

Sunday School Craft

Handprint "Poon Paregentan" Masks

MATERIALS:

- Construction paper (we prefer yellow, or use red, blue, and orange like the Armenian flag!)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Tape
- Something to color/decorate with (markers, crayons, etc.)
- Paper plate or piece of thin cardboard
- 2 drinking straws OR an unsharpened pencil
- *Optional:* Sequins, glitter, feathers



PREPARATION:

- Make a sample

DIRECTIONS:

1. Trace a handprint onto construction paper or colored cardstock. We prefer yellow – it's a Mardi Gras color and is light enough to decorate.
2. Trace a second handprint. Try to keep your fingers spread about the same as you did the first time.
3. Cut out both handprints.
4. Overlap the palms of the handprints with the fingers facing up the same way and glue.
5. Glue the whole thing onto a paper plate, sheet of thin cardboard or just another piece of construction paper. Make sure you glue the edges firmly so they don't peel up.
6. After the glue is dry, cut out your mask -- this may require adult assistance.
7. Cut a circle for eyes in the palm area of each hand. Have students outline around the eyeholes.
8. Decorate your mask however you like – best to keep it simple so that you don't lose the fact that it's hands.
9. If you're using straws, slide one straw into the other one – helps if you crimp the end of one straw.
10. Tape the joint of the two straws.
11. Attach to the back of mask so child can hold it up to their face.

