

# Painting Project: Scene Boxes

*Level: grades 1-6*

*Time: 30-60 minutes*

## **Materials Needed**

string  
masking tape  
medium size cardboard box (with as little labeling as possible)  
pencil  
eraser (optional)  
tempera paint with a brush for each color  
for older children, offer smaller boxes, medium brush with water, small pieces of white paper, pen, and glue

## **Preparation**

Set up and prepare paints.

Have 4 children to work on each box, each taking one side. The top of the box will not be painted unless it is a solid color.

## **Steps**

1. Each student should be well aware of what they are painting. Older children may even want to pencil in an outline.
2. Paint figures or paint in pencil outline.
3. Fill in background.
4. A short quote about the scene could be written on a small piece of white paper and glued to corner of scene.
5. Let the paint dry. Scene boxes can be hung at various eye levels and make an interesting display. String can be threaded through holes in the corners of the boxes and tied securely. Use tape to hang the box from the ceiling.

## **Variations**

Paint costumes onto boxes and cut appropriate holes for head and arms.

## **Application Ideas**

Scene boxes are like hanging books so they are a good project for illustrating a series of events such as the story of Joseph, the Christmas story, Easter story, John on the Isle of Patmos, and many others.

