Learn by Doing

Choice Glass Jar Oil Lamps



Create lamps that shine! These simple decorative glass jars give off a sweet fragrance when they burn olive oil. Choose from several styles of decoration.

1. When the Lord was on earth homes did not have electricity. When darkness fell, people would fill small clay lamps with olive oil, put in a freshly trimmed wick, and light them. Lamps were put on shelves or tables to light the room with a warm glow. It would take quite a few lamps to make a room look bright.
2. Today we will make oil lamps. They are not like the ones used when the Lord was on earth, but they can be used to burn olive oil for light.
3. Give each child a jar and the supplies they will need to decorate it.



4. When the jar is decorated, put the lid on it. Using a hammer and nail, carefully punch a hole in the lid that is just large enough for a wick to pass through. (If the hole is too big, the wick will slide down into the jar.) Give assistance as needed.
5. Cut a wick that is long enough to reach the bottom of the jar. Take the lid off and carefully thread the wick through the hole, starting on the top. **Note:** the metal edges of the punched hole may be sharp. Put the lid back on the jar to complete assembly of the lamp.
6. We recommend that you do not put oil in the jars during Sunday school to avoid the risk of spills on the way home. Suggest that children ask their parents about putting olive oil in the jars once they are home. The entire wick should be soaked in oil in order for it to light and continue to burn. The jar does not need to be filled all the way, but the wick does need to reach the oil.

Wicks Note: Thick wicks work best with oil; thin wicks do not work well. If you do not have wicks, use tightly twisted paper towels instead.

Materials Needed

Small glass jar with metal lid for each child, thick candle wicks or tightly twisted paper towels, materials to decorate the jars (see options on p. 2)

Prepare in Advance

Gather jars with lids and clean if needed. Purchase decorations and wicks. (Or tightly twist paper towels to replace wicks.) Create a sample lamp to show children the finished project.

New Church Concept Put into Practice

Unless the will and intellect, or affection and thought, or charity and faith, enter into and clothe themselves in works or deeds when possible, they are like puffs of air which pass away, or like mirages which fade and vanish. Furthermore, they remain for the first time in a person and become matters of life when the person puts them into practice and does them. See *Divine Love and Wisdom* 216

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Oil Lamp Decorations

Decoupage

Supplies:

- tissue paper in a variety of flame-like colors
- glue
- paintbrush to spread glue
- jar with lid
- thick candle wick
- hammer and nail



Directions:

1. Tear the tissue into flame-like strips.
2. Spread glue on an area of the side of the jar. Place the tissue flames on the glue.
3. Spread glue over the top of the tissue flames.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the jar is covered in flames.
5. Allow to dry.
6. Fasten the lid on the jar. Use the hammer and nail to punch a hole in the lid large enough for the wick to pass through.
7. Remove the lid from the jar. Thread the wick through the lid.
8. Screw the lid back on to the jar.

Jewels

Supplies:

- "jewels" that may be stuck to any surface with peel-off backing (purchase at craft store)
- jar with lid
- thick candle wick
- hammer and nail



Directions:

1. Remove the backs from "jewel" stickers and place them on the jar.
2. Fasten the lid on the jar. Use the hammer and nail to punch a hole in the lid large enough for the wick to pass through.
3. Remove the lid from the jar. Thread the wick through the lid.
4. Screw the lid back on to the jar.

Stickers

Supplies:

- stickers
- jar with lid
- thick candle wick
- hammer and nail



Directions:

1. Remove the backing from the stickers and place on the jar.
2. Fasten the lid on the jar. Use the hammer and nail to punch a hole in the lid large enough for the wick to pass through.
3. Remove the lid from the jar. Thread the wick through the lid.
4. Screw the lid back on to the jar.

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