January Kid’s Crafts

Kid’s Craft 1 – Let Justice Roll Down like Waters

One verse of the Bible that The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. quoted often is Amos 5:24: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Have you ever seen a waterfall? The water continuously pours over the edge and covers anything underneath it in foam and bubbles. The prophet Amos was praying that God would give justice to God’s people like a waterfall, a continual stream of justice that everyone could hear and see and know that God loved all people. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted everyone to experience this justice and believed that the world would be a better place if everyone felt God’s justice and love like Amos hoped they would in the Bible. To remind us that God’s justice is powerful and abundant just like the water in a waterfall, we are making a waterfall for our craft.

Provided Supplies:

* Construction paper
* Tissue Paper
* Cotton Balls

Other Supplies:

* Markers
* Glue
* Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut a blue piece of construction paper into quarters and glue one of the pieces at the bottom of your whole piece of construction paper—this is the water that your waterfall is tumbling into!
2. Take your piece of tissue paper and cut it into long thin strips—about 4 strips an inch and a half wide work best, but you can cut more or less and make them thinner or thicker if desired. Glue those onto your paper so that they are “flowing” down the page from top to bottom.
3. Glue several cotton balls at the base of the waterfall, where the tissue paper meets the blue construction paper. The cotton balls are the foam!
4. Finally, write the words (or have a grown up help you) of Amos 5:24 on your waterfall. As you write about God’s justice, pray for God’s justice and love to come to all people just like the waterfall you made.
5. Display the waterfall somewhere you will see it so that it reminds you to help spread God’s love and justice to everyone around you!

Kid’s Craft 2 – God’s Glory Revealed

“I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; “and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.” (Isaiah 40:4-5)

* From Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” Speech

In the Rev. Dr. King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech he quotes two different Bible passages. One of those passages is from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah writes of a time when all the people of the earth will see God’s glory. Rev. Dr. King understood that the day Isaiah speaks of will only happen when people of every color work together as one family. When we can all come together as one diverse family then God’s glory will be revealed everywhere.

For this craft you will be drawing a picture of what Isaiah describes: valleys, hills, and mountains with the glory of God being revealed. God’s glory is a difficult thing to describe so we use lots of different images to show God. Sometimes God’s glory is shown through the cross, a flame, an angel, or something else. For this craft we’ll be showing God’s glory as a dove. Doves usually show God’s glory as a sign of hope and peace. Our dove is also a sign of action. We will make our dove in the shape of a hand because we all need to use our hands to work together to bring hope and peace into the world. Only when we all work together will God’s glory be revealed!

Supplies provided:

* 1 large sheet of paper
* 1 smaller sheet of paper

Other supplies:

* crayons/markers
* scissors
* glue/tape

Instructions:

* On your large sheet of white paper draw a picture of hills, mountains, and valleys. If you want some inspiration, then ask an adult to help you look up pictures of mountains and valleys online.
* Take your smaller sheet of paper to create your dove. Place one of your hands on the sheet of paper with your four fingers together and your thumb sticking out. Trace your hand (you may want help from someone else to trace your hand).
* Cut out the tracing of your hand. Color where your four fingers were to look like wings. Add a beak and eyes to your thumb to look like the head of a dove.
* Once you’ve colored your dove write on top of it one way that you will take action help bring hope and peace to the world. Here are some ideas: get to know your neighbors, help your family recycle plastic, glass, and paper at home to take care of the planet, learn about another culture in the world, learn about some of the people in the prayer prompt calendar, pray for peace in our world.
* Glue/tape your dove flying over your picture of mountains and valleys.