Chosen By God

Bible Craft Ideas for Ephesians 1:3-14

We recognize the precious blessing that we are sons and daughters of God. He has chosen us and made us part of His family, which reminds us that we are heirs to His kingdom and deeply loved by Him! These are beautiful truths that children need to know and embrace. These crafts aim to help students recall who they are in



Christ and know that they have a special purpose. An "up-cycled instrument" uses simple materials in a new way to show that all things have purpose. The "keys for life" are a reminder of how we are made to worship God and what it means to be His. And a "child of the king crown" reflects our status as His chosen children.

More Teaching Ideas:

- Watch the video <u>demonstration of this children's sermon</u> and <u>related craft ideas</u>.
- Download our <u>Bible coloring page on the book of Ephesians</u>.
- Compare a full <u>Sunday School Lesson from Ephesians chapter 1</u>.
- Compare another <u>Bible object lesson from Ephesians 1:3</u>

Verses or Captions to Consider... (Main Text: Ephesians 1:3-14)

- In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. -Ephesians 3:5-6
- 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. -Ephesians 3:11-12
- I am a child of the king!
- Citizen of Heaven and Heir to the Throne!
- God Gives us the keys to His kingdom...
- Blessings abound in all sizes!
- A New Creation...Made with Purpose, on Purpose!

Craft one: "Keys to the Kingdom" Promises

You will need:

- Construction paper or card stock
- Hole punch
- Yarn, pipe cleaner, or string
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Other decorations (jewels, stickers, etc.)

Procedure:

- Create a verse and caption to attach to the final product.
- 2. Trace and cut several key-shaped pieces of paper or card stock.
- On the "keys", write some of the blessings that God gives and ways that we can serve Him and fulfill His purposes.
- **4.** Punch holes in the keys to attach to a string or pipe cleaner.





Craft Two: "Recycled and Re-purposed Instrument"

You will need:

- Paper towel/toilet paper tube
- Wax Paper
- Stickers/decorations
- Markers/crayons
- Rubber bands
- Glue or tape
- Construction paper/cardstock
- Scissors
- Captions/verses

Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper towel or toilet paper tube with verses, stickers, or other materials.

2. Poke a hole on one side of the tube for sound escape.

3. Cut a piece of wax paper into a square.

4. Cover one end of the tube with the wax paper and

secure with a rubber band.

5. Hum into the open end of the tube to make a joyful kazoo sound!





Craft Three: "Heir to the Throne Crown"

You will need:

- Paper Plates
- Small jewels or glitter (optional)
- Stickers/decorations
- Markers/crayons
- String or ribbon (optional)
- Glue or tape
- Construction paper/cardstock
- Scissors
- Captions/verses

Procedure:

1. Write verses or captions around the outside of the paper plate.

2. Fold the plate in half "taco style". Cut slits into the plate at angles, being careful not to cut all the way through the plate.3. Fold back the pieces of the plate so that they stand up like triangular points.

4. Attach additional decorations as desired.

5. Wear the "crown" proudly, remembering that God makes us children of the king!







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