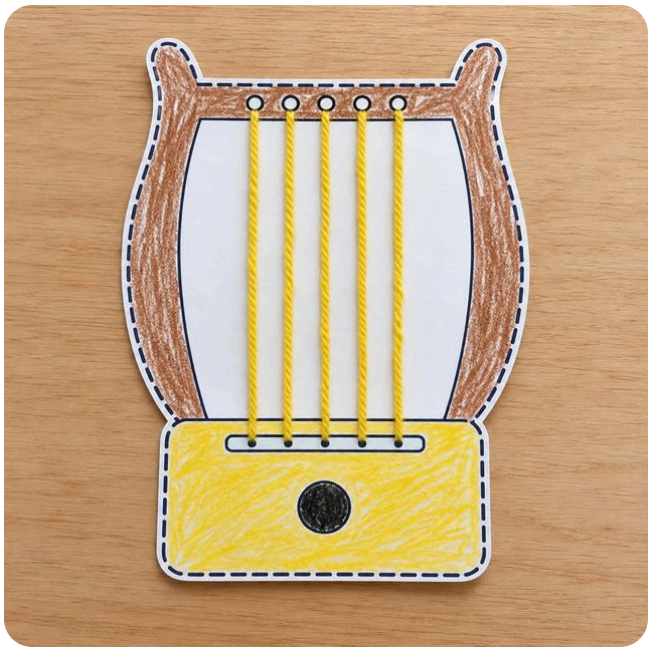
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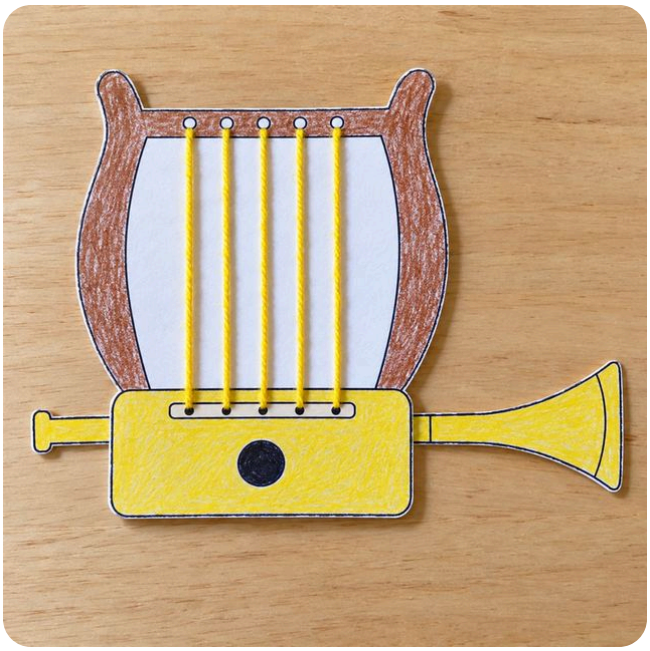
Jehoshaphat Craft

Praise the LORD · 2 Chronicles 20:1–30 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



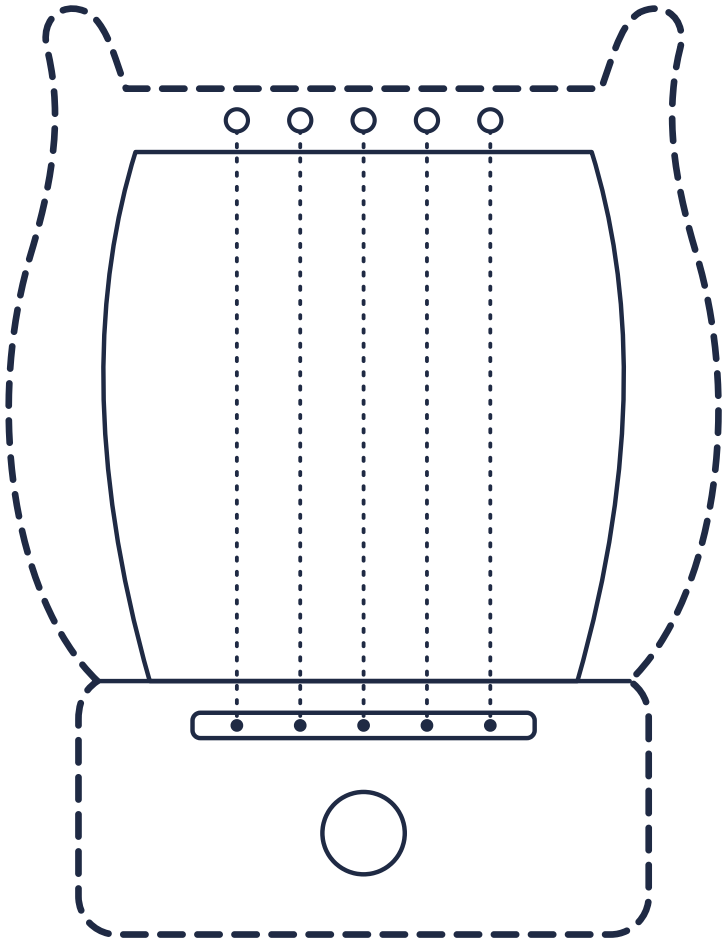
Harder

Both levels are a paper harp: two brown arms with a brown top bar, a yellow sound box with a round black hole, and five yellow yarn strings glued from the pegs at the top down to the bridge. When the singers went out before the army, they sang, "Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever" (2 Chronicles 20:21), and Judah came home "with psalteries and harps and trumpets" (20:28). Medium (left): the harp. Harder (right): the same harp with a yellow paper trumpet behind it, its bell sticking out on the right.

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



harp: arms and top bar brown, sound box yellow, round hole black. Leave the middle white.
Glue 1 yellow yarn string on each dotted line, from the peg at the top to the dot on the bridge.

And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2 Chronicles 20:15 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the harp, above the sound box

Color the harp the way its label says. Cut out the harp and the verse strip. You also need 5 pieces of yellow yarn and white glue.

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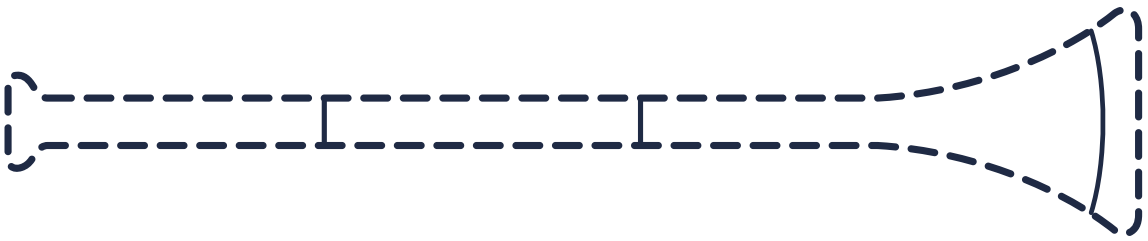
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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Trumpet (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



trumpet: color it all yellow

How to add the trumpet

1. Make the harp from page 2 first, with its 5 yarn strings and the verse strip on the back.
2. Color the whole trumpet yellow. Cut it out on the dashed lines.
3. Turn the harp over. Lay the trumpet straight across the back of the sound box, with the small mouthpiece end at the left edge of the sound box and the wide bell sticking out past the right side of the harp.
4. Glue the trumpet down to the back of the sound box with the glue stick. Turn the harp face up again.
5. Tell it: the singers went out before the army singing, "Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever" (2 Chronicles 20:21). God fought for Judah, and they came home to Jerusalem with joy, "with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD" (20:27–28).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/jehoshaphat-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), brown, yellow and black crayons or markers, 5 pieces of yellow yarn for each child (each about 3½ inches long), white school glue, glue sticks and scissors. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: cut the yarn. For preschoolers, also cut out the harp and the verse strip.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's harp and verse strip. Kids color the harp. You squeeze the glue lines, and they press the yarn strings down. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out and glue the strings themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the harp like the medium level. Then add the yellow trumpet from page 3 behind the sound box, because Judah came home "with psalteries and harps and trumpets" (2 Chronicles 20:28). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the two arms and the top bar brown, the sound box at the bottom yellow, and the round hole black. Leave the middle of the harp white.
2. **Cut:** cut out the harp and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Glue lines:** squeeze a thin line of white school glue along each of the 5 dotted lines, from the peg at the top to the dot on the bridge.
4. **Strings:** press one piece of yellow yarn on each glue line. Trim any yarn that hangs past the peg or the bridge.
5. **Verse:** when the glue is dry, turn the harp over and glue the verse strip on the back, above the sound box. Read it together.
6. **Play it:** run a finger across the strings and sing what the singers sang: "Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever" (2 Chronicles 20:21).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who came to fight against King Jehoshaphat? *(A great multitude: the children of Moab and Ammon and others, 2 Chronicles 20:1–2)*
- What did Jehoshaphat do first when he was afraid? *(He set himself to seek the LORD and proclaimed a fast, 20:3)*
- What did he pray? *("Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee," 20:12)*
- Whose battle was it? *("The battle is not yours, but God's," 20:15)*
- Who went out in front of the army? *(The singers, 20:21)*
- Run a finger across the strings. What did the singers sing? *("Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever," 20:21)*
- What did the LORD do when they began to sing and to praise? *(He set ambushments against the enemies, 20:22)*
- How did Judah come home to Jerusalem? *(With joy, with psalteries and harps and trumpets, 20:27–28)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **multitude** is a huge crowd; **seek the LORD** means go to God and ask Him; a **fast** is going without food for a time to pray; **mercy** is God's kindness; **endureth for ever** means it never ends; **ambushments** are surprise attacks; **psalteries** are stringed instruments.
- **What the Bible says:** the singers sang on the way out, and the harps and trumpets came on the way home (2 Chronicles 20:21, 20:28). The Bible does not say what the harps or trumpets looked like. The shapes and colors are the craft's simple picture of them.
- **No one is drawn on the template.** The craft is the harp that Judah praised God with.
- **Glue tips:** white school glue holds yarn best; let it dry flat for a few minutes before kids pick the harp up. If a string won't stay, press it again or add a small piece of tape on the back of the end.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and squeeze the glue lines yourself. Let every child "play" the harp and sing "Praise the LORD!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Jehoshaphat lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/jehoshaphat.

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