

# Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Help brighten someone's summer by sharing the electrifying message of Jesus' powerful love!

## "Praise Jesus" Jellyfish

### What You'll Need

- small plastic bowls or fruit cups (1 per child)
- colorful ribbon or yarn
- yarn or fishing line
- paint and markers
- paintbrushes
- scissors
- clear tape
- fine-tip markers

### What You Do

1. Before class, cut or punch a small hole in the bottom of each fruit cup so that the mobile can be hung. Precut strips of yarn or ribbon to be used as tentacles for the jellyfish.
2. Let the children paint and decorate their fruit cups to look like jellyfish. Let the paint dry thoroughly. (Hint: A hair blow dryer can be used by an adult to dry the paint quickly.)
3. With the fruit cup turned upside down, tape yarn or ribbon "tentacles" around the inside of the cup. When the jellyfish is complete, cut a piece of fishing line about twice as long as the desired hanging length. Fold the line in half and slip both loose ends through the hole in the cup. Knot the two loose ends together inside the cup. Be sure the knot is large enough to keep the fishing line inside the cup, or secure the knot with a piece of tape.

To complete the "Praise Jesus!" Jellyfish mobiles, children can write Bible verses, prayers, or praises on the cups or tentacles of the jellyfish.

### Another Idea!

These jellyfish mobiles are fun reminders of the color and light Jesus can bring into a person's life. They can be hung in windows and on rearview mirrors! Encourage children to give their mobiles to friends or family members.



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