

Mothering Matters

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Children's crafts for some Christmas fun *with the whole family*

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Family Crafts from About.com

Apple Cinnamon Ornament Craft

Materials Needed:

- Applesauce
- Cinnamon
- Cookie Cutters
- Straw
- Ribbon



Instructions:

Mix pretty much equal parts of the applesauce and the cinnamon until you get it to be a nice clay consistency. Roll the dough out on wax paper until it is 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Use the cookie cutters to cut out holiday shapes. With the straw, poke a small hole towards the top of the shape. Put the shapes in a warm

spot to dry. This takes a few days. Once your sweet-smelling ornaments are dry, you can string an eight to ten-inch piece of ribbon through the hole you made with the straw and hang it up on your tree.

Ice Cream Cone Ornament Craft

Materials Needed:

- Cake or Sugar ice cream cones
- Solid color Ball Ornaments big enough to sit on the cones
- White acrylic paint that you can drizzle
- Tiny glass beads
- Glue or hot glue
- Spray acrylic
- Ribbon for hanging



Instructions:

Holding the cone by the base, place glue all along the inside rim of the cone. Have the child place the ball ornament on the cone with the hanging part straight up.

When that is dry (that's why hot glue works great), either you or the child can drizzle some white paint on the top of the ball.

While it is still wet, have the child sprinkle glass beads on for 'sprinkles.' Let it dry overnight. Use a sharpie to write the child's name and year on the base.

Lightly spray the cone part with acrylic (don't get too close with the acrylic can while you are spraying or it may melt the cone) to seal it. Tie a colorful ribbon through the loop and you're ready to give these as gifts or hang.

Help Wanted

Fun, rewarding position available on a high-energy team *(just the job you've been looking for!)*

Hospitality Steering Team Leader

Mothers of preschoolers are often used to putting the needs of their children before their own, and rarely take the time to nurture themselves. The Hospitality Team sets the tone and offers a pleasant and sustaining environment where the felt needs of a mother are met.

The overall goal of MOPS Hospitality is to create a warm, safe, comfortable, and inviting place where a woman can feel accepted among friends by:

Creating an atmosphere of welcome as women arrive. Reaching out between MOPS meetings to women and their families, and sharing the truth of Jesus through lifestyle evangelism.

Moppets Steering Team Leader

Mothers care deeply about their children. They'll instinctively look to meet their child's needs before thinking about their own. A mom needs assurance about her child's well being and happiness before she can get the most of her time in MOPS. The MOPPETS ministry contributes to meeting the needs of children, as well as the needs of their moms. MOPPETS' quality care and biblical teaching impact the entire family. The MOPPETS ministry provides a caring atmosphere for children which provides loving, quality care for each child and teaches the Bible.

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Please contact your steering team leaders if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer to be on a committee.

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Bible Verse *God's Word*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trial of many kinds. James 1:2

From Naked Fruit by Elisa Morgan (pg.67-68)

"Joy is confidence in God's grace, despite the circumstances—despite what happens. Joy is the ability to hold up because we know we are being held up. Joy is the conviction that God is in control of every detail of our lives even when those details appear to be out of control.

Joy comes on a Christmas morning spent with unfavorable relatives who gripe about their gifts. It boldly turns it's gaze to the reason behind the celebration and, remembering this, inhales with deep confidence."

Coffee delights the senses

One of several fundraisers that we will do this MOPS year to support the costs of our program is *selling coffee*. This is a great gift idea right before the holidays...everyone loves the things that keep them warm during the winter months. Coffee is a favorite for most. Please consider buying a few bags—for your family, for gifts, and to help support the MOPS ministry. Thanks!

Kindness Wanted

You can help Mothers of Preschoolers by donating supplies to our MOPPETS program!

♥ Packages or refills of wipes for nurseries — non-scented (Equate brand: Wal-Mart) Any art or craft supply that is used often and runs out quickly like glue sticks, crayons, etc. ♥ Ritz crackers ♥ Nilla wafers ♥ Animal crackers

Check it out!

This month's featured web site is found at www.crosswalk.com/family and we think you may enjoy the information about building faith-filled families that can be found on its pages. The topic areas included are: faith, family, fun, community, news and shopping

Giving Thanks *Yummy!*

A big thanks to the discussion group leaders for decorating each table beautifully for today's festive brunch. A special thank you to Marci Bistodeau and Tiffany Hays for planning and coordinating the meal. Thank you!

New Babies *God's Precious Gifts*

Benjamin Gregory DeVries
November 22nd
9 lbs. 14 oz.
Mom: Corie DeVries



Ryley Jean Edwards
December 2nd
7 lbs. 11 oz.
Mom: Susie Edwards

Happy Birthday, Mom!



December Birthdays

Becky Lambert	4th
Carolyn Lincoln	10th
Kate Champion	14th



clip and save

Cranberry Waldorf Salad

- 1 3oz. pkg raspberry gelatin
- 1 c. boiling water
- 1/4 c. cold water
- 1 16oz can cranberry sauce (whole berry or jellied)
- 1 c. mini marshmallows
- 1 c. diced apples (unpeeled)
- 1 c. diced celery
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in cold water and cranberry sauce; blend thoroughly. When partially set, stir in marshmallows, apples, celery, and nuts. Chill.

by Dana Fletcher in the MOPS Fruit cookbook

