Make a Temple Goblet



King Belshazzar used a goblet that was holy to the Lord for an unholy act. Drinking wine from the temple vessels means "to draw truths from the Word". Praising the gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone "means worship from the love of self and the world, for these gods signify profanation" (see *Apocalypse Explained* 376).

Like Belshazzar we may use truth from the Word in false ways—like hearing the command to love your neighbor and telling others it means they have to do what you want them to do. This is because truths or "vessels" in our minds for supporting good may be used falsely, to support evil. We are to cherish true ideas and use them for serving the Lord and blessing others. Children will make a goblet reminding them to cherish true ideas from the Word.

1. King Belshazzar used a goblet that was holy to the Lord to drink wine at a party. Using a goblet for the wrong purpose doesn't seem so bad, but this story has a hidden inner meaning. Goblets from the temple are like true ideas from the Word that help us serve the Lord and others. King Belshazzar used the precious goblets (ideas) to worship other gods, so his kingdom was taken away.
2. We are going to make paper goblets to remind us to cherish true ideas from the Word. We do not know what the goblets looked like, but the goblets we will make are decorated with pomegranates and the Hebrew letters of the Lord's name, "Jehovah" or "Yehowah".
3. Hand out *Goblet* templates p. 2. Decorate the top half of the goblet with crayons, colored pencils or markers.
4. Overlap the ends of the shorter sides of the paper to form a tube. Secure the entire edge of the tube where the designs meet using a stapler, or tape.
5. Place a hand in the decorated end of the tube and scrunch the end of the paper into a goblet "stem". Slit the very end of the scrunched goblet "stem" using scissors. See the video at newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-make-a-goblet-with-one-piece-of-paper/ for help.
6. Give students a *Base* (p. 3) and a piece of thin cardboard. Follow the directions on that page for preparing the bases and attaching them to the goblet stem.
7. *Optional*: Decorate the goblet with glue and silver or gold glitter.

Materials Needed for Each Student

copy of the *Goblet* p. 2 printed on regular paper; one of the circles from the *Base* p. 3 printed on stiff paper; crayons, colored pencils or markers; stapler or tape; scissors; a piece of thin cardboard *optional*: glue and glitter

Prepare in Advance

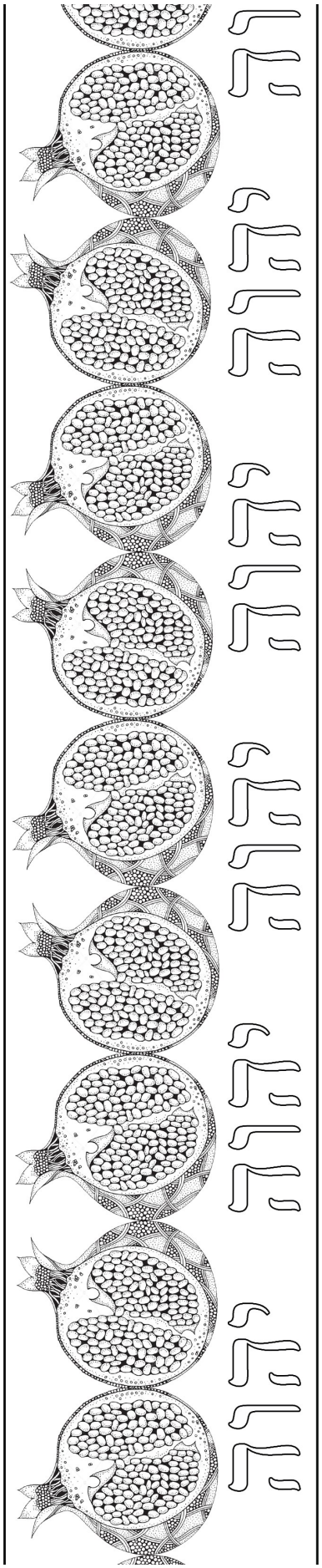
Print copies of the *Goblet* p. 2 on regular paper and the *Base* p. 3 on stiff paper. Gather supplies. Watch newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-make-a-goblet-with-one-piece-of-paper/ for help.

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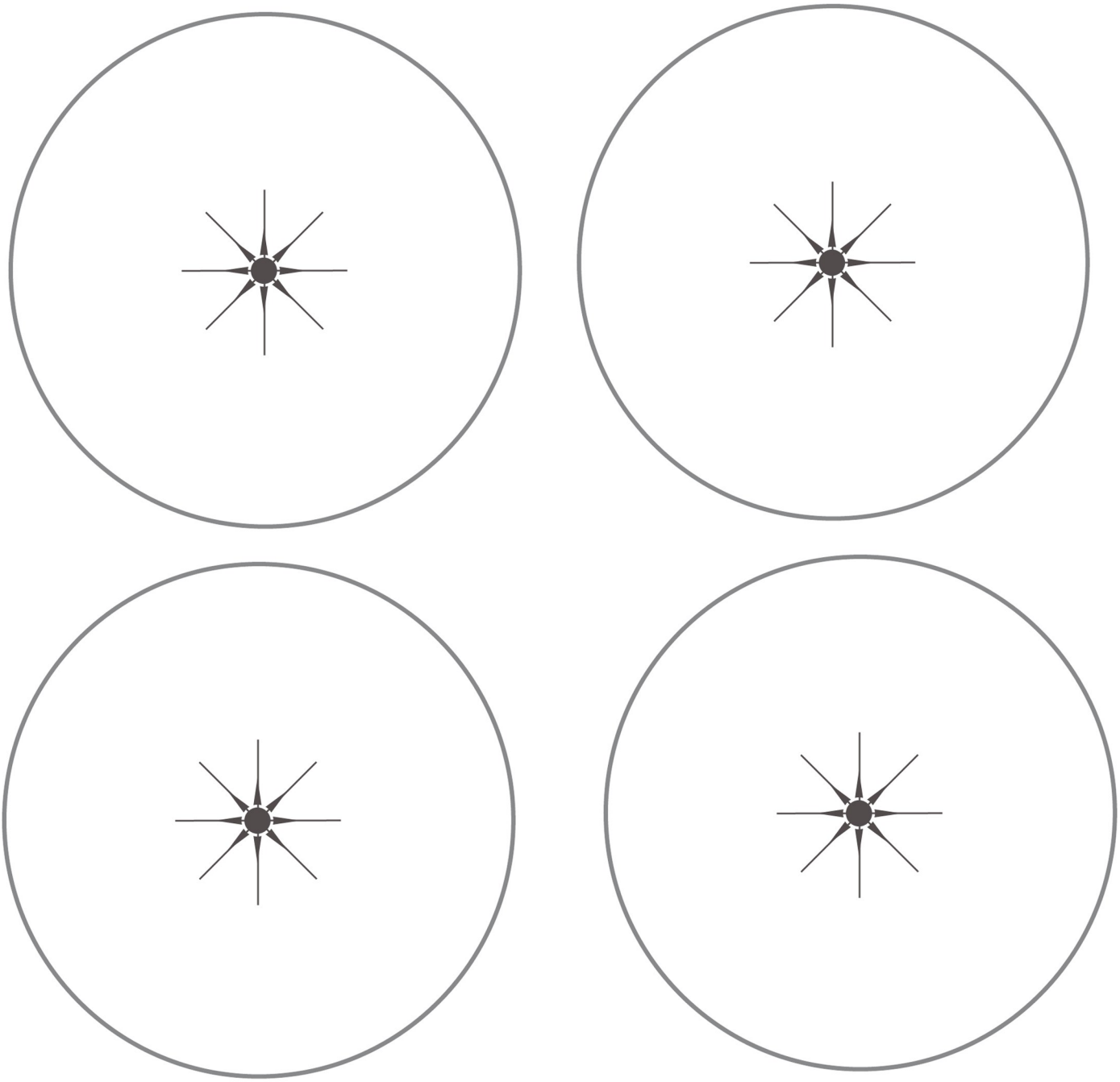
By the "temple at Jerusalem" from which the vessels came, is signified in the supreme sense the Lord, in the representative sense His kingdom and church. The kingdom of Belshazzar being "divided" signified the dissipation of good and truth, and he himself being "slain that night" signified the loss of the life of truth and good, thus damnation; for "to be divided" denotes to be dissipated; "a King" denotes the truth of good. *Arcana Coelestia* 9093

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Goblet



Base



Directions for Base

Each student needs one base.

1. Use scissors to cut around the base. Place the base on a piece of thin cardboard and draw around it. Cut out the circle of cardboard.
2. Cut out along the lines in the center of the base. Do not cut the middle of the cardboard circle!
3. Thread the ends of the stem of the goblet through the cut base. Open the slits and tape to the underside of the base. Cover the bottom of the base by taping the cardboard circle underneath.

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