

December Week # 1

ICHTHYS

GRADE 5

OBJECTIVES STUDENTS WILL

- achieve theme objectives;
- learn more specific information about the acronym ICHTHYS;
- create a design to resemble stained glass, using that title in the shape of a fish with a grid to enlarge the design.



I JOHN 3:23 and COLOSSIANS 3:17

VOCABULARY

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| • grid | • acronym |
| • origin | • inheritance |
| • profession | • skill |
| • personality | • character |
| • Greek | • Hebrew |
| • illustrate | • illustration |
| • illustrator | • design |
| • Yeshua/Joshua | • Jehovah |
| • stained glass | • ICHTHYS |
| • authority in the Name of Jesus | |

MATERIALS

- ICHTHYS patterns
- 9"x12" white drawing paper
- pencils
- erasers
- rulers
- colored markers
- fine point Sharpie® marker, black
- images listed in this week's theme

ACTIVITY

- Distribute patterns. Show how the letters are adjusted to fit the shape.
- Distribute 9"x12" paper, pencils, and erasers. Students measure the paper into 1" squares using a ruler. Draw lines LIGHTLY WITH PENCIL, as they will later be erased.
- Students copy design onto the grid, increasing the size. The pattern shows less than 1" squares, so it cannot be traced.
- Outline the letters with black Sharpie® fine point marker.
- Erase the grid lines.
- Divide the background into many spaces with straight lines to look like stained glass pieces.
- Draw over the background lines with black Sharpie®. Do not use black again.
- Color all the letters one color.
- Color the spaces. Do not repeat the same colors next to each other.

MOTIVATION & FOCUS

- Present and discuss the art history image(s) recommended in the Weekly Theme.
- Present Weekly Theme information.
- Present the information about the acronym ICHTHYS: it is Greek for "fish," but each letter represents words: "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." The fish symbol was used as a secret sign to identify other Christians during great persecution of Christians in the height of the Roman Empire. Many churches display the symbol with the Greek letters.
- Tell students they will write the word ICHTHYS in the shape of a fish using a grid to enlarge the design and then color it to resemble a stained glass window.

Remember to use one of the evaluation tools.