Writing on the Wall—3D Picture

Materials Needed

copy of the project pages pp. 3-5 for each student printed on stiff paper; crayons, colored pencils or markers; glue; scis-sors; tape; pieces of gold or silver foil approximately 2 x 3 in (5 x 7.5 cm)

Prepare in Advance

Print copies the project pages pp. 3-5 on stiff paper. Crop off the copyright notice and page number. Cut aluminum foil into small pieces, approxi-mately 2 x 3 in (5 x 7.5 cm). Create a sample so you under-stand how the directions on p. 2 work.



The expression seeing the "writing on the wall" comes from today's story. It means something is about to change or end. While in a drunken stupor, Belshazzar took the vessels from the Lord's house to use at a party. A hand appeared and wrote a message he could not understand. Daniel was called for help and explained the grim meaning.

Students will create a 3-D picture of Belshazzar and the goblets at the banquet with a corner that can be turned down to reveal a hand writing on the wall in Hebrew. Photo directions for assembly are provided on p. 2.

1. Give students copies of the project pages (p. 3-5). Invite them to color King Belshazzar, the table, and the hand.
2. Guide the students step by step through the *3D Picture Assembly Directions* (p. 5), numbers 1-7.
3. If you have used stiff paper the model may stand unaided. If not, it may need to be propped against a wall.
4. Give each student a few pieces of foil and help them form goblets as described in number 8 on page 2.
5. Have each student make 2-3 goblets and tape or glue them to the left-hand side of the tabletop, near the king, as shown in the picture above.
6. Have students fold back the triangular flap in the picture to show the hand ap-pearing and the writing on the wall above the king.

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"To drink out of the ves-sels of the temple of Je-rusalem and at the same time to praise or worship [false] gods" signifies the profanation of good and truth by evils and falsities in worship. By profana-tion everything spiritual in a person is destroyed. See *Apocalypse Explained* 587.17

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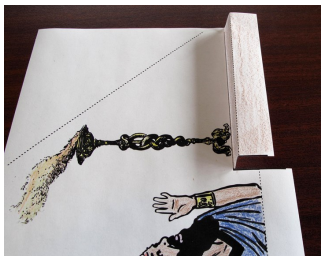
3-D Picture Assembly Directions

1. Take the *Belshazzar Page.* Use scissors to cut along the heavy black line in the middle of the page.

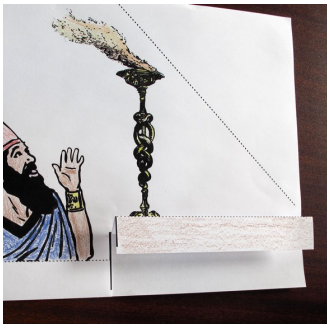


2. Fold the table flap upwards. Then fold the table downwards along the second dashed line to create a 3-D table that sticks out from the page.





3. Place the *Belshazzar* and *Hand* pages back to back, so Belshazzar is on one side and the *Hand* is on the other side. Tape or glue the backs of the pages together being careful not to get glue on the table flap.



4. Fold the glued pages along the dotted line at the bottom of the page towards the picture of Belshazzar. Tape the table flap to the flap at the bottom of the page, giving the table a bottom. Secure with tape.



5. Fold the page along the dotted line at the top right hand corner to make the hand "appear" before king Belshazzar when folded back.

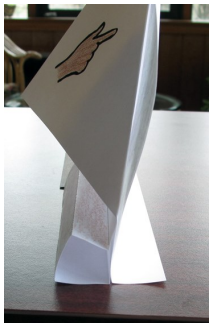


6. Place the page with the writing on it behind the other page so that the writing shows when the flap is folded back. Tape along the top and the unfolded parts of the two sides.



7. Fold the bottom of the page with the writing on it back so that the picture can stand. Tape as needed.



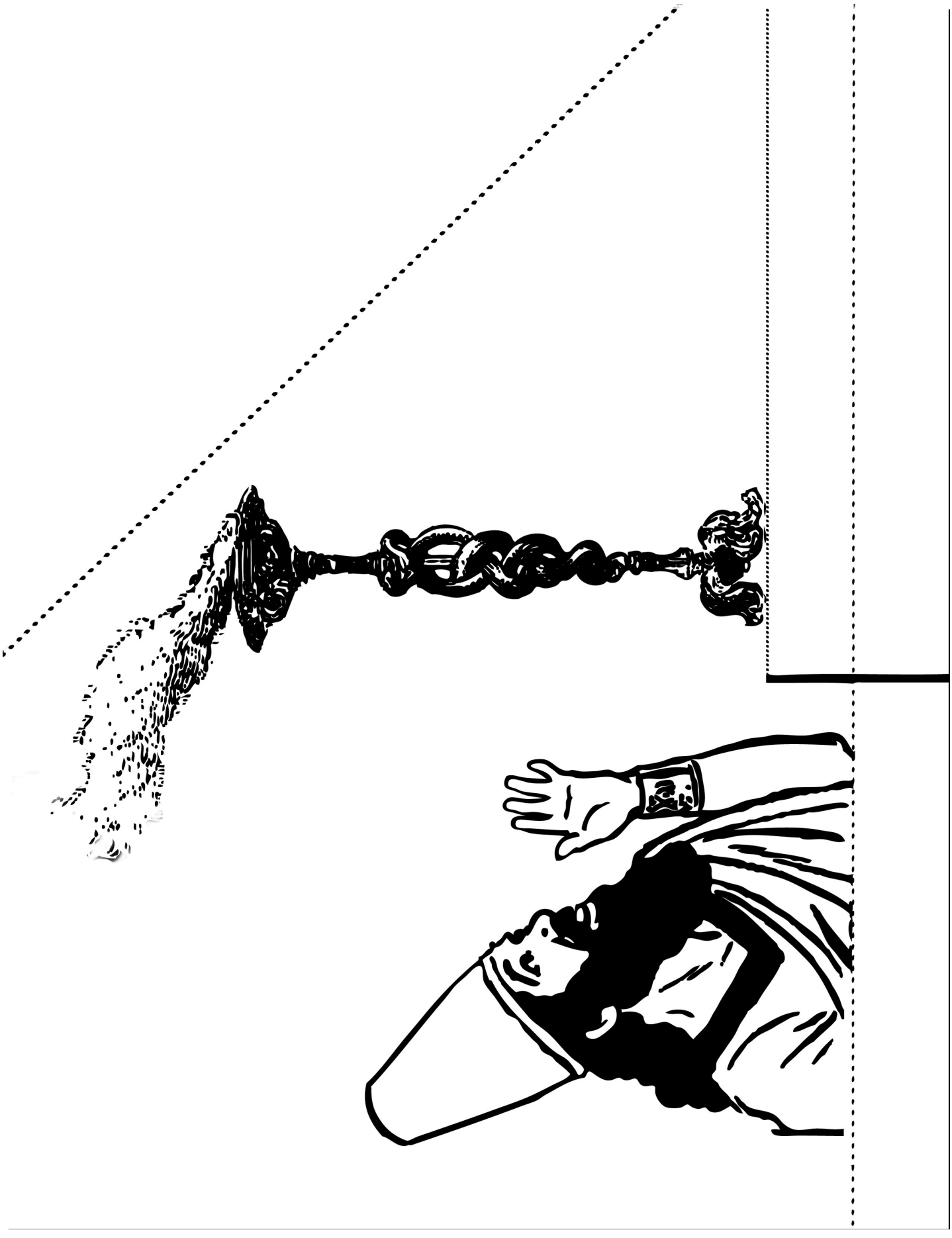


8. Wrap the top part of a small piece of foil around one finger to form the bowl part of a goblet. Crunch the foil together just below the finger to form the stem of the goblet.

Flatten the very bottom of the foil to form the base of the goblet.



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