

# GOD'S TOOLBOX

## BIG IDEA

We are God's tools. We have different shapes and functions so that we can be useful to the Master.

## KEY VERSES

I Corinthians 12:4

## MEMORY VERSE

I Corinthians 12:4

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them."

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

## BIBLE OBJECT LESSON

Cast: Narrator only

Props: A box full of tools, hammer, nails, scrap wood, drywall screws, screwdriver, measuring tape, pair of glasses

## GAME

- Paper (one per child)
- Rope or tape to mark start/finish lines

## WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)

## CRAFT: TOTE BAGS

- Colorful paper with various patterns
- Metal washers (one per child)
- Colorful paper with various patterns
- Cord (30" per child)
- Beads (one per child)
- Glue



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## BIBLE OBJECT LESSON

Lesson 14

I have a box full of tools. Why do you suppose I need so many tools? (Take answers)  
Each of these tools has a different purpose. There is no one tool that can do everything. If I need to drive a nail into a board, what tool would I need? (Take answers)  
If I were making a bookshelf and needed to screw it together, what tool would I use? (Take answers)  
If I needed to measure something, what tool would I use? (Take answers)

What would happen if the measuring tape decided it didn't want to measure, it only wanted to drive nails? And what if the hammer was tired of hitting nails and only wanted to turn screws? And what if the screwdriver thought it would be much better at measuring? Let's give it a try.

Get three volunteers to drive a nail with a measuring tape, turn a screw with a hammer, and measure with a screwdriver.

How did we do? Perhaps the measuring tape could eventually drive a nail if it worked long enough, but none of these tools were very effective at doing someone else's job.

The Christians in the world are like God's tool box. God has a lot of jobs to do and he has given His people different gifts and talents to help Him do those jobs. We are His tools! Some people were given musical talent like a strong voice or ability to play an instrument and they can help us worship with songs. Some people have the talent of teaching so they can help others learn about Jesus. Tell me some other talents people have? (Take answers and discuss how God can use each talent)

Do you think that one person can do every job, is there?

The Bible says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."

If I needed to tighten the screw in my glasses (show the tiny screw at the hinge) would this hammer be helpful? No. How about his big screwdriver? No. This tiny screw needs a special tiny screwdriver that was designed for the job. It doesn't matter what your talent is, it doesn't matter if you're big or small, it doesn't matter if you are young or old. What does matter is that when God has a job for you to do, you need to be right there in His toolbox, ready and willing for Him to use you.

Let's see what happens when we use the right tools for the job.

Allow some kids to drive a nail with a hammer, drive a screw with a screwdriver, or measure a friend with the tape measure. Dismiss when finished.

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## CRAFTS

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#### OBJECTIVE: TOTE BAGS

Turn a regular metal washer into a colorful necklace.

#### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

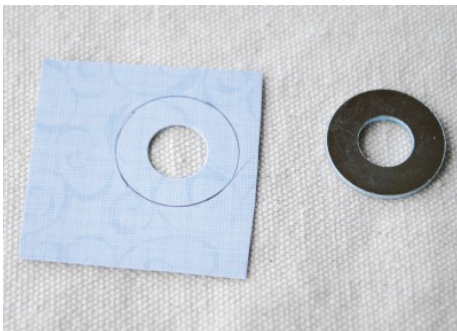
#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Colorful paper with various patterns
- Metal washers (one per child)
- Colorful paper with various patterns
- Cord (30" per child)
- Beads (one per child)
- Glue

#### DIRECTIONS

- Punch two holes in paper
- Center washer over hole and trace around the outside
- Cut around outer circle. Make two.
- Glue paper onto both sides of washer
- Fold cord, slip folded end through washer, slip ends of cord through folded loop, tug
- Slip bead through both ends of the cord and slide down
- Tie ends

#### EXAMPLE



#### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Pre-cut paper circles prior to club
- Use washers that have the same size hole as a hole punch hole

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## GAME

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#### OBJECTIVE: PARTNER RELAY

Teams of two race across play area by stepping only on paper

#### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Paper (one per child)
- Rope or tape to mark start/finish lines

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Divide kids into pairs
- Teams line up behind starting line, each team has two sheets of paper
- To move, one player places paper on the ground for the other player to step on
- The paper placer then places the second piece of paper on the ground so the other player can take a second step
- The paper placer moves the first paper in front of the second paper so the other player can take another step.
- Continue alternating paper and stepping forward until one team makes it to the finish line





# God's Tools

