT CONNECTION

Welcome the kids to Crafts. Ask the kids to recall the word featured in today's Bible Study. (*Love*.) Show the string art you made and explain that kids will be able to construct their own string art. Encourage the kids to place the string art in their rooms as a reminder that Jesus chooses to love us.

GATHER SUPPLIES

- Everyday Supplies
- 4-by-12-inch pieces of soft wood (1 per child)
- Masking tape
- Carpet tacks
- Hammers
- String
- "Love Template" (1 per child)

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Cut the wood into rectangles.
- Copy one "Love Template" for every child.
- Make a sample.

LEADER TIPS

- Smaller hammers are easier for children to use.
- Use a simple heart pattern and a smaller piece of wood if making the whole word is time prohibitive.

ASSEMBLE

Step 1: Tape the template to the wood.

Step 2: Hammer tacks into the dots on the letters.

Step 3: Remove the paper.

Step 4: Tie the string to a tack in the first letter. Leave a short tail. Wrap the string around the tacks to outline the letter.

Step 5: Fill in the letter by wrapping the string around tacks across the letter. Finish by wrapping the string back around the first tack. Knot the string with the tail left where the wrapping started. Use scissors to trim close to the knot.

Step 6: Repeat for each letter and shape

