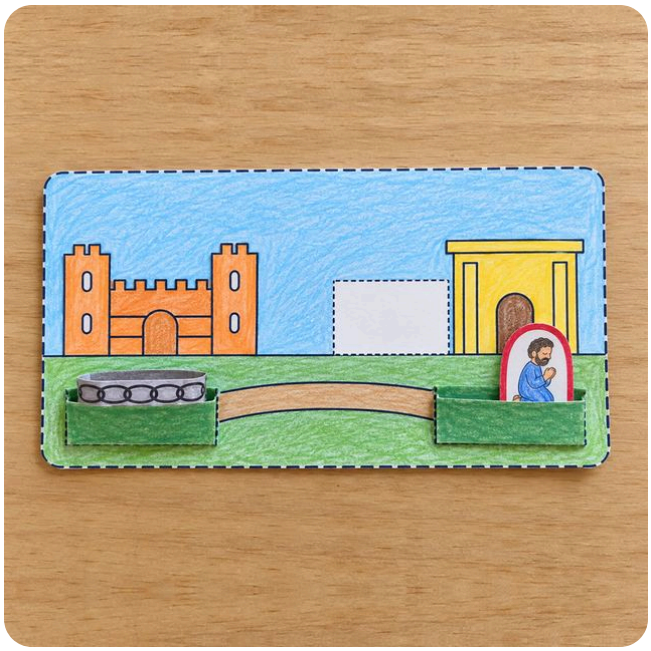
Preschool–Grade 5

King Manasseh Craft

Brought him again to Jerusalem · 2 Chronicles 33:1–20 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



Harder

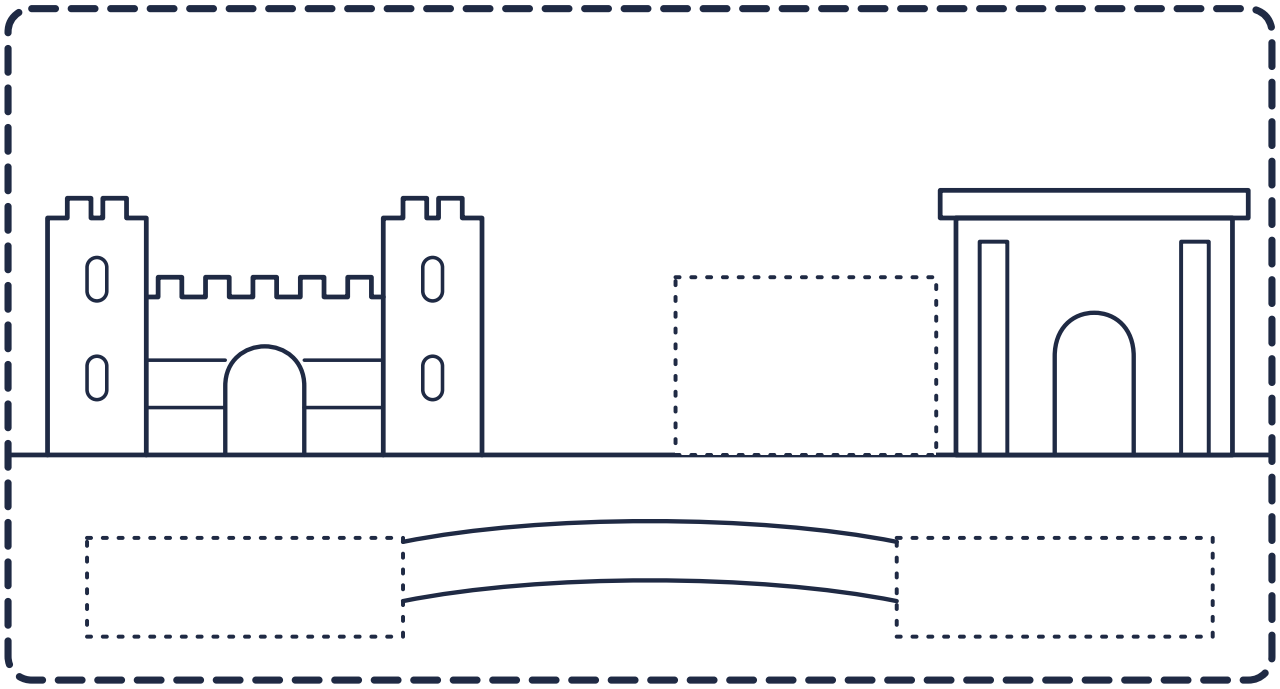
Both levels are a card with a light blue sky, the orange city of Babylon on the left, the yellow house of the LORD with a brown door on the right, green ground and a light brown road between two green pockets. Manasseh, drawn praying in his window, started in the Babylon pocket in gray paper fetters (2 Chronicles 33:11). The fetters are off and tucked in the Babylon pocket, and he is home in the Jerusalem pocket (33:13). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same with a gray stone altar beside the house of the LORD, repaired with two stones (33:16).

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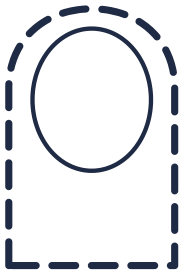
King Manasseh Craft (page 2)

Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, the city on the left (Babylon) orange, the house of the LORD yellow, its door brown, ground green, road light brown. Leave the three dotted spots white.



Manasseh: draw him praying; edge red



2 pockets: color them green; glue only the dotted edges



fetters: color them gray; glue the dotted end under the other end

And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

2 Chronicles 33:13 (KJV)

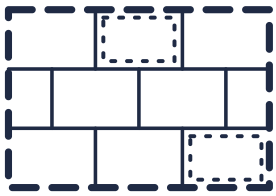
verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw Manasseh praying in his window. Cut out the card, the Manasseh piece, the two pockets, the fetters strip and the verse strip. Glue the pockets on the two dotted spots on the ground. The dotted spot beside the house of the LORD is only for the harder level.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



altar: color the stones gray; leave the 2 dotted spaces white



2 stones: color them gray

How to add the altar

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. Color the stones of the altar gray. Leave the two dotted spaces white. Color the two loose stones gray too. Cut out the altar and the two stones on the dashed lines.
3. Repair the altar: glue one loose stone on each dotted space, so the altar is whole again.
4. Glue the altar on the dotted spot on the card, beside the house of the LORD.
5. Tell it: after God brought him home, Manasseh took the idol out of the house of the LORD and cast it out of the city (2 Chronicles 33:15). "And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel" (33:16).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/manasseh-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 light blue, orange, yellow, brown, green, light brown, red and gray, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out all the pieces, glue the pockets on the card and make each fetters ring 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, glue the pockets on and make the fetters rings. Kids color, draw Manasseh praying and move him home. Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, glue the pockets and make the fetters ring. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card, then repair the altar from page 3 with its two missing stones and glue it beside the house of the LORD (2 Chronicles 33:16). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the city of Babylon on the left orange, the house of the LORD on the right yellow with a brown door, the ground green and the road light brown. Leave the dotted spots white.
2. **Color the pieces:** the two pockets green, the edge of the Manasseh piece red and the fetters gray.
3. **Draw:** in the window of the Manasseh piece, draw Manasseh on his knees, praying with his hands folded (2 Chronicles 33:12–13).
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the Manasseh piece, the two pockets and both strips on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue the pockets:** put glue on the back of each pocket along its left, right and bottom edges only. Press one pocket on the dotted spot under Babylon and the other on the dotted spot under the house of the LORD. Leave the tops open.
6. **Make the fetters:** wrap the gray strip around the Manasseh piece, below the window. Glue the dotted end under the other end to make a ring. Don't glue the ring to the piece, so it slides off.
7. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
8. **Tell it:** put Manasseh, in his fetters, in the Babylon pocket (33:11). He humbled himself and prayed (33:12–13): slide the fetters off and tuck them in the Babylon pocket. Then move him along the road into the Jerusalem pocket: God "brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom" (33:13).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How old was Manasseh when he began to reign? *(Twelve years old, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem, 2 Chronicles 33:1)*
- What did he put in the house of God? *(A carved image, the idol he had made, 33:7)*
- God spoke to Manasseh and his people. Did they listen? *(No, "they would not hearken," 33:10)*
- Point to the fetters. Who bound Manasseh, and where did they take him? *(The captains of the host of the king of Assyria; they carried him to Babylon, 33:11)*
- What did Manasseh do in his trouble? *(He besought the LORD his God, humbled himself greatly and prayed, 33:12–13)*
- Move him home. What did God do? *(He heard his supplication and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom, 33:13)*
- What did Manasseh know then? *("That the LORD he was God," 33:13)*
- What did he do when he got home? *(He took away the idol and cast it out of the city, and repaired the altar of the LORD, 33:15–16)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: reign** means rule as king; **hearken** means listen and obey; **captains of the host** means army officers; **fetters** means chains; **affliction** means great trouble; **besought** means begged; **humbled himself** means stopped being proud; **intreated of him** means God listened to his asking; **supplication** means a prayer asking for help; **repaired** means fixed.
- **What the Bible says:** the captains of the king of Assyria "bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon" (2 Chronicles 33:11), and God "brought him again to Jerusalem" (33:13). The Bible doesn't say when the fetters came off or what Babylon, the house of the LORD or the altar looked like. The cities, the road, the pockets, the altar and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** each child draws Manasseh praying in his window. No idol is drawn either: the idol was cast out of the city (33:15).
- **Keep it gentle:** name his sins briefly, the way the lesson does. 2 Chronicles 33:6 is left out on purpose; it is not for children.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything, glue the pockets on and make the fetters rings ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child slide off the fetters and bring Manasseh home.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Manasseh lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/manasseh.

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