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(for ages 8-12)

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# INTRODUCTION

Supplement your Bible lessons in a fun, hands-on way with 3-D crafts from the popular Dig In curriculum! Lots of kids love crafts, and everyone loves toys and games! Using the ideas in this book, your 8- to 12-year-olds will make functional 3-D toys and everyday items that focus on the life of Jesus. Each craft ties to a Bible point and uses simple supplies you can find at your local Walmart...or in your supply closet...or even in your trash! The Scripture and topical indexes at the back of the book make it easy to find a craft that goes with your Bible lesson.

Even your non-artistic kids will have a blast making these fun crafts and then taking them home and putting them to use. No more crafts left behind in the classroom or discarded on the floor of a car! No more two-dimensional art to clutter up the fridge! These crafts get kids making things they'll want to keep while reinforcing the Bible point in their hearts!



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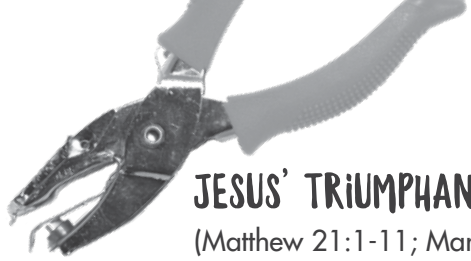
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# AN ANGEL ANNOUNCES JESUS' BIRTH

Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

## Supplies

- 3-ounce paper cups
- "Flying Cups" handout (1 copy for every 3 kids) (p. 11)
- construction paper
- pencils
- scissors
- markers
- standard metal paper clips (1 per child)

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

## FLYING CUPS

### What Kids Will Do

Kids make "impossible" flying cups.

### Drop Cups

Give each child a paper cup.

Say: **I think it's possible to drop this cup from above your head so that it lands upside down every time. Do you think it's possible? Give it a try!**

Have kids drop their cups. If a cup does happen to land upside down instead of on its side, challenge kids to repeat that five times in a row. No one should be able to do it.

Take out your sample craft and drop it from above your head. It will twirl down and land so the cup is upside down every time.

### Make Wings

Say: **In today's Bible story, we're learning that God does the impossible. And he sent an angel to tell Mary about the impossible thing he was going to do.**



**Let's make a craft that will allow our cups to land upside down every time to remind us that God does the impossible.**

Have each child cut out a shape from the "Flying Cups" handout, and have kids trace the shape onto construction paper, including the markings for folding and cutting.

Next, have kids cut out the shape from the construction paper, making sure they cut the center line exactly where it was on the template.

Finally, have kids fold the "wings" in opposite directions to the point where the solid line was on the template.

If they'd like to, kids can also add fun patterns to their wings.

### **Make Them Fall**

Have each child carefully cut a small slit in the bottom of a cup and stick the narrower section of the wings through the slit. Kids will need to reach inside the cup and attach a paper clip to the bottom of the construction paper.





God does  
the impossible.

Allow time for kids to decorate their cups. Then let kids try dropping them from above their heads. The cups will fall gracefully and will always land upside down.

### Talk About It

Ask:

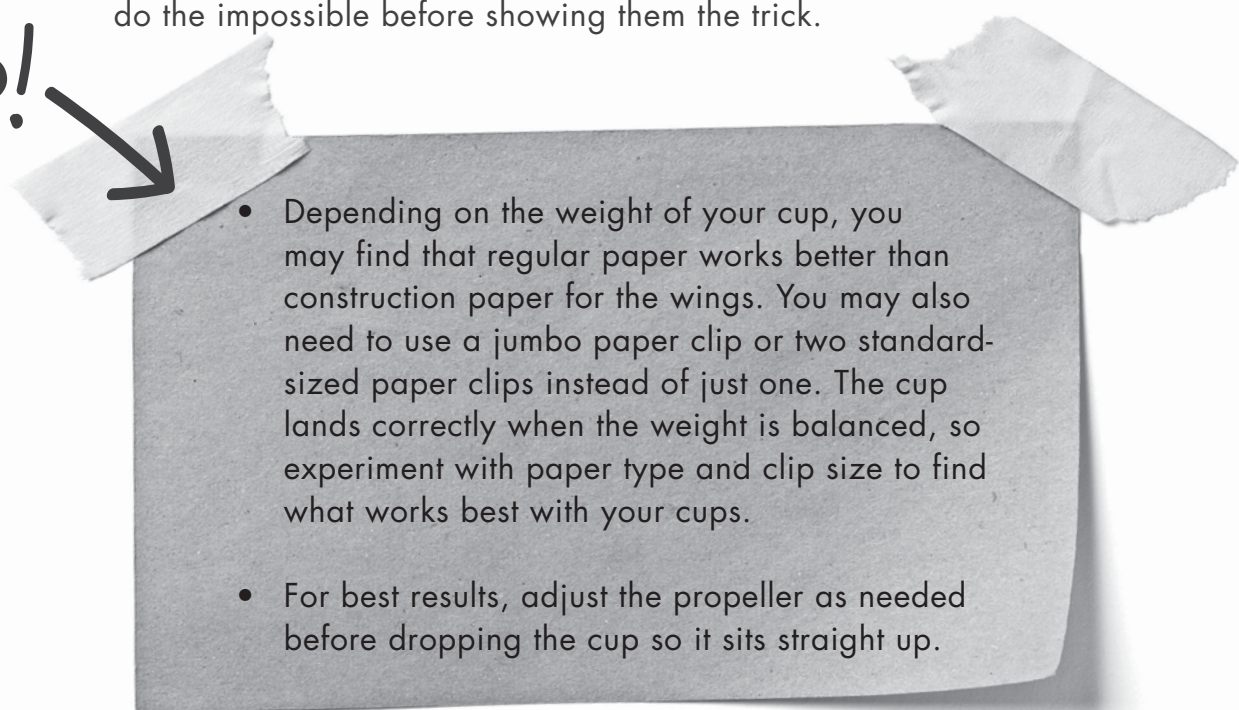
- Before your cup had wings, how did you feel when you were trying to drop it so it would land upside down?
- How does your craft remind you that God does the impossible?

Say: God does the impossible. He sent his Son to be born as a baby human! When things feel impossible in our lives, we can remember that with God, all things are possible.

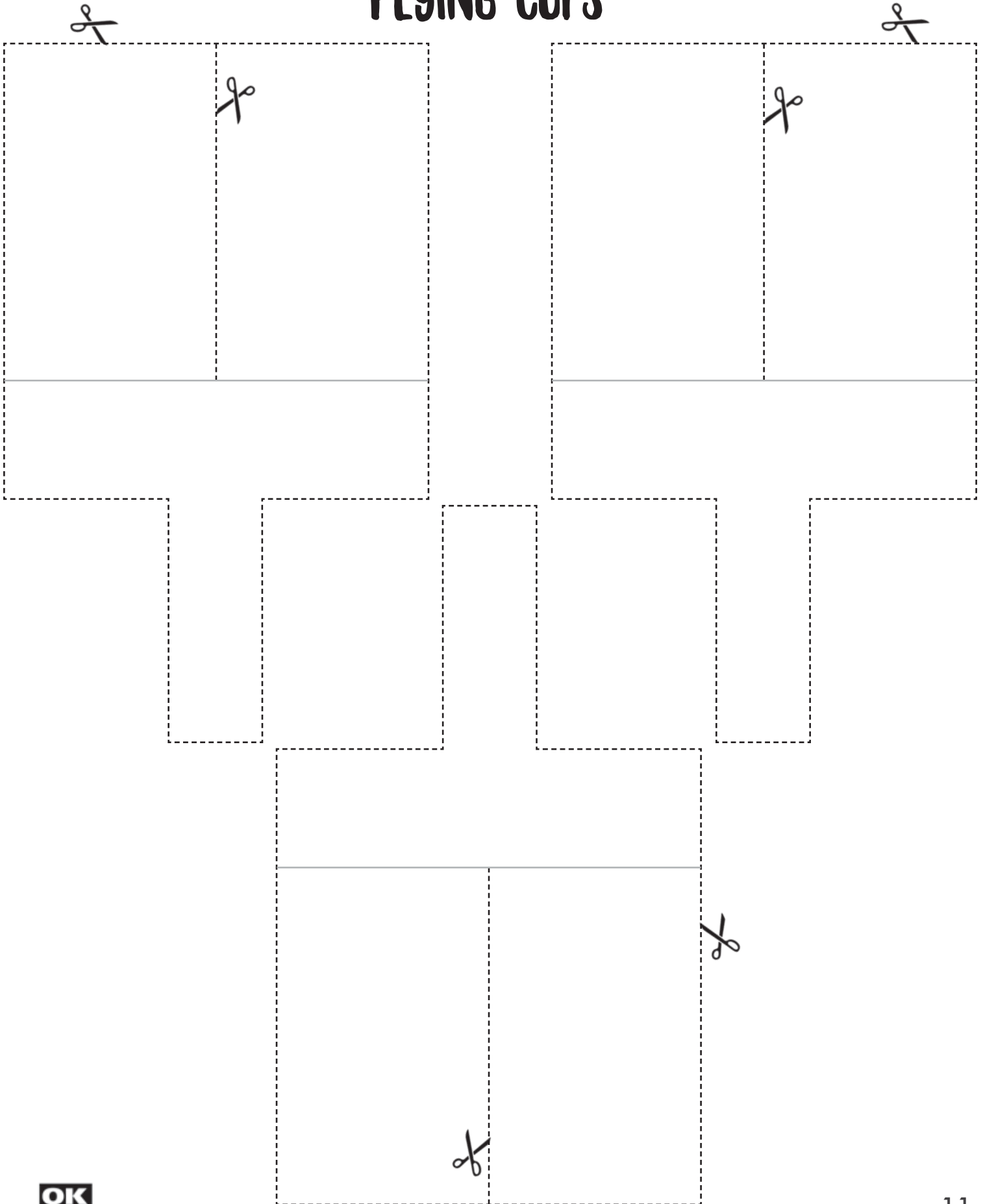
Have kids take their crafts home and show their friends and families the flying cups by first taking out the wings and challenging them to do the impossible before showing them the trick.

TIP!



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- Depending on the weight of your cup, you may find that regular paper works better than construction paper for the wings. You may also need to use a jumbo paper clip or two standard-sized paper clips instead of just one. The cup lands correctly when the weight is balanced, so experiment with paper type and clip size to find what works best with your cups.
  - For best results, adjust the propeller as needed before dropping the cup so it sits straight up.

# FLYING CUPS



# THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:1-7



## Supplies

- thin cardboard (you can use cereal boxes or poster board)
- wrapping paper (solid or with a simple pattern)
- scissors
- "Nativity Silhouette" handout (1 per child) (p. 15)
- toothpicks
- markers
- tape
- string

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

## GOD'S GIFT ORNAMENTS



### What Kids Will Do

Kids make silhouette ornaments of the Nativity.

### Wrap a Gift

Have each child cut out a square of cardboard that's about 4x5 inches. Then have kids wrap their cardboard with wrapping paper. As they wrap, have kids discuss whether they wrap gifts that they give to others.

Then have kids each bend the bottom inch of their cardboard forward to make a shelf. Have kids write "Jesus is the best gift ever!" at the top of their cardboard.





### **Add a Nativity**

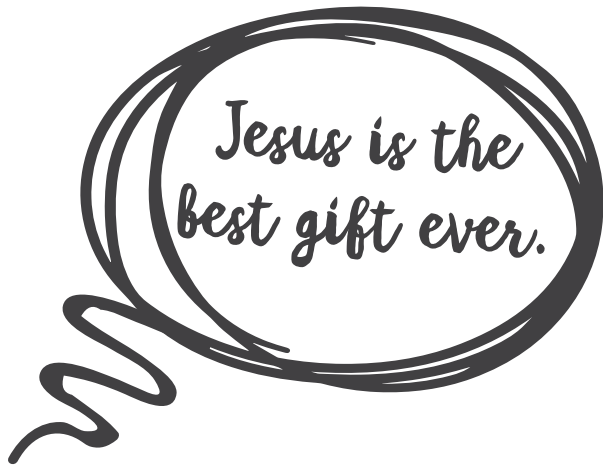
Say: **God sent Jesus to be the best gift ever. We'll put Jesus' nativity scene on our gifts as a reminder of Jesus, the best gift ever.**

Have kids cut out the silhouette shapes on the handouts. To secure the shapes to their gift, they'll poke toothpicks through the shelf, aligned with the two tallest parts of the silhouette. Then they'll tape the silhouette to the toothpicks and cut off any excess toothpick length.

### **Make It an Ornament**

Have each child tape a loop of string to the back of the cardboard to make it into an ornament.





### Talk About It

Ask:

- What makes something a good gift?
- How well do those things describe Jesus?

Say: **Our ornaments remind us that Jesus is the best gift ever! There might be a lot of awesome gifts you want this Christmas, but there's only one gift that's the best, and that's Jesus!**

Encourage kids to put their ornaments on the family Christmas tree and talk to their families about why Jesus is such a great gift.

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## Here are just a few of the 54 clever craft ideas included in this book:

- a balloon-powered car that teaches about Jesus' power
- a change jar to remind kids that Jesus changes us
- a Velcro catch game in which kids learn how Jesus sticks with us
- a bird feeder reminding kids of Jesus' care for them
- a maze kids can roll a ball through demonstrating that Jesus shows us the right way

These crafts use simple supplies you can find at your local Walmart...or in your supply closet...or even in your trash! **The Scripture and topical indexes** make it easy to find a craft that goes with your Bible lesson.

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