

# FREEDOM IN CHRIST

## Children's Lesson Sunday, July 5, 2020

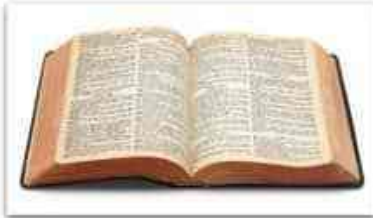
### Matthew 11:28-30

(Suggested Guide for Children and Parents)

Object Lesson Video: "Freedom in Christ" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONpAd0KXGmQ>

(Younger/Older Children)

In celebration of our freedom in Christ and the traditions of our Vacation Bible School "Concrete and Cranes" beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> and every day through July 10<sup>th</sup>, let us Pledge our Allegiance each day of VBS to the Bible, the Christian Flag, and the Pledge to the United States of America IN YOUR HOME.



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE BIBLE, GOD'S  
HOLY WORD, I WILL  
MAKE IT A LAMP UNTO  
MY FEET AND A LIGHT  
UNTO MY PATH AND  
WILL HIDE ITS WORDS  
IN MY HEART THAT I  
MIGHT NOT SIN  
AGAINST GOD**



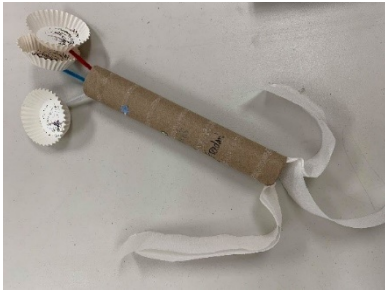
**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE CHRISTIAN  
FLAG AND TO THE  
SAVIOR FOR WHOSE  
KINGDOM IT STANDS;  
ONE BROTHERHOOD,  
UNITING ALL  
MANKIND IN SERVICE  
AND IN LOVE.**



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE FLAG OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, AND TO THE  
REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT  
STANDS, ONE NATION  
UNDER GOD,  
INDIVISIBLE, WITH  
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE  
FOR ALL.**

Crafts (Instructional Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUJ2tvgd35c>



## **Craft one: "Freedom Firecracker"**

### **You will need:**

- Paper towel or toilet paper tubes
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Scissors
- Glue, tape or staples
- String or pipe cleaners
- Streamers or tissueGlitter, stickers, optional decoration
- Cupcake liners

### **Procedure:**

1. Decorate the tube with stickers, markers, or glitter.
2. Attach the pipe cleaners to the tube with staples or tape; make "fireworks" by taping decorative cupcake liners.
3. Place streamers in the bottom of the tube for a rocket effect.
4. Add extra decorations or verses as desired. Wave, toss, or hang up for a festive Fourth of July celebration!



## **Craft Two: "Stars and Stripes Headband"**

### **You will need:**

- Glitter (optional)
- Construction paper or fabric (red, preferably)

- Glue, staples, or tape
- Scissors
- Extra decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Caption or verse
- Markers or crayons

**Procedure:**

1. Cut strips out of the construction paper.
2. Staple or glue the strips together, fitting to desired head circumference.
3. Add extra decorations as desired, such as stickers or glitter.
4. Attach pipe cleaners, "swirling" around a pencil if desired.
5. Attach cut paper stars to the pipe cleaners.
6. Add a verse or caption; wear and enjoy!



**Craft Three: "Patriotic Lantern"**

**You will need:**

- Construction paper or fabric
- Scissors
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Extra decorations (stickers, glitter, etc.)
- String, pipe cleaner, or ribbon

**Procedure:**

1. Choose a construction paper color (red or blue recommended).
2. Fold the paper in half (lengthwise), and cut slits to within an inch of the border.
3. Decorate with markers, stickers, and glitter, as desired.
4. Fold the paper around, bending to create a "lantern" effect, and

stapling to secure.

5. Attach ribbon or pipe cleaner if desired, for hanging display.

## **Children's Lesson: Freedom from Sin through Jesus Christ**

Happy Fourth of July!!! It's Independence Day! What does that mean, do you think? What are we celebrating on this holiday, anyway? (*allow time for family discussion*)

Well, when we honor the independence we have as a nation, we usually talk about how awesome it is that America is its own country, not ruled by another country. We have freedom in the United States to make choices. We can choose how we worship, where we attend church, where we go to school, what we want to wear...we have rights to live as free people.

What do you think it means to have freedom in Christ? God gives us choices. He loves us and He wants us to love Him, but He doesn't force it. He gives us the free will to obey or disobey Him.

When we do things that our wrong, it sort of tangles up our lives. God offers to set us free from that, and give us joy instead. You see, Jesus wants to help us and make our lives better. He promises to give us rest and peace, if we will allow Him to.

Isn't it a blessing that we can let Jesus take care of things and bear our burdens for us? He promises rest, and gives us free lives, now and forever.

### **Bible Verses: Matthew 11:28-30**

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your*

*souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” –Matthew 11:28-30*

Let's pray and thank God for the greatest freedom ever. Freedom from Sin!

Dear God,  
Thank you for giving us freedom from sin  
Thank you for carrying our burdens and giving us life  
Help us to trust you and cast our cares on you  
Remind us what it means to be free in Christ  
Thank you for your love  
We love you, God!  
In Jesus name, Amen!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TOMORROW! JOIN US AT 9:00  
EACH MORNING THIS WEEK TO LEARN HOW WE CAN ALL PUT OUR  
TRUST IN **JESUS**.

**YOU CAN FIND VBS AT [www.sardisbaptist.net](http://www.sardisbaptist.net) (Don't forget to register on our church website listed above and on the Sardis Baptist Church Facebook page.) You will see some familiar faces from our church who have been missing each of you.**