

WEAVING

Supplies:

The finished woven portion: 50" X 100" (approx. 4' X 8')

Each strip was 5" wide

The long strips are 150" long, giving 50" for holding and "fringe."

The short strips are 100" long, giving 50" for holding and "fringe."

I used 5 basic colors of brocade and party taffeta.

Total yardage: 120 yards of mostly 44" wide strips

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You may also see photos of the Weaving at
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Jesus! Were You Born in a Barn?

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Characters:

Narrator

Jesus

Jesus' wonder dog – Mahershalalhashbaz

Jesus' brothers - James, Joseph

Judas

Simon / Peter

Mary from Magdala

Mary B. from Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus

Martha from Bethany, sister of Mary B. and Lazarus

Lazarus brother of Mary B. and Martha

Set the Stage: This skit is used with “jokes” from The Magician’s Nephew. Jokes are funny because you understand what is said and what is being “miss-spoken”. So for children to understand this skit, you need to first rehearse with them some of the inside information. Go over who Jesus is that he might have had a dog and the fact that he had siblings. Mention his disciples (Judas and Simon Peter by name) and remind them of who Mary, Martha and Lazarus are. Then begin the skit. You can do this effectively by asking them questions and filling in the gaps or misinformation.

Scene: the group is sitting at the swimming hole

James: Hey, Jesus, get your dumb dog. He’s licking Lazarus’ ear.

Mary B.: Never mind. When Lazarus is asleep it’s like he’s dead. Nothing wakes him.

Jesus: Mahershalalhashbaz, come here boy, don’t bother Lazarus!

Lazarus: Do you have to shout like that? I was finally getting some rest.

Martha: That’s all you do you lazy boy. I work all the time, Mary reads and you sleep like the dead.

Peter: Hey Jesus! Watch this! (Peter does a belly flop into the pool).

Jesus: Quick Mahershalalhashbaz, Peter forgot he can’t swim. He’ll sink like a rock. Save him.

James: Not again; a fisherman’s son who hasn’t got the sense to stay out of the water. Way to go Rock brain!

Peter: (Peter’s head breaks the surface) Oh Jesus, save me!

Mahershalahasbaz (jumps into the pool and grabs Peter by his collar and pulls him to shore): Arf, Arf, (the dog licks Peters face)

Joey: Hey Jesus look here.

Narrator: (Jesus turns and Joey throws a gob of mud in his face. Heaven and earth stand still as mud roles down the face of the son of God. Jesus slowly walks up to his kid brother, Joey.)

Jesus: Hey Joey, that was pretty funny. (Joey cringes) No, it's OK, I forgive you.

Joey: (laughing now) See, I can do anything to him and he has to forgive me. Someone give me some more mud for the other side of his face.

Mary of Magdala: (helping Jesus wipe the mud off his face) Joey, that wasn't very Jewish. You should be more like your brother.

Joey: Be more like Jesus, be more like Jesus, you sound just like mom and I am so sick of it. How would you like having to live with Mr. Perfect?

Mary of Magdala: (with a dreamy expression on her face) I think that would be Heavenly. (She blushes furiously while Martha roles her eyes and James looks disgusted)

Mary of Bethany: You stop pestering Jesus. (She turns to Jesus) Jesus, tell us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. Do girls get the same reward as men?

Jesus: Certainly Mary B.,

Judas: This is too much. Jesus, just leave well enough alone. It's bad enough we have to obey the Romans and all our religious laws. Girls are just around to clean and cook and, and, (he turns red) you know, be pretty.

Jesus: No Judas, in God's Kingdom the person who is a servant to everyone is the greatest. Many girls will place higher in the kingdom.

Judas: Jesus Christ that's ridiculous! Were you born in a barn?

MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Necklace
See how God made us different by making a necklace of unique faces

Psalm 139:14 - I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (NIV)

Notes for teaching

- God created all of us to be just the way we are
- We all have some things that are the same
 - Ask children – How are we the same as our friends?
- We all have things that are different from each other
 - Ask children – How are we different from our friends?
- Each person is special, created with great thought from God
 - Repeat the Bible verse to the students
 - What does it mean to be “fearfully” made (Does not mean with great fear, but with great thought)
- Younger children – Have each child share something “special” about themselves (Help them with ideas if they get stuck – good friend, likes to sing, likes lots of colors)
- Older children – Show pictures of bones and muscles inside a human – explain how complicated the internal systems are – point out how this complicated system shows that God carefully planned and created humans
- We are going to have some fun “creating” fun faces
 - We have lots of colors to choose from, so be creative
 - What kind of people can you “fearfully and wonderfully” make

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Necklace (most items can be purchased at a dollar store)

- Chenille stems
- Play dough (lots of colors)
- Pony beads
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers

Note for Younger Children: Give each child a cup with all the items they will need (beads, yarn pieces, 3 balls of clay)

- Make three balls of different color clay – 1” round
- Slip each ball onto a chenille stem so that they sit in the center of the stem touching each other
- Using beads, yarn and markers, create faces for each ball
 - If you use beads for eyes, a small drop of glue will help them stay in place
- Once faces are complete, cut a 20” piece of yarn and tie to the ends of the chenille stem to complete necklace.

Books and Resources Recommended by FOCUS 2009 Presenters

101 Great Games for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers	Roehlkepartain, Jolene
32 Ways to Become a Great SS Teacher	Halverson, Delia
A Child is Born	Gran, Mary Alice
A Great Place to Work: Improving Conditions for Staff	Jorde-Bloom, Paula
Adventure Bible for Early Readers	Richards, Lawrence
All Things Bright and Beautiful	Alexander, Cecil
Always in Rehearsal	Ritchie, James
Beautiful Stuff Learning with Found Materials	Weisman, Cathy et al
Book, Bath, Table and Time	Edie, Fred
Building Classroom Community	Stone, Jeannette G.
By Water and the Spirit	Gayle Carlton Felton
Child Poverty: Love, Justice and Social Responsibility	Couture, Pamela
Children Just Like Me	Kindersley, Barnabas
Children's Activities for the Christian Year	Halverson, Delia
Come Unto Me	Caldwell, Elizabeth
Come, Come Everybody Worship	Tanner, Carolyn
Created by God	Ritchie, James
Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos	Trister, Diane, et al
Creative Curriculum for Preschool	Trister, Diane, et al
Creative Minds at Work	Lilibeth Bolado
Curriculum for People with Developmental Disabilities	UM Publishing House
Daily Life at the Time of Jesus	Vamosh, Miram
Day by Day Begin to Read Bible	Henley, Karen
Delicious Bible Stories	Flegal, Daphna et al
Designs for Living and Learning	Cutis, Deb et al
Developmentally Appropriate Practice	Copple, Carol et al
Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most	Stone, Douglas et al
Director's Manual for Weekday Ministries	McLain, Barbara
Does God Know How to Tie Shoes?	Carlstrom, Nancy
Food at the Time of the Bible	Vamosh, Miram
Genesis for Kids	Lambier, Doug
Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!	Strieb, Donna
Godly Play	Berryman, Jerome
God's Design for the Highly Healthy Child	Larimaor, Walt
Granddad's Prayers of the Earth	Wood, Douglas
Growing Compassionate Kids	Johnson, Jan
Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children	Edelman, Marian Wright
Handbook of Adolescent Death and Bereavement	Corr, Charles A.
Handbook of Childhood Death and Bereavement	Corr, Charles A.
Harvard Medical School Guide to Healthy Kids	Walker, Allan
Healthy Disclosure: solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations	Simmons, Kibbie et al
Healthy Young Children	Aronson, Susan
Helping Children Feel at Home in Church	Morris, Margie
Hopscotch, Hangman, Hot Potato and HaHaHa	Maguire, Jack
How Do Our Children Grow?	Halverson, Delia
How to Train Volunteer Teachers	Halverson, Delia
I Belong to God	Tanner, Carolyn

I Can Read	Lilibeth Bolado
I Can Take Care of My World	Lilibeth Bolado
If You Don't Feed the Teachers They Eat the Students	Conors, Neila A.
Imagine a Day	Thomson, Sarah
In God's Name	Sasso, Sandy
Including Children in Worship	Sandell, Elizabeth J.
Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey	Stonehouse, Catherine
La Niñez: Presente y Futuro de la Iglesia	Perez Felix
Leading From the second Chair	Bonem, Mike et al
Let the Children Give	Halverson, Delia
Life Savers: Tips for Success & Sanity for Early Childhood Managers	Baldwin, Sue
Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children	Mellonie, Bryan et al
Live Big SS Curriculum	Abingdon Press
Living Into the Mystery	Taylor Burton Edwards
Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship	Davidson, Joyce D. et al
Love is....	Halperin, Wendy
Making God Real for a New Generation	Miller, Craig et al
Milk and Honey Cooking School	Stickler, Lee Dell
Mitten Strings for God	Kennison, Katrina
My Body, My Self for Boys	Madaras
My Body, My Self for Girls	Madaras
National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Manual	Children's Defense Fund
Needs Based Evangelism	Pierson, Bob
No Miss Lessons for Preteens	Group Pub.
Nurturing Faith in Families	Roehlkepartain, Jolene
Nuts & Bolts of Christian Education	Halverson, Delia
Old Turtle	Wood, Douglas
Out of the Basement	Olson, Diane
Parenting in the Pew	Castleman
Parents and Grandparents as Spiritual Guides	Cloyd, Betty
Raising Ethical Children	Reuben, Steven
Real Kids, real Faith	Yust, Karen Marie
Revisiting Rational Youth Ministry	Root, Andrew
Rock-Solid Kids	Fowler, Larry
Safe Sanctuaries (all versions)	Melton, Joy
Science and the Bible (3 volumes)	DeYoung, Donald
Seasons of Faith	Stoner, Marcia
Side by Side	Halverson, Delia
Sidewalk Games Around the World	Erlbach, Arlene
Sing Together Children	Bridges, Madeline
Soul Cravings	McManus, Erwin
Soul Searching-The Religious Life	Smith, Christian
Symbols of Faith	Stoner, Marcia
Teaching Children Bible Basics	Bruce, Barbara
Teaching Children Grades 1-6	Bolton, Barbara et al
Teaching Young Children Birth - 6th	Haystead, Wesley
Team Building Activities for Every Group	Jones, Alanna
Tear Soup	Schwiebert, Pat
Ten Principles of Spiritual Parenting	Doe, Mimi

Thank You, God, for Everything	Gold & Halperin
The Anti-Ordinary Thinkbook	Neugebauer, Bonnie
The Bible: It's Story for Children	Wangerin, Walter
The Big Book of Humorous Training Games	Tamblyn, Doni et al
The Blessing of the Skinned Knee	Mogel, Wendy
The Child in the Congregation: A Resource Guide for Parish Nurses	Griffin, Janet et al
The Children's Pastor	Hays, Rita B.
	Althouse, Rosemary, et al
The Colors of Learning	Baldwin, Sue
The Early Childhood Super Director	Group Pub.
The Encyclopedia of Bible Crafts	Buscaglia, Leo
The Fall of Freddie the Leaf	Gran, Mary Alice
The First Three Years	Halverson, Delia
The Gift of Hospitality	Jutila, Craig
The Growing Leader: Healthy Essentials for Children's Ministry	Terzian, Alexandra M.
The Kid's Multicultural Art Book	Hays, Rita B.
The Most Important Space in the Church-the Nursery	Edelman, Marian Wright
The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small	Carter, Margie et al
The Visionary Director	McGregor, Wynn
The Way of the Child	Madaras
The What's Happening to My Body? Book for Boys	Madaras
The What's Happening to My Body? Book for Girls	Kimball, Dan
They Like Jesus But Not the Church	Tanner, Carolyn
This Holy Mystery	Lindner, Eileen
Thus Far Along the Way	UM Publishing House
Toddlers and Twos	Mosatche and Unger
Too Old for This, Too Young for That	Stafford, Dr. Wess et al
Too Small to Ignore	Barna, George
Transforming Children Into Sp. Champ.	Stoner, Marcia
Tween Spirituality	Kimball, Dan
UnChristian	McGregor, Wynn
Way of the Child	Olson, Diane et al
Weaving a Just Future for Children	Halverson, Delia
What's In Worship?	Greenlee, Sharon
When Someone Dies	Westerhoff, James
Will Our Children Have Faith?	Wurm, Julianne P.
Working in the Reggio Way	Brown, Carolyn
You Can Preach to the Kids, Too	Zondervan Pub.
Zonderkidz Young Women of Faith	