

## 2024 Memorial Day Conference - Childcare

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR A SMOOTHER CRAFT EXPERIENCE:**

Prior to the conference, read through the Supply List and Instructions, looking at the picture so you'll know what the craft should look like.

Ensure your team has ALL the supplies prior to the conference.

Print out a copy of the craft instructions – one set for every 10 children in your grade level. (For example, if you expect 50 children in 2nd grade, you should print 5 sets of instructions.)

Print the Memory Verse onto Avery 8160 LaserJet Mailing Labels, or similar type of label. Allow one label per child, with a few extras just in case.

Pre-cut whatever you'll need, especially for younger children (grades K-2). This allows you to focus on helping the children during the session.

**This is probably the most helpful suggestion of all (other than reading the instructions ahead of time).** Sort the craft supplies into sets of 10 and place them into a 1-gallon or 2-gallon sized Ziploc bag along with one copy of craft instructions. (For example, if you expect 50 children in 2nd grade, you should prepare 5 bags, each containing 10 sets of supplies.) Some items will be shared, like glue, scissors, pencils, hole punches.

At the beginning of your session, place one bag of craft supplies onto each table. This will lessen the feeling of panic among the serving ones as they won't need to search for all the supplies.

Very helpful and enjoyable - gather with the other serving ones ahead of time and make a sample of the craft together. This helps you work out questions and anticipate challenges before the conference session.