Preschool–Grade 5

# Melchizedek Craft

Possessor of heaven and earth · Genesis 14:17–24 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

## What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



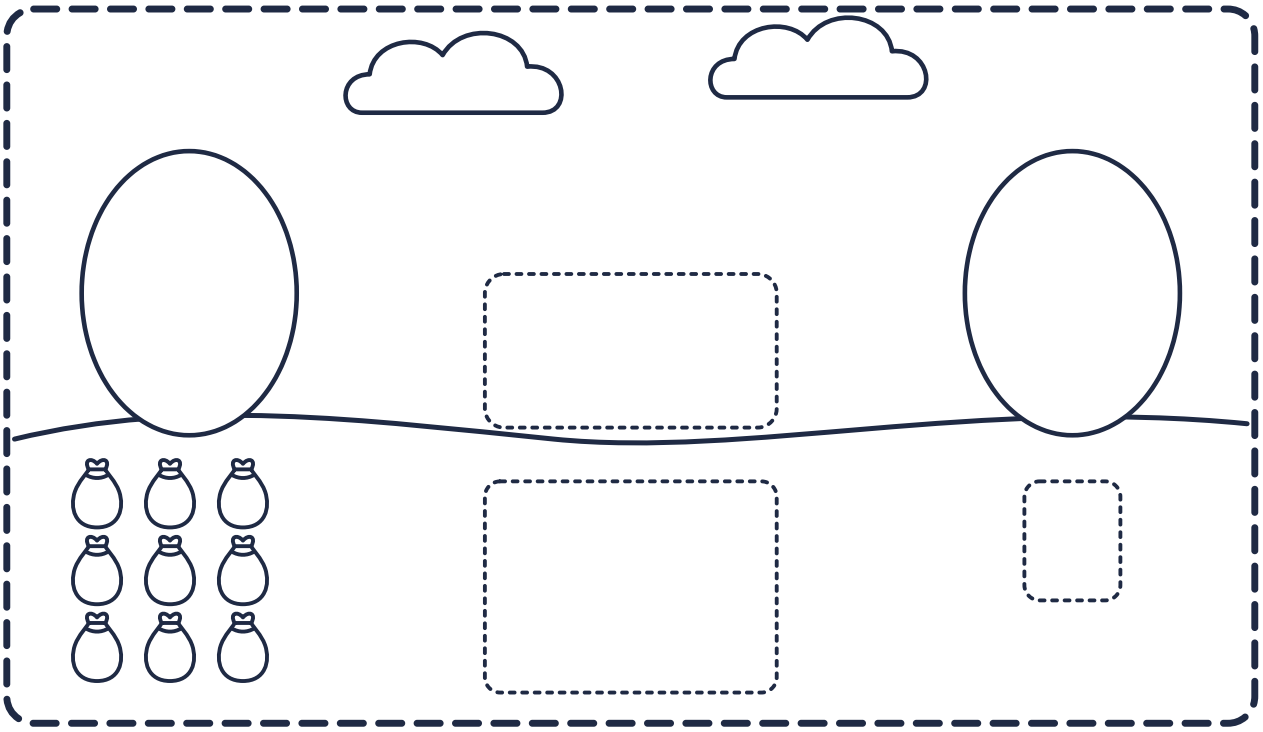
Harder

Both levels are a wide card: heaven above, a light blue sky with two white clouds, and the earth beneath, green ground, because God is "possessor of heaven and earth" (Genesis 14:19). Abram is drawn in the left window and Melchizedek in the right. Between them is the bread and wine Melchizedek "brought forth" (14:18): yellow loaves on a brown tray beside a gray jar. Nine brown sacks sit by Abram, and the tenth sack is glued under Melchizedek's window, because Abram "gave him tithes of all" (14:20). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same card with a brown paper sandal tied with a real yarn bow, for "from a thread even to a shoelatchet" (14:23).


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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, clouds white, ground green, the nine sacks brown. Leave the two windows white.



bread and wine: loaves yellow, tray brown, jar gray. Glue it on the dotted box between the two windows.

tithe sack: brown. Glue it on the dotted box under the right window.

**And he blessed him, and said,**
**Blessed be Abram of the most high God,**
**possessor of heaven and earth:**

Genesis 14:19 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Draw Abram in the left window and Melchizedek in the right window.
(the big dotted box is for the harder level)

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the bread and wine, the tithe sack and the verse strip. Glue the bread and wine between the windows and the tithe sack under the right window.

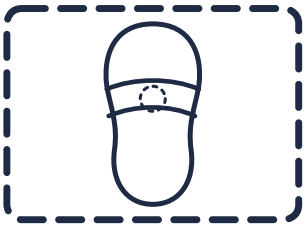


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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

# Sandal (harder level)



sandal and straps brown; tie the yarn in a bow and glue it on the dotted circle

## How to add the sandal

1. Make the card from page 2 first, with the bread and wine, the tithe sack and the verse strip on the back.
2. Color the sandal and its straps brown. Cut out the sandal on the dashed line.
3. Tie the yarn in a small bow. Put glue on the dotted circle on the sandal's strap and press the bow on it. That is the **shoelatchet**, the strap that ties a sandal.
4. Find the big dotted box under the bread and wine. Put glue on the back of the sandal and press it on the dotted box.
5. Tell it: the king of Sodom said, "take the goods to thyself" (Genesis 14:21). But Abram said he would not take "from a thread even to a shoelatchet," not even a thread or a sandal strap, "lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich" (14:23). Abram wanted everyone to know that God took care of him.



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## For the teacher

**See it finished:** a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/melchizedek-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), light blue, green, brown, yellow and gray crayons or markers (plus any colors for drawing people), scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a 6-inch piece of brown yarn for each child.
**Before class:** for preschoolers, cut out the card, the bread and wine, the tithe sack and the verse strip. For the harder level, cut the yarn.

## 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, draw Abram and Melchizedek, glue on the bread and wine, and count the nine sacks before they glue on the tenth. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the sandal from page 3 with a real yarn bow for the shoelatchet (Genesis 14:23). This is the craft in the second photo.

## Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the ground green and the nine sacks brown. Leave the clouds and the two windows white.
2. **Draw:** Abram in the left window and Melchizedek in the right window.
3. **Color the pieces:** the loaves yellow, the tray brown and the jar gray. Color the tithe sack brown.
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the bread and wine, the tithe sack and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Bread and wine:** glue it on the dotted box between the two windows (Genesis 14:18).
6. **The tithe:** count the sacks by Abram: nine. Glue the tithe sack on the dotted box under Melchizedek's window. Now count all ten! Abram gave one out of every ten (14:20).
7. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
8. **Tell it:** "Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God" (14:18). He blessed Abram and said God is "possessor of heaven and earth" (14:19): point up to heaven and down to the earth. "And he gave him tithes of all" (14:20).


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## Questions to ask while kids work

- Who did Abram bring back home? *(Lot, his brother's son, with his goods and the people, Genesis 14:12, 14:16)*
- Point to the right window. Who was Melchizedek? *(The king of Salem and "the priest of the most high God," 14:18)*
- Point to the tray and the jar. What did he bring forth? *(Bread and wine, 14:18)*
- What did Melchizedek say God owns? Point up, then down. *("Possessor of heaven and earth," 14:19)*
- Who gave Abram the win? *(God, "which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand," 14:20)*
- Count the sacks. How many did Abram give for every ten? *(One, a tenth: "he gave him tithes of all," 14:20; Hebrews 7:4)*
- Point to the sandal (harder level). What would Abram not take from the king of Sodom? *(Not "from a thread even to a shoelatchet," 14:23)*
- Why not? *(So the king could never say, "I have made Abram rich," 14:23)*

## Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: Salem** was Melchizedek's city; a **priest** served God and offered worship for the people; **blessed** means asked God to do good to him; **possessor** means owner; **tithes** means a tenth, one out of every ten; a **shoelatchet** is the strap that ties a sandal.
- **What the Bible says:** Genesis 14 says Melchizedek brought forth bread and wine (14:18), and Hebrews 7:4 says Abraham gave him "the tenth of the spoils." It does not say what the bread, the wine's container or the spoils looked like, or how many there were. The tray, the jar, the sacks, the clouds and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story. The nine sacks and the tenth show what a tenth is.
- **Who Melchizedek was:** Genesis tells us only that he was king of Salem and priest of the most high God (14:18). The Bible names no crown or special clothes for him, so kids can draw him as a man in a robe.
- **People are drawn by the children, never printed:** Abram and Melchizedek go in the two windows. Draw them as men with short hair (beards are fine) in long robes.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Count the sacks out loud together, one to ten.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Melchizedek lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/melchizedek.


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