

Stained Glass Window Tissue Craft

While children are inside church, have them notice the stained glass windows. (*You may even allow them to take paper and pencil inside with them to sketch what they see.*) Discuss who/what the windows represent.



Materials:

- Tissue paper (you will need white *and* multi-colored)
- Construction paper (white and black)
- Wax paper
- Scissors
- Clothespins, tape, string, OR hole punch (*optional*)

Instructions:

- **Cut multi-colored tissue paper** in approximately 1/2 to 1-inch squares. A little goes a long way!
- **Fold a sheet of BLACK construction paper** in half and cut out an archway shape (you may use the Window template to trace if you wish.)
- **While the archway is still folded**, make a parallel cut about 1" inside the archway. This will give you your window frame.
- **Cut out 1" strips from BLACK construction paper**, the same width as the edge of your window frame. (These will be used to glue horizontally and vertically to create the look of a window, as seen in above picture.) Set aside.
- **Open the archway and center it** on a piece of wax paper.
- **Place the squares of tissue paper** inside the archway on the wax paper. Be careful not to go over the edge of the window frame. When the archway is filled with tissue paper, place a second piece of wax paper over the whole thing. Be careful not to make any air bubbles.
- **Cut away the excess wax paper.** If you leave a little bit around the edge of the archway, it will stick together better.
- **Glue 1 strip of black construction paper down the center of the archway, and 2 across**, as pictured above.
- **You can now either tape your stained glass window** in a window or use a hole punch at the top and hang it with string.