



Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day

Shrines and Stations

Children love collecting stuff. Little boys collect rocks and sticks and small metal cars, bent nails, pieces of paper, and the occasional insect. Little girls collect doll parts, costume jewelry, pretty rocks (these are sometimes indistinguishable from little boy rocks) plastic hair barrettes and coloring pictures.

If given the opportunity, they both love collecting cards too. And if given the opportunity, they will collect holy cards, Mass cards, and saint's cards as avidly as any other type. Since these kinds of cards and portraits foster their spiritual development, and give healthy imagery to their imaginations - why not encourage it?

One way to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of holy cards is to provide craft ideas that use these cards. Some families put them into photo albums. Others buy or make simple frames to hang them in the children's rooms. Here's another craft idea - making small shrines.

Depending on the image on the cards these shrines can be used for stations of the cross, small shrines for a name saint, in a prayer corner or at the family altar. For the family stations of the cross, use the images found in the following Coloring Pictures Section. Child or parent drawn pictures could replace holy cards if they not are available.

Popsicle Stick Shrines

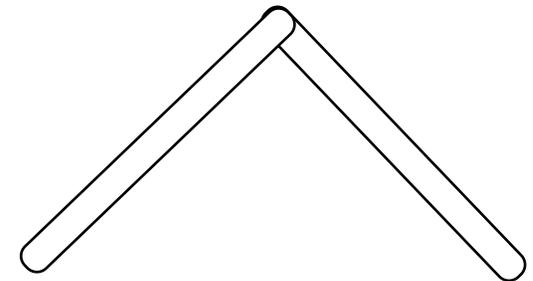
Materials:

- White glue
- Popsicle sticks or
- Tongue depressors
- Plasticine or play dough
- A selection of pictures
- Craft paint, markers, beads, medals and other decorative things (optional)



Directions:

Working on a flat surface, lay two popsicle sticks at an angle to each other, with the tips just touching. These are the beginning pieces of the roof.



Arrange them so that the roof slope allows another popsicle stick at one of the ends (as a side wall) to make a tall enough space for your picture. Glue the two roof pieces together, and allow the glue to dry. Brace it

