

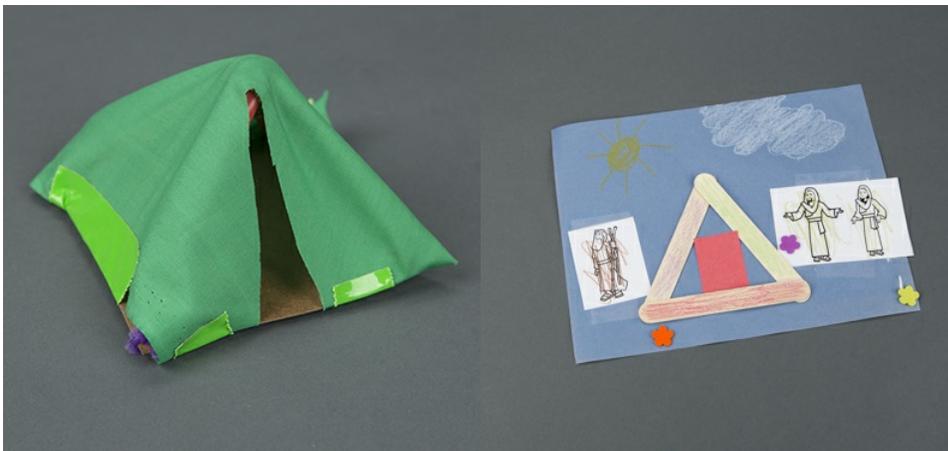


## Supplies

- For older kids:
  - “Talent Tents Instructions” handout (download [here](#))
  - fabric
  - drinking straws (2 per child)
  - yarn
  - hole punches
  - cardboard (food boxes work great) (each child will need a 4x4-inch square)
  - scissors
  - rulers
  - duct tape
  - scrap paper
  - pens
- For younger kids:
  - blue construction paper (1 sheet per child)
  - jumbo craft sticks (3 per child)
  - “Paul & Friends” handout (1 for every 2 children) (download [here](#))
  - colored construction paper
  - crayons or markers
  - nature stickers
  - glue sticks
  - tape
  - child-safe scissors

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample of each craft to show kids.
- Cut colored construction paper into approximately 6x6x6-inch triangles. Make enough so there is 1 triangle for each younger child.
- Cut the “Paul & Friends” handouts in half.



### Older Kids: Make Tents

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child two straws. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow the instructions on the “Talent Tents Instructions” handout to make tents.

- Cut a 4x4-inch square out of cardboard.
- Punch a hole in each corner of the cardboard.

- On the cardboard, write things you're talented at.
- Cut a square of fabric that is about a half-inch longer than your straws.
- Make an X with your straws, and tie them together in the middle of the X.
- Cut two pieces of yarn a few inches longer than your straws.
- Thread a piece of yarn through each straw.
- Use the yarn that hangs out of the ends of the straws to tie the straws to each corner of the cardboard. As you do, you'll bend the straws into a tent frame.
- Cover the tent frame with your fabric, and cut a slit to make a tent opening. Then duct-tape the fabric to the cardboard to hold it in place.
- Have kids each write the name of someone they know on a small scrap of paper and then crumple the paper and put it in the tent. Have them each make at least 10 paper scraps with different names to put in their tents. Encourage them to include names of family members, friends, classmates, neighbors, and even people they don't like much.

### **Younger Kids: Make Tents**

Show kids the sample craft you made.

- Give each preschooler three jumbo craft sticks, and help kids glue the sticks in the shape of a triangle to a sheet of blue construction paper.
- Preschoolers can use crayons or markers to color their craft-stick "tents" and then tape a colored construction paper triangle over the craft sticks to be the covering. (Have them tape it only at the top so they can lift the flap and see inside their tents.)
- Give preschoolers each a "Paul & Friends" coloring sheet, and let them color the pictures of Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila.
- Preschoolers can cut out the pictures and glue them to their blue construction paper.
- As preschoolers work, have them share about a time they may have slept in a tent or gone camping.
- Have preschoolers finish their craft by adding drawings of a sun, clouds, grass, trees, or flowers and adding stickers.

### **Talk About It**

Ask: • **Now that you've made your own tents, what skills do you think Paul, Priscilla, and Aquila had to make tents?**

• **Paul was more like the fabric or construction paper that makes the outside of the tent...the part you see. Priscilla and Aquila were like the support holding him up. Which part of the tent are *you* most like? Why?**

Say: **Whether your talents are center-stage like Paul's or more in a support role like Priscilla and Aquila's, God uses your talents. He made you just the way you are to do amazing things!**

To older kids, say: **This week, try to pick one name at random from your tent each morning. Ask God to show you how to use your talents to help that person that day.**

Have kids take their tents home and choose names of people to help as a reminder that God uses our talents.