

Day 3 Art: Priestly Prints



Objective: Learn about priests by creating “Priestly Prints” depicting a chalice, vestment, collar, etc.

Day 3 - Materials

- Print of “Crucifixion”** by Nardo di Cione' (provided in Art Station Guide Appendix)
- Photo of Priest during the Eucharistic Liturgy**
- Cardboard, or cereal box material** for each child
- 6” x 6” (approximately) light colored card stock paper** for each child
- 3 pieces of string about 6” long** for each child
- 1 pen** for each child
- 1 bottle of school glue** for each child to use a small amount
- Several scissors** for children to share
- Paint (not water paint):** red, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple and white
- 1 medium tipped paintbrush** in each paint bottle
- Paper towels**
- Sample of “Priestly Print”**

For a reference on string prints, Google “Print making: string art”

Preparation:

- Prepare to display “Crucifixion” (Art Station Guide Appendix).
- Hang a poster board with string and marker to show children steps, if you are leading many groups.
- Prepare cardboards and/or cereal boxes for each child.
- Set out one cardboard, 3 pieces of string, school glue and pen for each child.
- Place cups of paint, with brushes, onto the middle of table.
- Place paper towels next to the paint.
- Place scissors between children’s spaces at the table.
- Set aside card stock paper so it’s ready to be handed out, but stays clean.
- Prepare a Priestly Print Art sample.

Before beginning today’s lesson, remember to provide a few short minutes for the children to write their heart messages on their hearts from yesterday. Carefully return the key rings to children as they leave the closing assembly today.

Procedure:

Because art materials are set out in front of the children's areas, bring the children to a different part of the room to sit down for listening time before they head to their tables.



Show the children the beautiful image of Crucifixion by Nardo di Cione. Discuss that at Mass the priest changes the wine into the blood of Christ. **What are the angels doing in this picture? How do priests "share" Christ with us?** (Priests give us the gift of Christ through the Mass.)

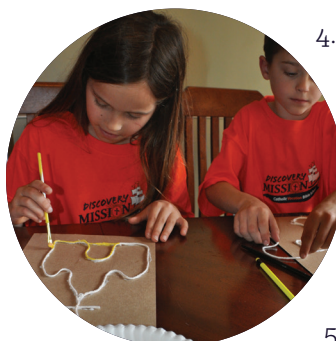
Discuss the religious objects associated with priests: chalice, Bible, paten, cross, Liturgy of the Hours, candle, church, folded hands . .

Explain that the children are going to **make simple string art because it is fun to use the materials to create objects that make us think of priests.**

Using a large poster board as a visual, begin giving directions and pause to give children time to complete each step. Remind group leaders to help young children with each step:

1. **On your cardboard, draw one or two symbols with a pen and then trace with glue. Group leaders should help young children.**
2. **Add the string to the glue, cutting it as needed.**

3. **Wait five minutes for string to dry.** Children can walk around the table to look at one another's art work. Now is also a good time to discuss using moderate, not excessive amounts of paint. **Choose only a couple colors and don't mix them.** Tell the children that if they mix too many colors their paint will be an ugly, dull gray.



4. **Be sure to cover the string with paint. It is fine to get a little paint on the cereal boxes or cardboards, but try to keep most paint on the strings.**

5. Hand out two pieces of card stock paper, as there is likely enough paint on the strings to make two prints and these are fun. Children should place their initials at the bottoms of the paper before continuing.

6. Show on your poster board, how to, **place your piece of paper gently on top of the string. Gently press down along the string. Do not press around the string because paint next to the string, on the cardboard, will be picked up onto your print. You want your print to come up clean and sharp from the string onto the card stock paper.**

