

This week instead of having a Gospel Activity, we are going to do activities that celebrate St. Patrick - Feast Day is March 17. The reason why we use shamrocks on this day is because St. Patrick used them to teach about the *Trinity*, so it only makes sense to focus on the 3 leaves rather than 4.

St. Patrick's Day - Duck Tape Shamrocks (for older kiddos)

Supplies Needed:

Green Duct tape, Scissors,
Ruler & Toothpicks are optional
(I used Green painter tape...it works too!)

1. Cut the tape about 3 inch long
2. Roll the bottom up just a bit
3. Then roll into a tube. This will be the stem for the shamrock.
4. Set the stem to the side. For the leaves start with pieces about 4 - 4 1/2 inches long.
5. Fold the top down on itself, but leaving some sticky part hanging out at the bottom. Try to line up the edges and fold it without puckers.
6. Fold the piece of duct tape in half length wise with the sticky part facing out
7. Round the top 2 corners with your scissors
8. Make 2 more
9. Time to assemble...Fold your petal in half again with the sticky part out.
10. Then fold both of the sides up in half, and stick the sticky parts together. It's kind of like a "W" fold if you can picture that
11. This is what gives the shamrock petals their nice 3 dimensional feel. Stick the duct tape down to stick it together. You should end up with a nice 3D heart shape.
12. Do this exact same thing to 1 MORE PETAL... but your middle petal needs the stem in it. So fold the 3rd petal around your stem
13. Now you're ready to stick it all together! Cut a thin strip of duct tape to attach the petals to the stem.
14. Hold the petals in place and wrap the duct tape around and around. If the bottom part of your petals is too long, you can trim them first.



St. Patrick's Day - Shamrock Rosary (for younger kiddos)

Supplies:

Green Pipe Cleaners

Green Pony Beads

- 1) Start by having the kiddos string 10 beads onto the pipe cleaner.
- 2) Bring the pipe cleaner around to form a circle and twist it shut.
- 3) String in one more bead for the "Our Father."
- 4) Cut off the extra piece and twist it around to make a cross. Trim with a scissors where needed.
- 5) Now bend into a shamrock shape.

