



*staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.*

## Stained Glass Pictures

*different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven*

The stained glass windows in our churches fill their interiors with beautiful colored light, teach the faith by showing images and symbols from the Gospels and commemorate members of the parish, in whose names they are created. Besides, they're beautiful.

Stained glass is becoming a popular hobby, there are classes available at many local high schools and community colleges teaching this interesting and challenging craft.

An easy and inexpensive alternative to real stained glass are these tissue paper creations that can be hung in windows to make beautiful light (just like the real thing.)

This craft's suitability for any age group will depend on the complexity of the image you choose. This craft is probably not suitable for children under four or five (they'll find it too frustrating) and children between six and ten will need supervision, and occasionally help with finicky bits of cutting.

### Materials:

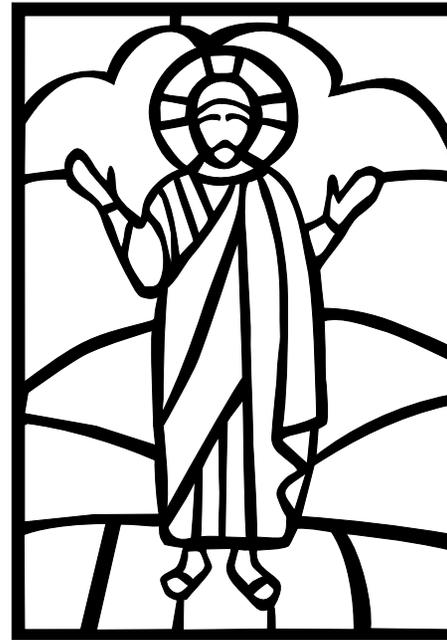
- Black construction paper, or other sturdy paper
- White or yellow carbon paper, if you can find it
- Colored tissue paper in many colors
- White glue and clear tape to mend mistakes
- Scissors
- Paint brush

### Directions:

Choose a picture you like from the coloring section of this book, or from some other source.

Lay the carbon paper on top of the black construction paper and then the picture you've chosen on top of both, and trace over the lines with a ball point pen or thick pencil, pressing down hard, to leave white lines below.

If you can't find carbon paper, press hard enough to leave dented lines. Remove the traced image, and draw over the dented lines with a light colored pencil or crayon - something visible on black paper.



Draw a second set of lines about 1/4 inch away from each line on the drawing, making each piece of the drawing into a closed shape.

Starting with a hole punched into the middle of each, cut out the center of each shape, being careful to keep the remaining bars evenly thick throughout the picture.

When you've finished cutting out all the shapes, you should have an outline of your picture that looks like a stained glass window without the color.

OPTIONAL: Cut a second sheet of black construction paper in the same manner, so that you have two outline

stained glass sheets.

Turn the picture over and choose the first shape to fill with tissue paper. Cut a piece of tissue paper a bit bigger than the hole. Carefully paint glue around the outline shape and place the tissue paper on the glue, smoothing it as best you can. Let it dry. (It won't take long.) Continue covering the holes with the tissue paper until the entire picture is colored. Use as many or as few colors as you wish.

If you cut a second sheet, carefully paint one side with glue and stick it onto the back of your stained glass picture to sandwich all the pieces of tissue paper between the two black sheets.

Allow your picture to dry. Hang it in a sunny window.

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

