

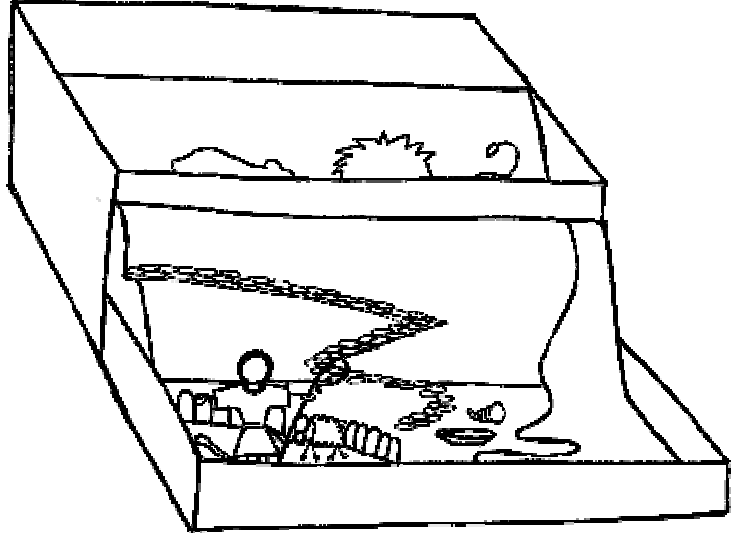
The 23rd Psalm Playbox

Description and Supply List

During this course the children make their own 23rd Psalm Playbox, making one new part with each lesson. By the end of the course they will have a toy they can play with while reciting the psalm.

Supplies needed per box:

- 1 'photo album' type box for each child and a sample for the teacher. These boxes are about 8" by 11½" by 5" and are found in a general craft store
- 1 3½" 'old fashioned' type wooden clothespin with a flat top
- 1 1¼" by ¾" wooded spool
- 2 1" wooden balls
- 1 small brown pompom (for sheep's tail)
- 1 flesh colored pipe cleaner
- 1 rust colored pipe cleaner
- 2 dark brown pipe cleaners
- 1 5" by 8" scrap fabric for shepherd's robe
- 1 1¼" by 3¼" sheep skin fake fur
- 2 bricks 'wet foam' for floral arrangements (8¼ by 3 • by 2 •).
- 1 piece dark green felt, 11" by 14" (you may wish to buy both the green and brown felt in yardage in a fabric store)
- 1 piece dark brown felt, 11" by 14"
- 1 piece blue art foam (you can use felt if desired), 6" by 13"
- 11 small pop sickle sticks, 2½" long
- 1 wooden 'cutout' lion
- 1 wooden 'cutout' bear
- 3-4 dozen small aquarium rocks (about ½" in diameter)
- modeling clay in earthy colors
- 1 piece yarn, approximately 48" long (beige, the color of a ram's horn)
- 1 piece yarn, approximately 12" long (to match shepherd's robe)
- an empty toilet paper roll
- clear acrylic spray paint
- wood glue
- Elmer's glue
- Glue gun and glue
- Water paints and brushes
- Scissors
- Colored felt pens or crayons



There are a few other things you will need, like a corner of a baggie, masking tape, pins, etc. The instructions for each part of the playbox are with the lessons.

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When the playbox is finished, the lid has become the base and the main part of the box is the top. All the pieces fit inside. When being played with, lay the lid open next to the main part of the box. The 'hill' will lead up into the mountains with the dark valley.

Lesson 1: The Lord is my shepherd.

Hand out the boxes and have the children write their names on the top of the lid, which will become the top of the playbox, since the box will be used 'upside down'.

Make the shepherd

Lesson 2: I shall not want

Make the sheep

Lesson 3: He makes me to lie down in green pastures

Make the 'hill' in the lid and cover it with green felt = the green pastures

Lesson 4: He leads me beside the still waters

Add the mountain stream coming down from the hills, making a pool of still waters

Lesson 5: He restores my soul

Paint the outside of the playbox

Lesson 6: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake

'Cut' a ledge into the side of your hill. Glue the small stones on it making a path from the lower green pastures into the high mountain country.

Lesson 7: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

In the main part of the box make the 'mountains' with the dark valley in between. Cover it all with brown felt.

Lesson 8: I will fear no evil for You are with me

With the felt markers, color the two 'evil guys' – the lion and the bear wooden cutouts

Lesson 9: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me

Make the rod and staff with a rust pipe cleaner and a dark brown pipe cleaner

Lesson 10: You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies

Make a clay bowl with the modeling clay

Lesson 11: You have anointed my head with oil, my cup is overflowing

Make a 'ram's horn' (for pouring oil) on the end of a toilet paper roll with the beige yarn

Lesson 12: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

This is a catch up lesson for anyone who is missing parts of their playbox

Lesson 13: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Make a sheepfold with small pop sickle sticks

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Craft supply sources:

Most of the craft supplies can be purchased at any regular craft store, such as Michaels, Beverly's, even the craft department at Walmart.

For large volumes:

For wood products, see Woodworks, Ltd., www.craftparts.com

For modeling clay, see www.Shoplet.com

For pipe cleaners, see www.CreateForLess.com

For other supplies, see www.orientaltrading.com