

I Am! Praxis Session

Stained Glass Icons

Objective: Provide our youth with tools with which they may deepen their faith. This session pairs with the learning Lesson 1 within the I Am curriculum.

Needed Items:

- Ink Jet Printable Vellum (available at Amazon)
- Icon Line Drawing of the Nativity (available at <http://dce.oca.org/resources/line-drawings/>)
- Colored tissue paper
- inexpensive paint brushes
- modge podge or clear drying craft glue



Step One - Print the desired line icons on the vellum. Provide them a few hours to dry completely before use.

Step Two - Cut up the tissue paper into small shapes (based upon the icons your have chose). Place each color in a small zip lock bag for storage. Various shades of the same color will be helpful.

Step Three - Have the participants choose their icons. They may begin gluing the appropriate color tissue in the correct places. You should do at least two layers of tissue to ensure that the entire area is covered. Allow sufficient time to dry.

Step Four(optional): Place the stained glass icon in an regular frame. The best effect is to allow the sun or a light to shine through. You could purchase two picture mattes per icon and glue them together with the icon in the middle or purchase a "hanging" frame that does not have a back but is two pieces of glass. You may also want to laminate or use contact paper to ensure the icon does not lose its tissue. It provides a nice finishing touch.

Discuss: While working on the icons, review the session by asking participants:

- How can this icon help you to remember that Jesus said, I am a King?
- What type of king did we say Jesus is?
- How can we make Jesus the "king" of our lives?