



Supplies

For older kids:

- “Blank Canvas Easel Instructions” handout (download [here](#))
- craft sticks (8 per child)
- Glue Dots
- hot glue gun (for teacher use only)
- white card stock
- scissors
- markers or paint and paintbrushes

For younger kids:

- easel pad sheets (1 sheet per child)
- disposable plastic sheeting
- painter’s tape
- various colors of washable paint
- disposable bowls
- paintbrushes (1 per child)
- adult T-shirts for smocks (1 per child)

Easy Prep

- Tape plastic sheeting to the walls and floor of your craft area.
- Tape a sheet of easel paper for each child to the plastic-covered walls.
- Pour washable paint into the disposable bowls.
- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Tip

- Because today's craft involves painting and needs time to dry, plan to do this activity block first after the Core Bible Discovery.

Make Easels or Paintings

Set out supplies. Have younger kids put on T-shirts as smocks and paint masterpieces on an "easel" on the wall. Have older kids follow these instructions to make easels with blank canvasses. Photos of each step can be found on the "Blank Canvas Easel Instructions" handout.

- Make a square with four craft sticks, securing the corners with Glue Dots.
- On one side of the square, put an additional craft stick in the back. This will be the bottom of your easel.
- Make an upside-down V with two craft sticks, leaving a small gap at the point of the V. Attach it to the bottom of the easel so you have two points sticking down.
- Teachers only, place an additional craft stick in the small gap at the top between the two sticks of the V, and secure it with hot glue. It should stick out at an angle, as shown.
- When the hot glue dries, stand up the easel.
- Cut five pieces of card stock to fit on the easel.

Paint or Draw

Say: **What you have in front of you is a blank canvas. It can be anything you want! Only you know what you'll paint on it.**

Set out the markers or paint and paintbrushes, and let kids each paint or draw one canvas as it sits on the easel.

Talk About It

Ask: • **Tell about what you painted on your blank canvas.**

• **How did you get that idea?**

Say: **God knows who we really are because he made us! And even *before* he made Jeremiah, he saw more than just a blank canvas. He saw all the potential for Jeremiah to be an amazing prophet. God sees a work of art in you, too! Take your extra canvasses home so you can make more works of art.**

Have kids take their easels or paintings home and show their friends and families how God knows who we really are, and he sees us as more than a blank canvas.