

THE PRESCHOOL CONNECTION

WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Faithfulness Necklace

Dyeing the Pasta

- Prepare the Bags: Place dry pasta into separate bags, one for each color.
- Add Coloring Solution: Add 1-2 tablespoons of rubbing alcohol or vinegar to each bag, then add a few drops of food coloring. The more drops, the more vibrant the color!
- Shake & Soak: Seal the bags and shake until the pasta is evenly coated. Let it sit for about 5-10 minutes to absorb the color.
- Dry the Noodles: Spread the colored pasta on paper towels and allow them to dry completely. This usually takes a few hours.



Stringing the Necklace

- Cut a piece of yarn to the desired necklace length.
- Tape one end of the yarn to the table and wrap tape around the tip of the other end to make threading easier.
- Let your children thread the pasta onto the string. With each noodle talk about the ways God is faithful to each of us and why it is important for us to be faithful to him.
- Once finished, tie the ends together to complete the necklace.



Scripture: Proverbs 3:3

Don't let loyalty and faithfulness leave you. Bind them on your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

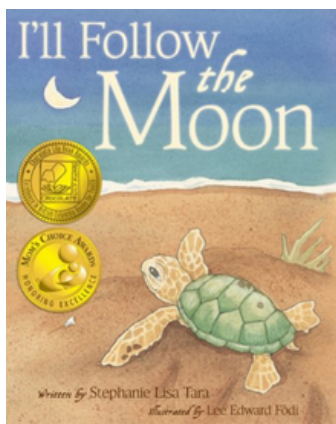
Celebrate Earth Day



Recycled Box Puzzles

Supplies: contact paper, tape, recyclables (boxes are best)
Set the activity up by cutting a few boxes into simple puzzles. Determine how many pieces seem about right for students. Then place the contact paper (sticky side up) on the table and taped it down. That's it—we were ready to go!

Living Faithfully



On Maundy Thursday, we celebrate Christ's new covenant with us and the holy meal he shared with his disciples. We are reminded that after the meal was finished, Christ got down on his hands and knees to wash his disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another. In *Room for Everyone*, young Musa is reminded of the expansiveness and inclusiveness of God's love and our call to share that love with others. As Musa and his father make their way to the beach, they come across countless people in need of a ride and the driver always stops to pick them up. Each time, Musa is convinced that there could not possibly be room for more, but his father reminds him that there is always room for everyone. With an abundance of new friends in tow, Musa and his father arrive at the beach to enjoy their day all together. Like Musa, we are reminded that the communion table does not belong to us, but to Jesus Christ, and there is always enough room for everyone! Our new commandment to love one another as Christ loves us means that we always stop to pick up new friends who need a ride. This is what it looks like to faithfully follow Christ!

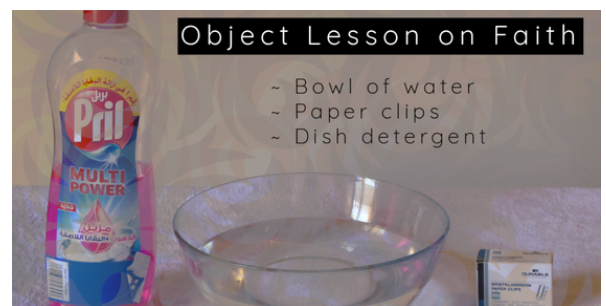
In Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25, he puts a choice to the people of Israel: who will they serve as their God? Who will be their guide through the coming years? Who will they follow? It's an important decision, and there is no turning back. They must go forward with their choice. And so the Israelites look back at the faithfulness God has shown them, how God has always been with them, how God has always been their guide, and they make their choice. They know what is right, and that is to follow God. In the same way, the little sea turtle hatchling in *I'll Follow The Moon* has to figure out where he will go, how to get to his mother. But he reiterates "I'll follow the moon", because he knows what is right for him, what is his guide. He does, and is led to his mother. The Israelites choose to serve God and follow God's leading and are taken where they are supposed to go—the promised land.

Encourage families to explore faithfulness at home. Pack a breakfast picnic and head out side to explore all the ways that God is faithful and talk about how we are faithful too!

If you have ideas that would be helpful for other preschool staff members or are looking for more resources on a specific topic, please email us and we will include your ideas in future editions of *The Preschool Connection*.

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Faithfulness in Science



[Faithfulness Experiment video](#)

Faithfulness at Home

