



## CRAFT

### Words of Praise Chimes

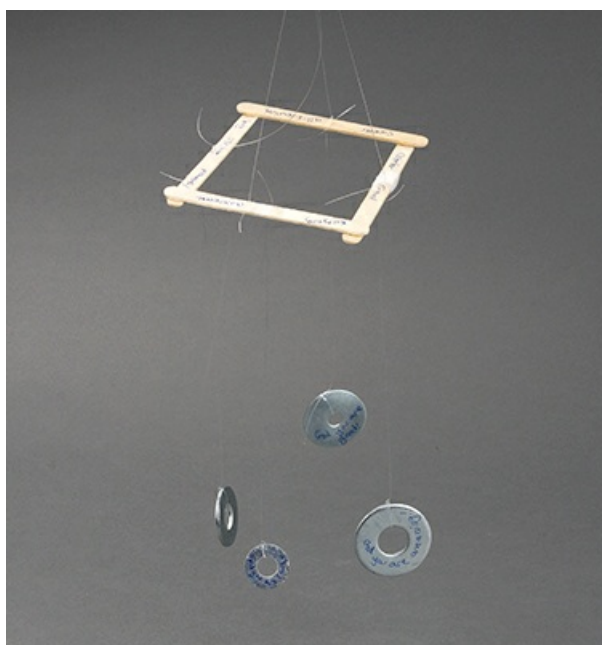
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#### Supplies

- craft sticks (4 per child)
- metal washers (4 different sizes per child, ranging from 1 to 2 inches)
- Glue Dots
- fishing line
- fine-tip permanent markers
- transparent tape

#### Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



#### Make Chimes

Show kids the sample craft you made. Brush your finger against the fishing line so the washers make a chiming sound. Have small-group leaders give each child four craft sticks and four washers. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make Words of Praise Chimes.

- Use Glue Dots to stick the corners of your craft sticks together so they make a square.
- Cut four lengths of fishing line, about 1 foot each. They don't have to be exactly 1 foot, but they do all need to match in length.
- Tie one end of a fishing line strand to a washer and the other end to one of the sides of your square.
- Repeat for all four washers, hanging one from each side. Make sure they hang at the same length so they will clink against each other.
- Cut another piece of fishing line, and tie each end to opposite sides of the square to make a hanger. Repeat going the opposite direction so you can hang the chimes where the two loops meet.



- Tape all the fishing line pieces in place on the craft sticks so your washers hang evenly.

### Add Praise

- Have kids think of as many different words of praise as they can and write them all over their washers and craft sticks. Examples could include *loving, forgiving, awesome, amazing, powerful, big, all-knowing, in control, Creator, Father, Savior, and giving*.
- Have kids brush their fingers against the fishing lines to make their chimes sound.

### Talk About It

Have small groups discuss these questions.

Ask: • **What do you like about the sound your chimes make?**

• **How do you think our praise sounds to God?**

Say: **Praise is part of prayer. When we tell God how awesome he is, it's a sweet sound to his ears. Just like your chimes make a sweet sound to our ears, God loves to hear our words of praise!**

Have kids take their chimes home and show them to their friends and families as they share about praising God.