

Learn by Doing

Choice

Holy Ground

The Lord told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Shoes protect our feet, the lowest part of our bodies, from dirt. Taking shoes off pictures setting aside our most natural concerns (e.g. food, comfort) and raising our thoughts to higher spiritual concerns—to the Lord Himself.

During this activity children take off their shoes and practice walking on “holy ground”. Finish by making paper sandals as a reminder that we can choose to walk on holy ground.



1. What did the Lord tell Moses to do as he walked closer to see the burning bush? (To take off his shoes.)
2. Why do we wear shoes? How do shoes protect our feet? When do you take off your shoes?
3. Moses' shoes protected his feet in the mountains. The Lord told him to take his shoes off because he was on “holy ground”. We are going to create “holy ground.” Invite children to stretch out a large circle of yarn or string on the floor so that the whole class can step into it (even if it gets a little tight). Stepping inside the circle means stepping on “holy ground”.
4. Have all children take at least 2 steps back from the circle, sit down and take off their shoes.
5. Now all stand and face the center of the circle. Say, “This circle is for a special person in our class. Everyone who is loved by the Lord take one step forward. Everyone who is like Moses and wants to listen to the Lord take one step forward. If you are sometimes brave, and want to help the Lord do great things in your life, just like Moses, take a step into the circle.”
6. By now everyone should be in the circle. “Look at all the special people in this class! When we are like Moses, and try to do good things, it is like we are standing on “holy ground.”
7. Next we will make sandals to remind us of the true ideas in the Lord's Word that protect our feet as we walk in His Way. Follow *Holy Ground Sandals Directions* (p. 2) to complete the activity.

Materials Needed for Each Child

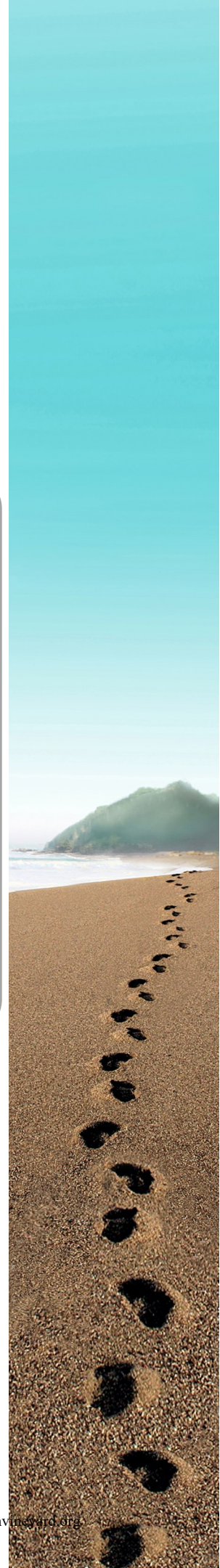
copy of *Holy Ground Sandals* p. 3 printed on stiff brown paper, copies of *Holy Ground Sandals Directions* p. 2 to share

Prepare in Advance

Purchase stiff brown paper. Print *Holy Ground Sandals* p. 3 on stiff paper.

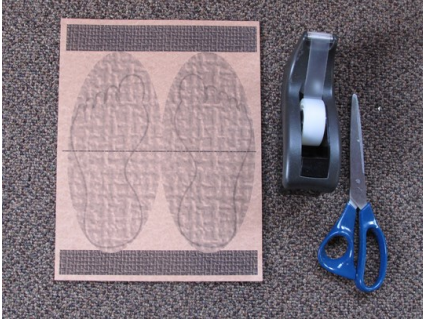
New Church Concept Freedom

A human being has reason and freedom...and these two faculties are present in a person from the Lord.... It is a goal of Divine providence that a person act in freedom in accordance with his reason. Through the exercise of his freedom the Lord continually leads a person away from evils, and to the extent that the person can...be led away, to the same extent the Lord uses the exercise of his freedom to implant goods. *Divine Providence* 72, 97

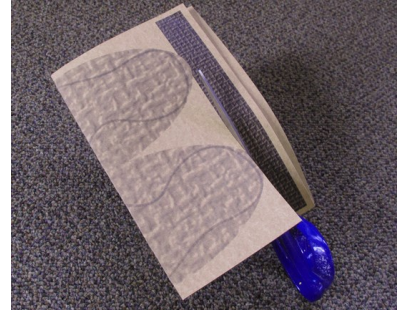


Holy Ground Sandals Directions

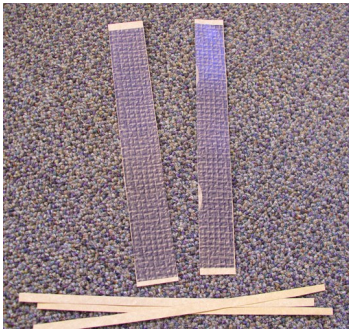
1. You will need a copy of the *Holy Ground Sandals* (p. 10) printed on stiff paper, tape and scissors.



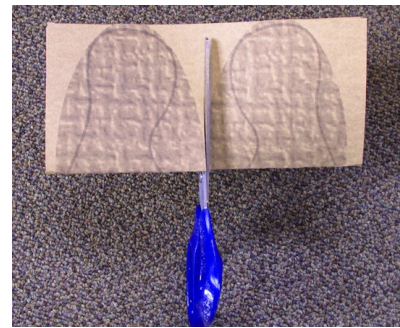
2. Fold the Holy Ground Sandals in half on the line. Cut off the sandals straps (at top and bottom of page.)



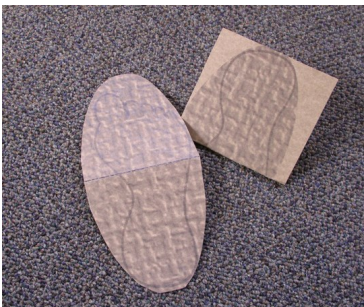
3. Trim the straps if desired.



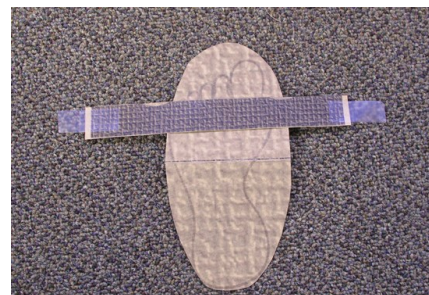
4. Cut the sandal page in two as shown.



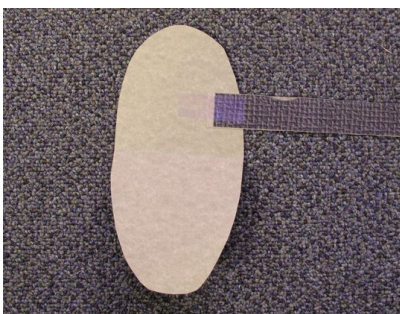
5. Cut around the sandal shapes. Trim edges.



6. Put tape on both ends of the sandal straps.



7. Fasten one end of the tape to **bottom** of the sandal.



8. Place foot on the sandal. Bend the strap around to fit your foot. Fasten the second tape underneath the sandal to fit foot. Repeat with the second sandal.



Take your sandals off your feet...



Holy Ground Sandals

For where you stand is holy ground