Preschool–Grade 5

The Syrophoenician Woman Craft

Go thy way · Mark 7:24–30 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



Harder

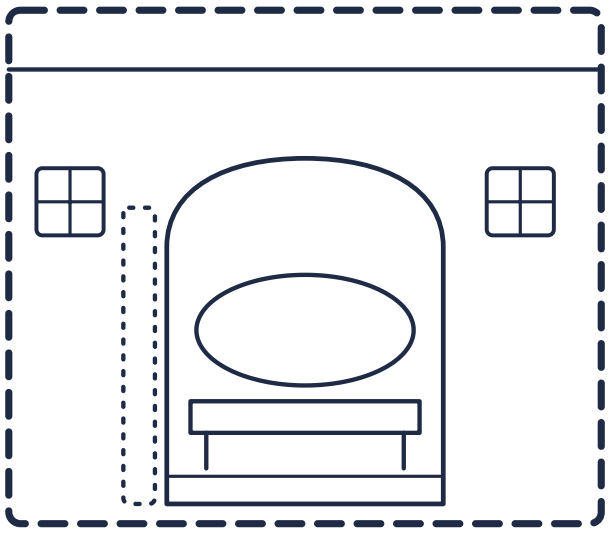
Both levels are a tan paper house with a brown door that opens. Inside the doorway is a bed, with a child's drawing of the daughter lying on it: "she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed" (Mark 7:30). Medium (left): the house with the door open. Harder (right): the same, with a table strip below it, a loaf on the table and crumbs under it (7:28).

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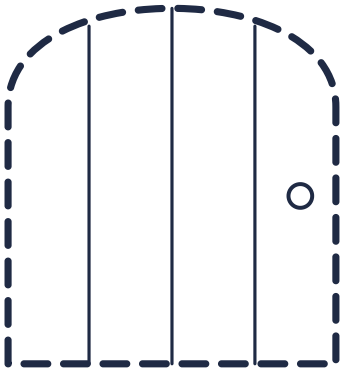
✂ Cut on the dashed lines

house: color it tan, and the bed brown
window above the bed: draw her daughter lying down



glue the left edge of the door
on the dotted strip beside the doorway

door: color it brown on both sides



The door covers the doorway.
Open it to see her daughter.

verse strip: glue it on the back of the house

And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way;
the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

Mark 7:29 (KJV)

Color the house tan, the bed brown and the door brown on both sides. Draw the daughter lying on the bed in the window. Cut out all three pieces. Glue the left edge of the door on the dotted strip. Glue the verse strip on the back.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Table strip (harder level)

Color it, cut on the dashed lines, and write on the back.

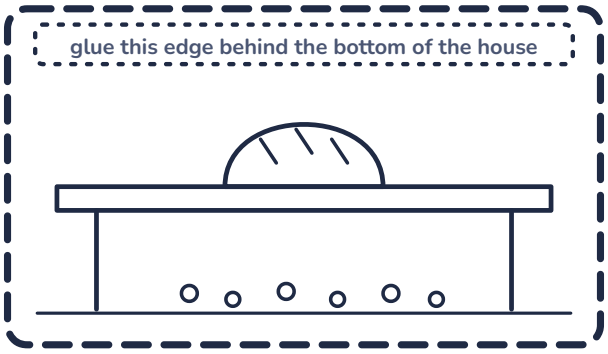


table: color it brown · loaf and crumbs: color them tan

How to make the table strip

1. Make the house and the door from page 2 first.
2. Color the table brown. Color the loaf of bread and the six crumbs under the table tan.
3. Cut out the strip on the dashed lines.
4. On the back, write "Yes, Lord," and under it one person or need you will keep asking Jesus about this week. She answered, "Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs" (Mark 7:28).
5. Put glue on the dotted edge at the top of the strip and press it behind the bottom of the house, so the table hangs below the house. Matthew says Jesus told her, "O woman, great is thy faith" (Matthew 15:28).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/the-syrophoenician-woman-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), tan and brown crayons or markers plus any colors for the drawing, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a pencil.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the house, the door and the verse strip ahead of time. Glue the door's left edge on the dotted strip and the verse strip on the back.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the door and the verse strip on. Kids color the house, the bed and the door, draw the little girl on the bed with your help, and open the door to show she was well.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, glue the door and tell the story with it. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the house like the medium level. Then add the table strip from page 3, with "Yes, Lord" and a prayer need written on the back. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the house tan and the bed brown. Color the door brown on both sides.
2. **Draw:** in the oval window above the bed, draw the woman's young daughter lying on the bed, resting, with long hair and a long dress.
3. **Cut:** cut out the house, the door and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Glue the door:** put glue only on the dotted strip beside the doorway. Press the left edge of the door on it, so the door covers the doorway and opens like a real door.
5. **Verse:** turn the house over and glue the verse strip on the back. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** the woman fell at Jesus' feet and besought Him to cast the devil out of her daughter (Mark 7:25–26). Jesus said, "For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter" (7:29). Open the door: she found her daughter laid upon the bed (7:30).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Where did Jesus go? *(Into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, Mark 7:24)*
- Could Jesus stay hidden? *(No, "he could not be hid," 7:24)*
- Who needed help? *(The woman's young daughter, 7:25)*
- What did the woman do when she came to Jesus? *(She fell at His feet and besought Him, 7:25–26)*
- What did she say about the crumbs? *("Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs," 7:28)*
- What did Jesus tell her? *("For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter," 7:29)*
- Open the door. What did she find at home? *(The devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed, 7:30)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** the **borders** of Tyre and Sidon means the land near those two cities; **besought** means begged; **cast forth** means drive out; **meet** means right; **for this saying** means because of what she said; **go thy way** means go home; **thy** means your.
- **What the Bible says:** Mark tells us she came to her house and found her daughter laid upon the bed (Mark 7:30). It doesn't describe the house, the bed or the table, so the shapes are only for the craft. The house is the woman's house, not the house Jesus entered (7:24).
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** kids draw only the daughter, lying on the bed, as a young girl with long hair in a long dress with long sleeves. Nothing about the unclean spirit is drawn.
- **The dogs saying:** read it just as the KJV gives it (Mark 7:27–28). Jesus was sent first to Israel (Matthew 15:24), and she humbly agreed and kept asking. No dogs are drawn on the craft.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the doors ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child open the door and say, "Jesus helped her!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Syrophoenician woman lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/the-syrophoenician-woman.

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