

CRAFTING FAITH

# 101 CRAFTS to Help Kids Grow in Their Faith





# Calm/Stormy Sea Picture

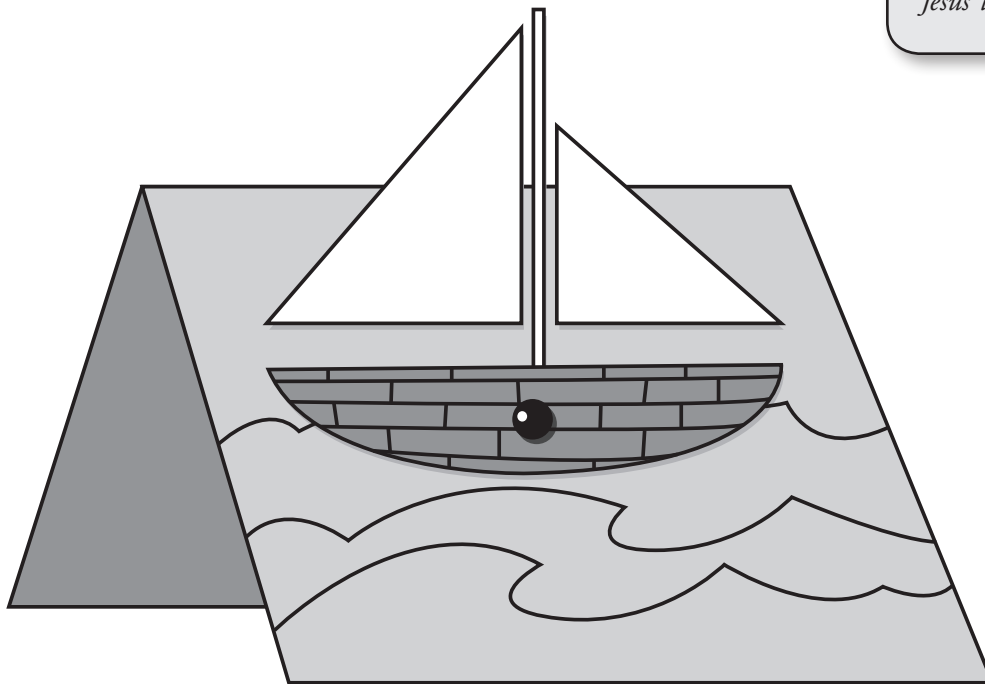
Grades 1-4

## Materials:

White paper	Crayons or markers
Light blue construction paper	Scissors
Paper fastener	Pencils

## FAITH CONNECTION

*Begin this project by reading the story of Jesus calming the storm, Matthew 8:23–27, or by telling the story in your own words, stressing Jesus' teaching on faith.*



## Directions:

1. Have the students cut out a picture of a boat from the white paper.
2. Give each student a piece of blue construction paper with a line drawn across the center. Have the students draw a calm lake on the top half of the paper.
3. Have the students turn the paper upside down and draw a stormy lake on the bottom half of the paper.
4. Color the background (lakes) and the boat.
5. With a paper fastener, fasten the boat to the background on the line drawn through the center of the paper. The background can be moved so that the boat will have first a stormy background and then a calm background.



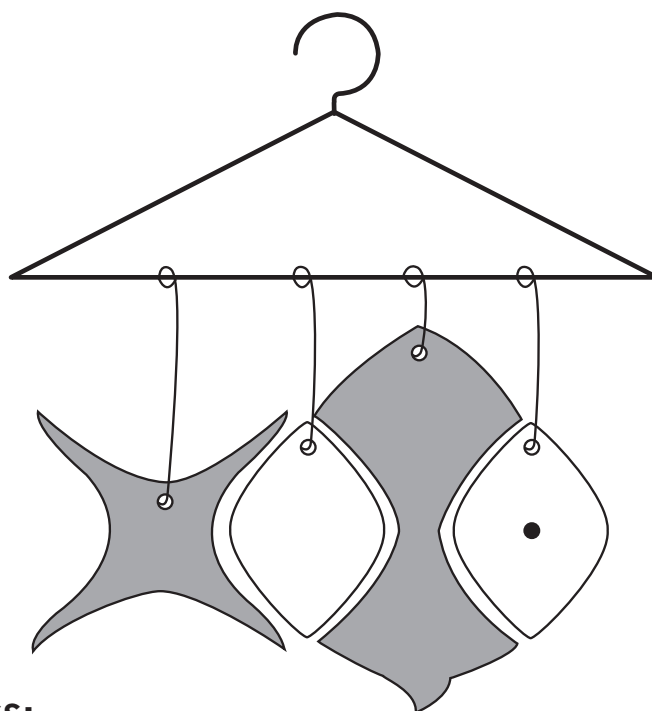
# Fish Mobile

Grades 1-8

## Materials:

Green and purple poster board	Poster board in a third contrasting color
Wire or thread for mobile	Glue
Coat hanger	Patterns

You will need aides for grades 1 and 2.



## FAITH CONNECTION

*One of the earliest symbols used by Christians to represent Jesus Christ was the fish. It was a secret sign for early believers to identify themselves to each other because they were publicly persecuted for their belief in Jesus. Explain to the students that the Greek word for fish, **ichthus**, is formed by the first letters of the words **Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior**.*

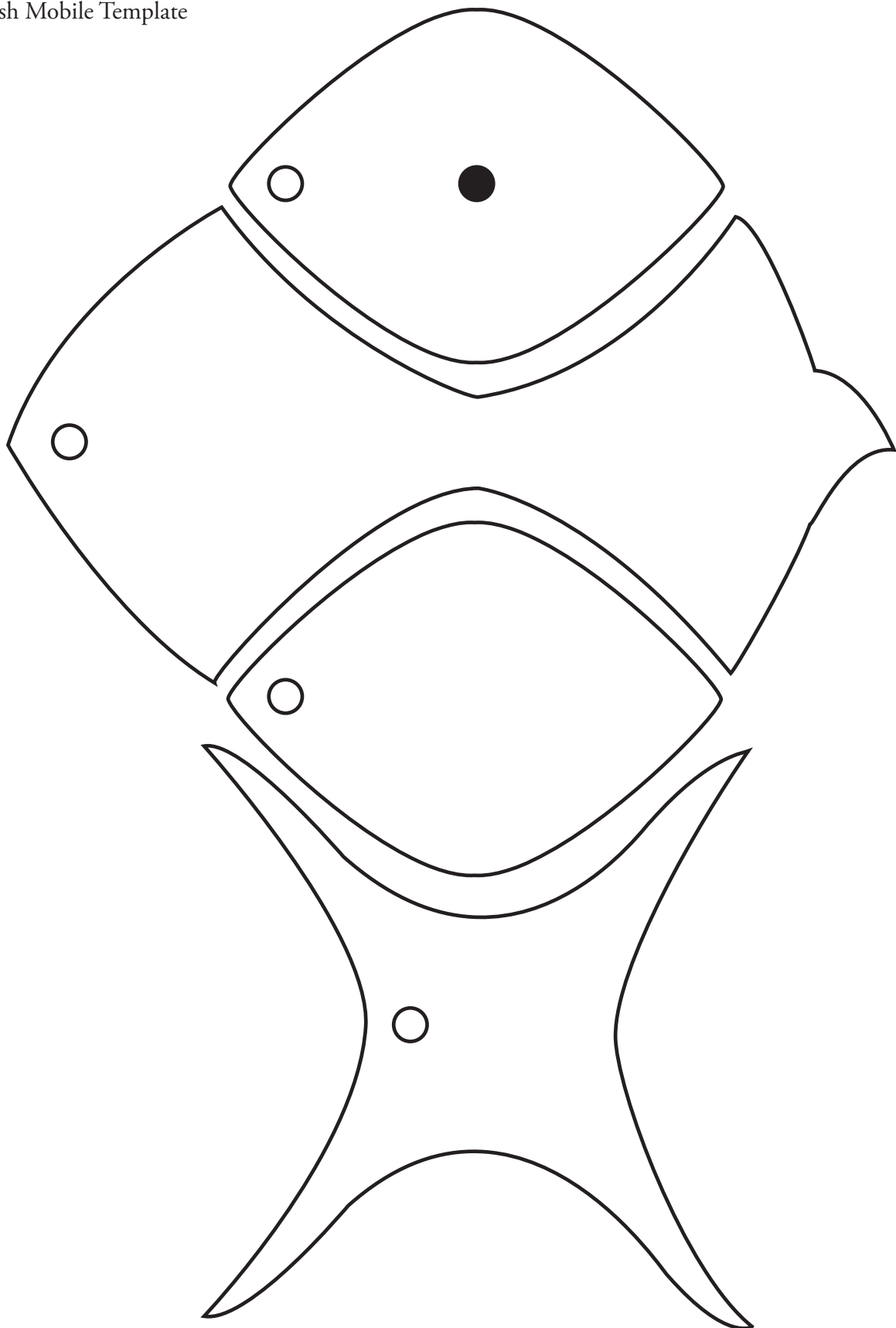
## Before Class:

Make up an ample amount of fish segment patterns. For the younger students, trace the segments on the cardboard.

## Directions:

1. Trace the fish segment patterns on a piece of green poster board and a piece of contrasting colored poster board.
2. Cut out each segment individually. Glue the identical pieces of each color together so each piece is green on one side and the contrasting color on the other side.
3. Cut out scales in purple poster board and glue onto the green posterboard.
4. Attach each segment to a length of thread or wire. Attach all four fish segments to a coat hanger for hanging.

## Fish Mobile Template





# He Is Risen: An Empty Egg

Grades 1-8

## Materials:

Two paper plates	Scissors
Crayons	Paper fastener

## FAITH CONNECTION

*Bible Story: The Easter Story (Luke 24:1–8)*

*Read or summarize the story of Jesus' Resurrection from Luke 24:1–8.*



## Directions:

1. Use light-colored crayons to decorate the outside of one plate to look like an Easter egg.
2. Cut the first plate in half. Fasten the sides to the bottom center of the second plate with a paper fastener as shown.
4. Open up the egg and write "He Is Risen" on the bottom plate.
5. Show your Easter egg to others to tell the message of the angel on that first Easter morning.

## Suggestions:

1. If you wish, decorate the outside of the bottom plate too.
2. Use stickers or markers to decorate your egg.
3. Wet the plate with water, then put colored bits of tissue paper over it. Remove the tissue when dry.
4. Glue on pieces of colored tissue paper with a mixture of water and white glue.



# Butterfly Prayer

Grades 1-8

## Materials:

Unlined paper	Pens, pencils, or markers
Ruler	



## FAITH CONNECTION

*Children should be encouraged to pray to God in their own words. One interesting way to teach spontaneous prayer at Easter time is with the following butterfly prayer activity.*

## Before Class:

Draw an outline of a butterfly width-wise to cover an entire unlined standard size sheet of paper. Inside the butterfly draw horizontal lines using a pen and ruler. On the top line print the words "My Easter Prayer." You now have a sheet of butterfly stationery! Duplicate one sheet for each student in the class.

## Directions:

1. Ask the students to write short, individual, Easter-themed prayers on their butterfly stationery. Also, tell the children to sign their names. A butterfly prayer turns out like this:

### My Easter Prayer

Hi God!

Thank you for Jesus.

I like Easter and spring.

Alleluia.

Love, Kelly

2. When the students are finished, call on volunteers to share their prayers with the class.
3. The butterfly prayers can be used as an offering at a prayer service or taken home to be shared with parents.

## Butterfly Prayer Template

