



UPWARD BOUND

Craft Curriculum

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“...that at the name of
Jesus every knee should
bow... and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.”

Philippians 2:10–11

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Upward Bound's Craft Curriculum! This guide contains step-by-step instructions and patterns for the following aspects of the day:

❖ Expeditions E & D (Ages 2–K) Learning Sites:

These hands-on learning centers help your littlest Backpackers learn in age-appropriate ways. This guide covers two of the Sites:

- the Craft Site (*projects reinforcing the Bible Lesson truths or camping/backpacking theme*)
- the Lesson Handwork Site (*paper-oriented, lesson-reinforcing handwork; 4's–K only*)
- patterns for Mystery Site

❖ Expedition A–D (4's–Grade 6) Craft Time:

These crafts reinforce the day's Bible lesson truths or Upward Bound's camping/backpacking theme.

We encourage you to follow these guidelines as you prepare the enclosed projects for your Upward Bound week:

- ❖ Read through the portion of this book you are responsible for.
- ❖ Consult with your Director to determine:
 - which crafts will be used for each Expedition each VBS day
 - the estimated number of children expected for each Expedition
- ❖ List general supplies needed for in-classroom craft work (i.e., crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, etc.); check existing supplies.
- ❖ List special supplies needed for each project; check existing supplies.
- ❖ Consult with your Director to determine:
 - budget for purchasing supplies
 - whether you are to solicit supplies from your congregation, and if so, by what method (bulletin/website/Facebook announcement; "giving tree" listing specific items needed, etc.).
- ❖ Plan and implement the purchase and/or gathering of supplies.
- ❖ Delegate and distribute prep work to others; keep accurate list of those assisting, and make deadlines clear.
- ❖ Place general classroom craft supplies needed for each Expedition in containers and label for Grades 1–6 Craft Site and Expeditions D & E classrooms.
- ❖ Prepare daily craft packets (sidebar); place in labeled containers; distribute containers to Craft Site and Expeditions E & D classrooms each day.
- ❖ Prepare a sample of each craft for the Craft Site and Expeditions E & D classrooms; place in appropriate container.
- ❖ Keep accurate records and prepare final summary report for your Director outlining expenditures, donations, volunteers, number of craft packets prepared/used, list of supplies remaining.
- ❖ Package, label, and return or store remaining supplies following Upward Bound.



Be Prepared

We strongly encourage you to read the Bible Lesson Curriculum in preparation for introducing each lesson-related project.

Materials Lists

Unless otherwise noted, listed amounts of craft-specific materials are *one per child*.

Daily Craft Packets

To monitor supplies and make your craft time flow more smoothly, prepare individual craft packets of materials needed per child for each craft.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please call VBS Reachout toll-free at 1-866-468-2772.

CRAFT SITE

Expedition E (2's & 3's)

Day 1

The Angel Gabriel Figure

Lesson: The Surprising Journey — *Born in the Likeness of Men*

Objective

To make an angel that can remind the children of the angel Gabriel who announced Jesus' birth—the beginning of His Upward Bound journey for us.

Introduction

“Backpackers, we have just heard the angel Gabriel tell us a most important and exciting story. Do you remember what Gabriel was sent by God to do? (*Announce the amazing news that Jesus, God's Son was to be born on earth as a baby.*) Do you remember what Gabriel said this special baby's name was to be, and what His name meant? (*Jesus—the One through whom God will save His people.*) Today we will make an angel (*show sample*) that can remind us of that wonderful day when Jesus left Heaven and began His Upward Bound journey on earth.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- Write name on backside of the template
- Color the body and wings.
- Cut along the dashed lines.
- Fold the wings forward along the dotted lines.
- Wrap the angles gown into a cone, overlap left side to align with the small lines on the back of the wing, then tap or staple.

Teachers:

Overlap angel gown and staple or tape so the angel is able to stand on its own.

Materials

- cardstock—white
- pattern —angel
- scissors (adult use)
- transparent tape or stapler
- crayons/markers

In Advance

- 1) Copy angel onto cardstock.
- 2) Cut out angels along outside edges and the dashed lines
- 3) Fold the wings forward along the dotted lines

Expedition E Craft

Materials

- heavy cardstock—
white, brown (optional)
- patterns
—door hanger
—Bible verse sign
- scissors (adult use)
- woodland-themed craft
foam shapes or stickers
- craft glue
- crayons

In Advance

- 1) Copy door hanger pattern onto white (if the children will color it), or brown cardstock; cut out.
- 2) Copy Bible verse sign onto white cardstock; cut out.



Check online and local craft stores for woodland stickers or adhesive-backed foam shapes.

To make your own foam shapes, use die-cuts or shape punches. Use adhesive-backed foam if possible.

Day 2

Philippians 2:10 Door Hanger

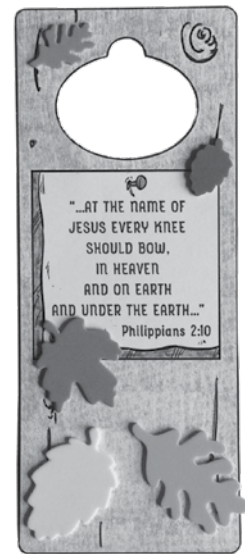
Lesson: The Humbling Journey— *The Form of a Servant*

Objective

To create a door hanger that encourages the Backpackers to love and worship Jesus, and learn His Word.

Introduction

“Backpackers, what did Mary say was happening in the Temple when she and Joseph found Jesus sitting with the teachers? She said that everyone was amazed to hear how much Jesus knew and understood the Bible! That’s because to perfectly do His Father’s will even as a young boy, Jesus had decided in His heart to study and memorize the Bible, God’s Word. If we want to be like Jesus, and have His Upward Bound Attitude, *we* need to study and memorize the Bible, too! Today you’re going to make a door hanger (*show sample*) for a Bible verse you’ll be learning this week. You can hang it on the door handle of your bedroom to help you remember your verses and remind you to keep on hiding God’s Word in your heart.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on back of door hanger.
- 2) Color door hanger (if using white cardstock).
- 3) Attach Bible verse sign to front of door hanger.
- 4) Attach woodland foam shapes and/or stickers to front of door hanger.
- 5) Read Bible verse on door hanger together.

Expedition E Craft

Day 3

“Jesus is My Compass” Action Picture

Lesson: The Obedient Journey— *Humbled Himself by Being Obedient*

Objective

To make a compass to remind the Backpackers of the “equipment” God has given us to help us say no to sin.

Introduction

“Remember from our story today how strong Jesus was in saying no to Satan’s temptations? The Bible, prayer, and the Holy Spirit helped Jesus resist Satan. God has given these same things to us to help us say no to Satan, too. Today we are going to make a compass to remind us to (*show sample, pointing to the appropriate “equipment” symbols*):

- pray to God
- read God’s Word
- ask the Holy Spirit to help us say ‘No!’ to sin and Satan and ‘Yes!’ to God.”

During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Write name on compass back.
- 2) Color praying hands, Bible, and dove on compass wheel.
- 3) Put compass together by poking a paper fastener through prepared holes in center of each item as shown.
- 4) Read text on compass together; discuss.



Materials

- cardstock—orange, cream, yellow, green
- patterns
 - 2’s & 3’s compass back
 - compass wheel
 - compass indicator circle
 - compass arrow
- scissors (adult use)
- hole punch (adult use)
- paper fastener
- crayons

In Advance

- 1) Copy compass patterns onto cardstock as follows and cut out:
 - back: orange
 - wheel: cream
 - indicator circle: green
 - arrow: yellow
- 2) Punch a hole the diameter of paper fastener at center dots in each compass part.

Expedition E Craft

Materials

- cardstock—brown
- pattern
— necklace cross
- yarn—red
- scissors (adult use)
- glue stick
- 3 colors of large bubble tea straws

In Advance

- 1) Copy cross onto brown cardstock; cut out and pre-fold along top.
- 2) Cut yarn into 28" length; place tape around each end for threading ease.
- 3) Cut straws into 1" lengths.



You might ask if there are any children who want to ask Jesus to forgive their sins, and then talk individually with those children about trusting in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Day 4

“Jesus Died to Save Us!” Cross Necklace

Lesson: The Painful Journey — Obedient to Death on a Cross

Objective

To make a cross necklace that reminds the Backpackers that Jesus died to save us from our sin.

Introduction

“Children, do you remember what Simon said was the reason Jesus had to die on the cross? Yes, it was to save us from our sin. Jesus died on the cross for you and me, to rescue us from our sin and Satan, and give us eternal life. Today we are going to make a cross you can wear around your neck (*show sample*) to remind you that because of His great love, Jesus died on the cross for all who trust Him as their Lord and Savior.”



During Craft Site, help children:

- 1) Fold cross over mid-point of yarn; glue back sides of cross together.
- 2) Write name on back of cross.
- 3) String 3 straws “beads” on each side of cross.
- 4) Tie ends of yarn together securely.
- 5) Read words on cross: “Jesus died to save us.”
- 6) Put on their necklaces.