

# Crafts

Title: "First Fruits Basket Craft"

Materials List:

- Small paper plates
- Brown construction paper
- Craft straw or shredded paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Colored craft paper in various colors
- Stickers (optional)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Basket Base:

- Give each student a small paper plate. Have them fold it in half to create a semi-circle, which will serve as the basket base.

2. Create the Basket Look:

- Provide brown construction paper and scissors, and instruct students to cut strips about 1 inch wide.
- These strips will be glued across the folded paper plate to mimic the woven look of a basket. Help students with applying glue and layering strips horizontally and then vertically over the folds to create a basket pattern.

3. Add the 'First Fruits':

- Using colored craft paper, students will trace and cut out various fruit shapes (apples, grapes, bananas, etc.). You can provide templates or guides for this step if needed.
- Once the fruits are cut out, students can decorate them using markers or crayons to add details such as leaves, stems, or textures.

4. Assemble the Basket:

- Students can line the inside of the basket with craft straw or shredded paper to represent the bedding.
- Help students glue the fruits onto the shredded paper inside the basket.

5. Personalize and Decorate:

- Allow students to add any personal touches with markers, such as writing "Thankful" or their name on the basket's edge.
- Optional: Provide stickers for further decoration.

6. Finishing Touches:

- Secure all elements by firmly pressing down on any elements that need a stronger bond and allow some time for the glue to dry.

How the Activity Reinforces the Lesson:

The craft of creating a 'First Fruits Basket' allows students to connect physically with the idea of

offering firstfruits to the Lord, as described in Deuteronomy 26. This tangible activity helps solidify understanding by illustrating gratitude and the offering of our best to God. The process of creating and assembling their basket of firstfruits encourages discussions about thankfulness, the importance of giving, and recognising the blessings received. Through decorating and personalizing, students express their gratitude creatively, aligning with the spirit of the passage.