

Helpful Hints about Craft

Some Pointers in Running Craft

1. 3/4 to 1 hour usually adequate
2. Have something practical for them to complete. Little ones will need a lot of help, but don't be afraid to help the children. We are not teaching children skills, we are building up relationships.
3. Plan ahead so that you have four articles being made every month. Everyone gets a turn and you move on to four different articles next month. A few favourites can be repeated.
4. See that if implements and tools are in short supply, all children have a fair turn at using them. That is why most of our articles are designed to use pegs or pre-cut wood or curtain materials etc. so that all is required is glue and scissors.
5. Make some provision for the paying for craft materials used. For a 3 hour club \$4.00 child will cover the meal and craft. Usually parents donate generously if you keep your quality high.

6. Have your materials ready before the Club meets so that work may commence smoothly without leaders frantically preparing while children stand around impatiently. That is why craft packs are prepacked by Children for Christ.

7. The leaders must have tried the particular craft before-hand so that they are familiar with it and know how difficult it is. They will also know the steps to take and the order in which things are done. Children respect a leader if he or she knows what they're doing.

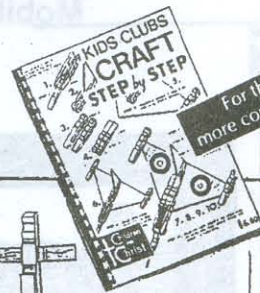
8. Don't let members skip through or skimp their work. Work at it so every child in your group will have something beautiful to take home. To you it might not be much, but to a child's imagination it is wonderful. Be generous with your praise.

9. Don't forget to show off the craftwork:

- a) at the end of the craft night
- b) Show the parents when they collect the children. This builds up a relationship with the parents too.
- c) Have an occasional 'exhibition' so that parents and members of the congregation can see what the children have done.

10. Don't forget to have some children help you tidy up after the craft work. They are used to doing this at school.

Peg Craft (difficult)



For the 50 more complex craft

Kid's Club Craft
Step-by-Step
Price: \$6.80

The Book for your craft needs

