

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Elementary Classrooms

Create a mini-windsock that's sure to brighten someone's day.

Encouragement Windsock

What You'll Need

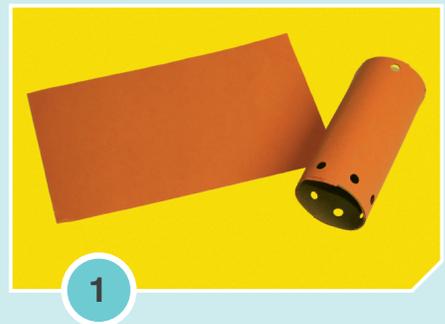
- colored paper
- glue stick
- ruler
- pencil
- toilet paper tube
- paper punch
- scissors
- yarn (assorted colors)
- markers
- stickers
- optional: cotton ball

What You Do

1. Cut a 4¼" x 7" piece of colored paper. Wrap the paper around the paper tube and glue or tape the paper to the tube. On one end of the tube, punch two holes opposite each other. On the other end, punch holes around the tube, approximately ½" apart.
2. Cut 12" lengths of yarn. You will need one or two pieces for each hole punched on the lower edge of the paper tube. Fold one or two pieces of yarn in half and push the folded loop through a hole. Bring the loose ends of the yarn up through the loop and pull until the loop tightens at the base of the tube. Repeat until you have looped yarn through each punched hole.
3. Cut an 18" piece of yarn and tie the ends to two holes at the top of the paper tube, forming a hanger for the windsock. Decorate the windsock with stickers and encouraging words. Give the windsock to a family member or someone you know who needs to be cheered up. They can hang the windsock where they will see it regularly and be reminded that Jesus loves them—and so do you!

Another Idea!

Use blue paper to cover the paper tube, representing the sky. Punch seven holes around the bottom of the tube. Cut 12" lengths of yarn, using yarn that is the seven colors of a rainbow; fold and loop the yarn through the punched holes. Cut a half circle sun and sunrays from yellow paper. Glue the sun and a cotton ball cloud onto the paper tube. Draw on some raindrops. Add a yarn hanger and display your rainbow windsock. Thank God for always keeping His promises.



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