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Craft Instructions A First-Fruits Basket Deuteronomy 26:2

Materials:

- Plastic lid, like a coffee can lid or similar lid (for bottom of basket)
- Craft foam (for basket)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Optional: yellow, brown or tan paper for grain stalks



Note: There will be no video for this week's craft.

Parent/Teacher preparation:

The size of the basket depends on the size of the lid you choose. Therefore the amount of craft foam needed depends on the size of your basket and the size of craft foam you purchase. The color of foam is irrelevant and you can choose to use 1 color for the entire basket or 2 or more. We used brown and tan for a more realistic look.

2 sheets of $5\frac{1}{2}$ " (14 cm) by $8\frac{1}{2}$ " ($21\frac{1}{2}$ cm) were used for this basket in 2 different colors.

Instructions for the craft:

- Mark 1 sheet on the short side with lines $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cm) apart.
- Mark the other sheet on the long side with lines $\frac{1}{2}$ " ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cm) apart.
 - If using a larger lid, more than 2 sheets may be required.
 - If using larger foam sheets, only 1 sheet may be needed.
- Hot glue the strips to the lid as follows.
- Place a dab of hot glue on the edge of the lid. Glue a strip in place.
- Go across from that strip and place a dab of glue there. Place another strip there.
- Go in between the 2 strips and place hot glue and a strip.
- Repeat for the opposite side.
- Continue gluing strips in this pattern until there is only a small space in between strips.



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Instructions for the craft cont'd:

Weaving the basket

- Glue the end of one of the long strips on the side of one of the vertical strips towards the bottom of the basket, so that the strip is horizontal.
- Begin weaving the strip in an over/under pattern. If the strip runs out before getting to the other side, hot glue the end to the last strip it got to and then hot glue a new strip next to it.
- When the weave gets back to the beginning, hot glue the end of the strip in place.
- Repeat until about 1" is left at the top of the basket.
- Try not to pull hard when weaving so that the basket flares at the top wider than at the bottom.
- Take a strip and glue it to the inside of one of the vertical strips.
- This last strip will not be woven in and out, but it will stay on the inside of the basket.
- Fold the 1" (2½ cm) or so of the first vertical strip over the new horizontal strip. Glue the horizontal strip just under the last one. Repeat until all the 1" (2½ cm) vertical strips at the top of the basket are glued to the inside of the basket.

Optional grain stalk

- Take the yellow piece of paper and roll it on the short side until you have a nice tube.
- Glue the tube in place.
- After the glue has dried, take your scissors and cut through all the layers on the tube, to about 2" (5 cm) from the opposite end.
- Repeat 3 more times so that you have 4 sets of strips.
- To make the curved ends, repeat these steps with each set of strips you just cut:
 - Begin with one set and, taking the strip closest to the outside, dab some glue on the end of the strip and glue it to the next strip.
 - Repeat the process with the next strip on the same set until you have them all glued together.

This is a basket for the first-fruits.

