Preschool–Grade 5

Bread of Life Craft

Never hunger, never thirst · John 6:26–35 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



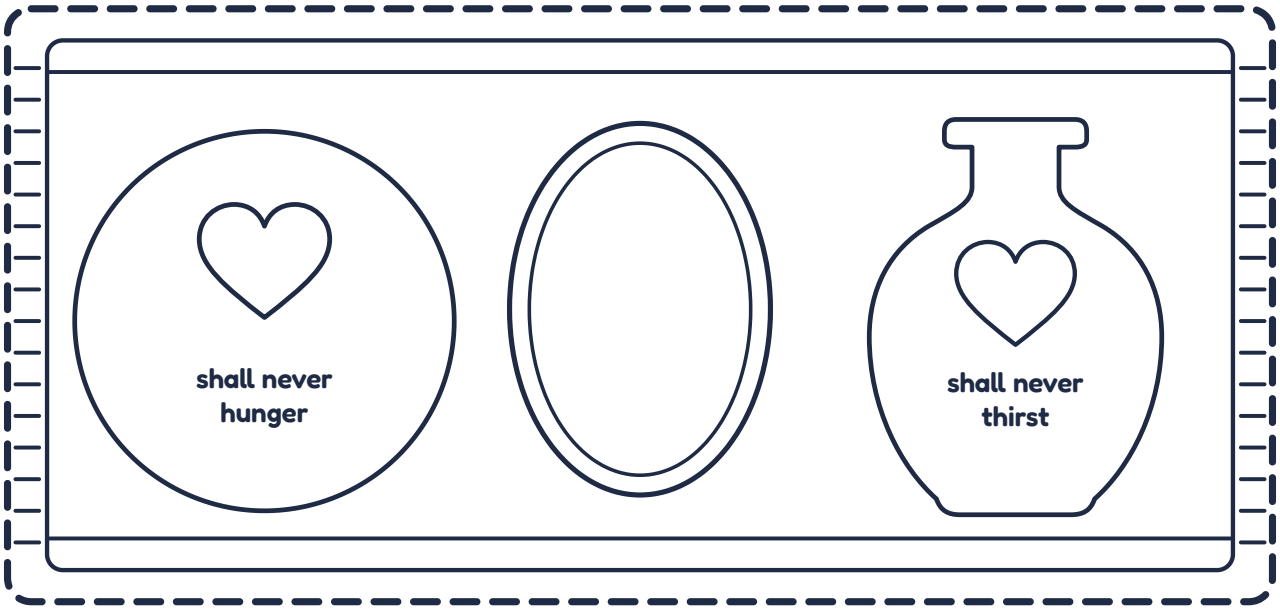
Harder

Both levels are a yellow woven mat with brown bands and fringe. On the left, a brown loaf of bread is a flap that lifts to show a red heart: "he that cometh to me shall never hunger." In the middle, an oval window holds the child's drawing of themselves coming to Jesus. On the right, an orange waterpot is a flap that lifts to show a second heart: "he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). Medium (left): the mat and the two flaps. Harder (right): the same, plus a light blue sky banner standing up above the mat, with a white cloud and yellow rays of light coming down, because the bread of God "cometh down from heaven" (6:33).

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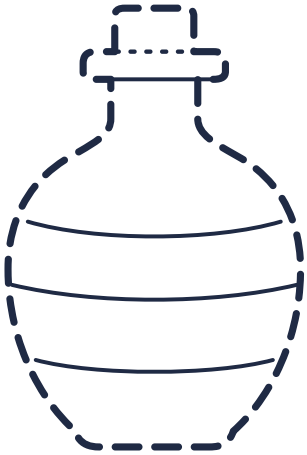
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



mat: color it yellow, and the two bands and the fringe brown. Hearts red.
Window: draw yourself coming to Jesus. Leave the rest white.



loaf flap: color it brown,
fold the tab back



waterpot flap: color it orange,
the three bands brown; fold the tab back

Glue each flap
by its tab only,
right above its
heart on the mat,
so it lifts up.

I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger;
and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

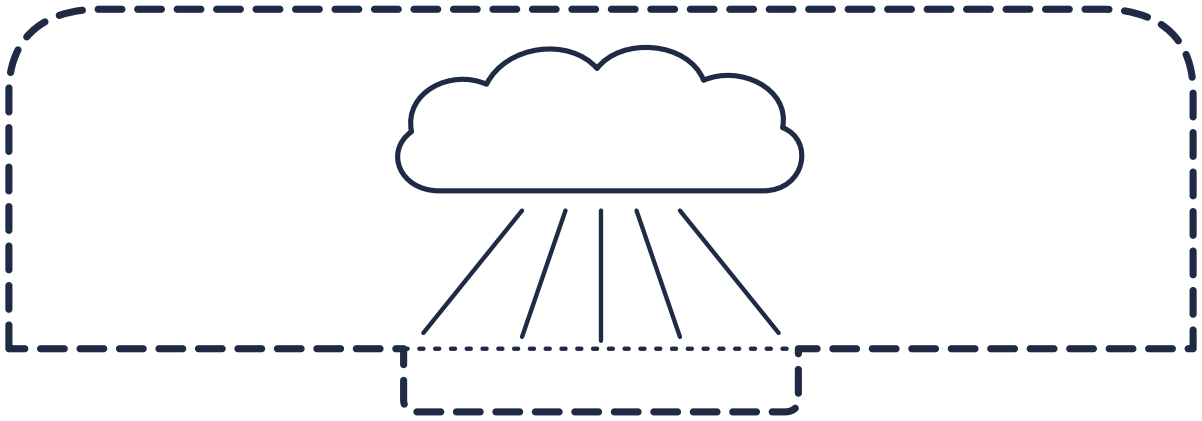
John 6:35 (KJV) · glue this strip on the back of the mat

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the mat, the loaf flap, the waterpot flap and the verse strip. You also need a glue stick.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



sky banner: sky light blue, cloud white, the five rays of light yellow.
Cut on the dashed line and fold the glue tab back on the dotted line.

How to make the harder level

1. Make the mat, the two flaps and the verse strip from page 2 first.
2. Color the sky banner light blue, leave the cloud white, and color the five rays of light yellow.
3. Cut out the banner on the dashed line, with its glue tab. Fold the tab back on the dotted line.
4. Turn the mat over. Glue the tab on the back of the mat at the top, in the middle, so the banner stands up above the mat with the cloud at the top.
5. Tell it: the people said, "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert" (John 6:31). Jesus said, "the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world" (6:33). Point to the rays coming down from the cloud, then lift the loaf: "I am the bread of life" (6:35).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/bread-of-life-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in yellow, brown, red and orange plus any colors for the drawing, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a light blue crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the mat, the two flaps and the verse strip ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the mat, the hearts and the flaps, and draw themselves in the window. Glue the two flaps on for them by their tabs, and the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut and glue the flaps. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the mat like the medium level, then add the sky banner from page 3 so it stands up above the mat (John 6:33). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the mat:** color the mat yellow, and the two bands and the fringe on the ends brown. Color the two hearts red. Leave the inside of the loaf circle and the inside of the waterpot outline white.
2. **Draw:** in the oval window, draw yourself coming to Jesus.
3. **Color the flaps:** color the loaf flap brown. Color the waterpot flap orange, with its three bands brown.
4. **Cut:** cut out the mat, the loaf flap, the waterpot flap and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Loaf:** fold the loaf flap's tab back on the dotted line. Glue only the tab on the mat just above the loaf circle, so the loaf covers the heart and lifts up.
6. **Waterpot:** fold the waterpot flap's tab back. Glue only the tab just above the waterpot outline, so the waterpot covers the heart and lifts up.
7. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the mat, and read it together.
8. **Tell it:** Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Point to your picture: "he that cometh to me." Lift the loaf: "shall never hunger." Lift the waterpot: "he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How did the people get to Capernaum to look for Jesus? *(They took shipping, in boats, John 6:24)*
- Why were they looking for Jesus? *(They did eat of the loaves and were filled, 6:26)*
- Point to the loaf. What kind of food did Jesus say not to labour for? *(The meat which perisheth, food that spoils, 6:27)*
- What is the work of God? *(To believe on him whom he hath sent, 6:29)*
- What bread did the fathers eat in the desert? *(Manna, 6:31)*
- Where does the bread of God come down from? *(From heaven, 6:33)*
- Point to your picture. What did Jesus say about the one who comes to Him? *(He shall never hunger, 6:35)*
- Lift the waterpot. What did Jesus say about the one who believes on Him? *(He shall never thirst, 6:35)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: took shipping** means got into boats; **Rabbi** means Master; **labour** means work hard; **meat** means food; **perisheth** means spoils and is gone; **endureth** means lasts; **manna** means the bread God sent from heaven in the desert (Exodus 16:15); **evermore** means always; **cometh** means comes; **believeth** means believes.
- **What the Bible says:** the people found Jesus in Capernaum and asked for bread (John 6:24–34), and Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (6:35). The passage doesn't describe a loaf, a mat or a waterpot. The round loaf, the waterpot, the woven mat, the hearts, the sky banner and the colors are the craft's simple picture of John 6:35: bread for "never hunger" and water for "never thirst."
- **Never hunger:** our tummies still get hungry, and God gives us food. Jesus meant the life He gives lasts forever (John 6:27).
- **No person is printed, and never Jesus:** the only person on the craft is the child's own drawing of themselves in the window.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the flaps on ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child lift each flap and say, "Jesus is the bread of life!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Bread of Life lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/bread-of-life.

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