

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Elementary Classrooms

Start early and let kids make plenty of these flowerpot creations—great for Mother’s Day gifts and spring greetings!

Flowerpot Fun

What You’ll Need

- 3½" high clay plant pots
- craft foam (various colors)
- 8½" x 11" paper (plain and colored)
- rulers
- scissors
- craft sticks (2 per child)
- stapler
- tape
- packets of flower seeds (one per child)
- potting soil (or floral foam and Spanish moss)

What to Do

1. Prepare a pattern for making a strip of flower petals. Cut a 3" x 11" strip of paper. Accordion-fold the paper strip in approximately 1" folds. Draw a petal shape on the top flap of the folded paper, leaving ½" at the bottom of the shape. Cut out the petal shape, cutting through all layers of paper. DO NOT cut through the ½" at the bottom of the shape.
2. Unfold and trace the pattern onto a sheet of craft foam; cut out. Overlap and staple together the ends of the foam. Repeat on two more sheets of craft foam. Choose one circle of petals and slip it over the bottom of a clay pot. Push the petals up to the rim of the pot. Repeat with the other petal circles, positioning them so that the various colors show.
3. Fill the clay pot with potting soil or with floral foam and Spanish moss. Make a gift tag. Tape craft stick handles to the backs of the tag and a packet of flower seeds. Place in pot.

Encourage kids not only to give their gifts, but also to help plant the seeds and care for the flowers as they begin to grow. A gift that keeps on giving always blooms brightly!

Another Idea!

Make extra flowerpots and set them around the classroom. In place of gift tags, make markers that feature Bible verses. Whenever a child says one of the verses from memory, add an artificial flower to that pot. See how many flowers you can get in each pot!



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