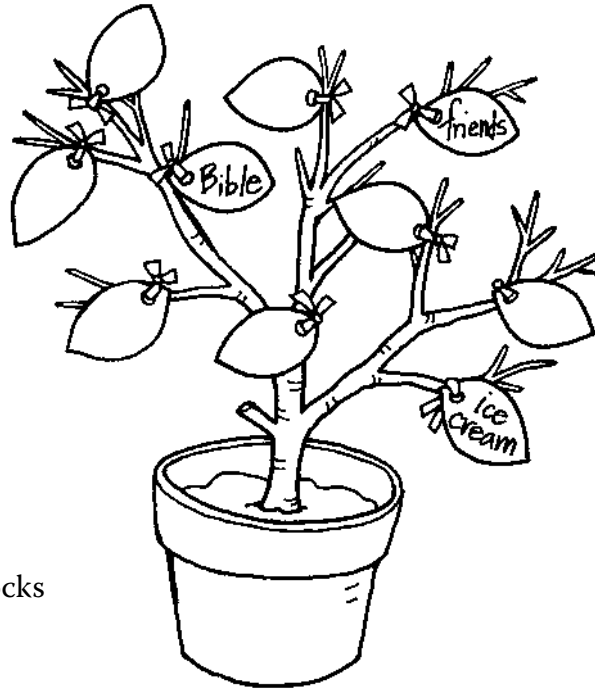


Getting Crafty

Thanksgiving Tree

What Each Child Needs

small clay pot
packing tape
plaster of paris
mixing bowl
water
small tree branch with leaves removed
markers or pens
green construction paper
green ribbon
scissors
hole punch
optional—16 ounce plastic cup, small rocks
and dirt, paint and paintbrushes



What Each Child Does

1. Place a piece of packing tape on the inside bottom of the pot to cover any hole(s). (Optional: Instead of a clay pot, use a 16 ounce plastic cup.) With an adult's help, mix plaster of paris with water, according to directions on package to fill the pot $\frac{3}{4}$ full. (Optional: Instead of plaster of paris, use small rocks and dirt to prop up your branch.)
2. Have an adult help you pour plaster into clay pot and let sit for one or two minutes until slightly firm. Push the branch into center of pot. The branch should be able to stand on its own. If not, let the plaster dry for a few more minutes. Once the branch is standing, set pot aside.
3. Draw and cut 10 (or desired amount) leaf shapes from green construction paper. Punch a hole into one end of each leaf.
4. On several leaves, write things that you are thankful for. Keep extra leaves handy so that you may add to your tree as you think of more things to thank God for.) Then tie leaves to the branch with green ribbon to create a Thanksgiving tree. (Optional: For an added splash of color, paint your pot with craft paints.)