Preschool–Grade 5

Priscilla and Aquila Craft

The tentmakers · Acts 18:1–4; 18:18–19; 18:24–26 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



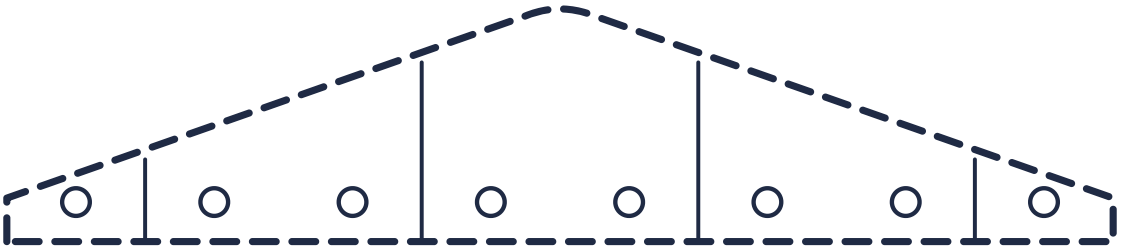
Harder

Both levels are a paper tent with a brown roof sewn onto a light brown wall with red yarn, because Paul, Aquila and Priscilla were tentmakers (Acts 18:3). In the blue door, Priscilla, Aquila and Paul work together. Medium (left): the sewn tent. Harder (right): the same, plus a purple window where Aquila and Priscilla teach Apollos, and a light yellow scroll with curled ends, because they expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly (18:24–26).

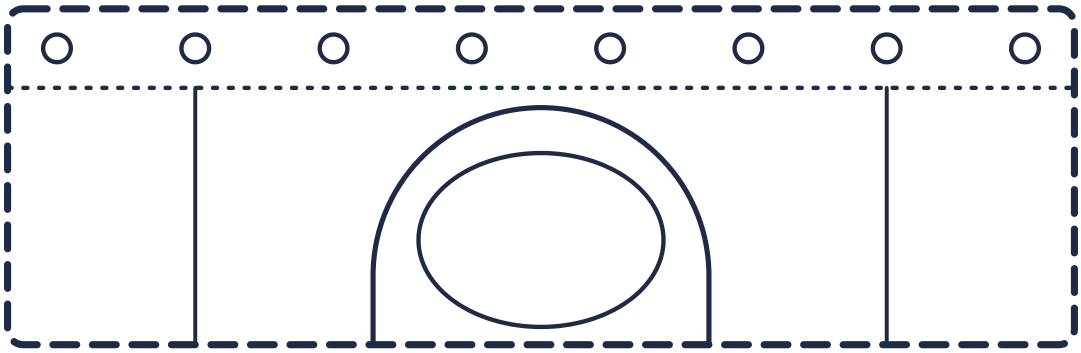
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



roof: brown. Punch a hole on each of the 8 circles.



wall: light brown, door blue. Draw Priscilla, Aquila and Paul in the window. Punch the 8 circles. The roof's bottom edge lines up on the dotted line.

And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Acts 18:26 (KJV)

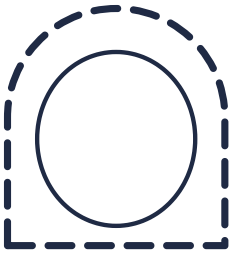
verse strip: glue it on the back of the wall

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw Priscilla, Aquila and Paul in the window. Cut out the roof, the wall and the verse strip, and punch the 16 circles. You also need a 24-inch piece of red yarn, tape and a glue stick.

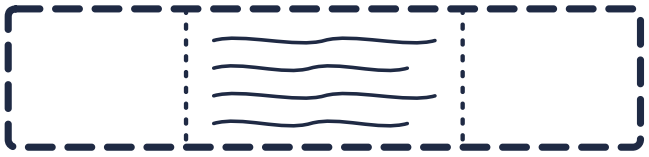
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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



Apollos window: draw Aquila, Priscilla and Apollos; frame purple



scroll: light yellow. Curl each end around a pencil, in to the dotted line.

How to make the harder level

1. Make the sewn tent and glue the verse strip on the back, from page 2, first.
2. Color the frame of the Apollos window purple. In the window, draw Aquila and Priscilla teaching Apollos (Acts 18:26).
3. Color the scroll light yellow. Cut out the window and the scroll.
4. Roll each end of the scroll tightly around a pencil, in to its dotted line, then slide the pencil out, so both ends stay curled like a scroll.
5. Glue the window on the wall to the left of the door. Glue only the flat middle of the scroll on the wall to the right of the door, so the curled ends stand up.
6. Tell it: at Ephesus, Apollos was "an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures" (Acts 18:24). Point to the window: Aquila and Priscilla "took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly" (18:26).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/priscilla-and-aquila-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 brown, light brown and blue, crayons for drawing Priscilla, Aquila and Paul, scissors, a hole punch, glue sticks, tape, and a 24-inch piece of red yarn for each child. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, purple and light yellow crayons and a pencil.
Before class: cut the yarn. Wrap tape tightly around one end of each piece to make a stiff "needle." For preschoolers, cut out the roof, the wall and the verse strip, and punch all 16 holes ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out and punch each child's pieces. Kids color the tent and draw the people. Hold the roof on the wall with a paper clip on each side while they sew in and out, then help them tape the yarn ends and glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, punch and sew. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the sewn tent like the medium level, then add the Apollos window and the curled scroll from page 3 (Acts 18:24–26). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the roof brown, the wall light brown and the door blue.
2. **Draw:** in the window in the door, draw Priscilla, Aquila and Paul working together as tentmakers (Acts 18:3).
3. **Cut and punch:** cut out the roof, the wall and the verse strip on the dashed lines. Punch a hole on each of the 8 circles on the roof and the 8 circles on the wall.
4. **Line up:** lay the roof over the top of the wall, so the roof's bottom edge sits on the wall's dotted line and the 8 holes line up.
5. **Sew:** tape the plain end of the yarn to the back of the wall by the first hole. Each roof hole sits on a wall hole. Push the needle up from the back through the first hole, down through the second, up through the third, and keep going in and out to the eighth hole. Tape the end on the back.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the wall, and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** Paul came to Corinth and found Aquila and his wife Priscilla. He was of the same craft, so he abode with them and wrought, "for by their occupation they were tentmakers" (Acts 18:2–3).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- What city did Paul come to? *(Corinth, Acts 18:1)*
- Who did Paul find there? *(A Jew named Aquila and his wife Priscilla, 18:2)*
- Point to the yarn. What was their occupation? *(They were tentmakers, 18:3)*
- Why did Paul stay with them? *(He was of the same craft, 18:3)*
- Where did Paul go every sabbath? *(To the synagogue, 18:4)*
- Where did Priscilla and Aquila go with Paul? *(They sailed with him, and he left them at Ephesus, 18:18–19)*
- Who spoke boldly in the synagogue at Ephesus? *(Apollos, 18:24–26)*
- (Harder level) Point to the scroll. What did they explain to Apollos? *(The way of God more perfectly, 18:26)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: craft** means kind of work; **abode** means stayed; **wrought** means worked; **occupation** means job; **synagogue** means the meeting place where the Jews read God's Word; **eloquent** means a very good speaker; **mighty in the scriptures** means he knew God's Word well; **expounded** means explained; **more perfectly** means more fully.
- **What the Bible says:** Aquila and Priscilla were tentmakers, and Paul worked with them in Corinth (Acts 18:2–3). The Bible doesn't say how they made tents or what their tents looked like. The yarn seam, the roof, the door, the scroll and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** each child draws the people in the windows. Priscilla is a woman with long hair and a long dress; Paul, Aquila and Apollos are men.
- **Sewing help:** a stiff taped end makes the yarn easy to push through. If the pieces slide, hold them together with two paper clips while kids sew.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut and pre-punch everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child hold up their tent and say, "We work together!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Priscilla and Aquila lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/priscilla-and-aquila.

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