



Welcome to the **CRAFT STATION**



DAY 1

Theme: The Mass is a **MYSTERY**

Virtue: Patience

MARVELOUS MYSTERY BOX

Theme Connection:

Each Marvelous Mystery Box will be a great reminder that the Mass is a mystery that Jesus wants us to discover more about each day. This box will hold all your special VBS items you collect throughout the week. (*Mystery Money, saint cards, treats, prizes, notes, etc.*)

You'll need:

- Wooden or cardboard box (*1/child*)
- Mystery Box clipart (*download*)
- Scissors
- Clear tape
- Markers
- Stickers, foam shapes, colored tape, etc.



Prep:

- Print the clipart.
- For younger children: include all their necessary craft items such as stickers and pre-cut clip art inside the box.

Activity:

1. Write your name on the bottom of the box.
2. Decorate your Marvelous Mystery Box with stickers and clipart.

(Opt.) At the beginning of Day 2-5, the director or group leaders may choose to include a “mystery item” in each child’s Mystery Box. This will add an element of excitement each day.

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

MY MASS CARDS

Theme Connection:

When we go to Mass, it's important to prepare our hearts and listen to what Jesus wants to say to us. These Mass Cards will help us learn more about the beautiful sacrament of the Eucharist.

You'll Need:

- My Mass Cards (*download*) (1/child)
- Book ring (1/ child)
- Colored markers
- Hole puncher
- Scissors

Prep:

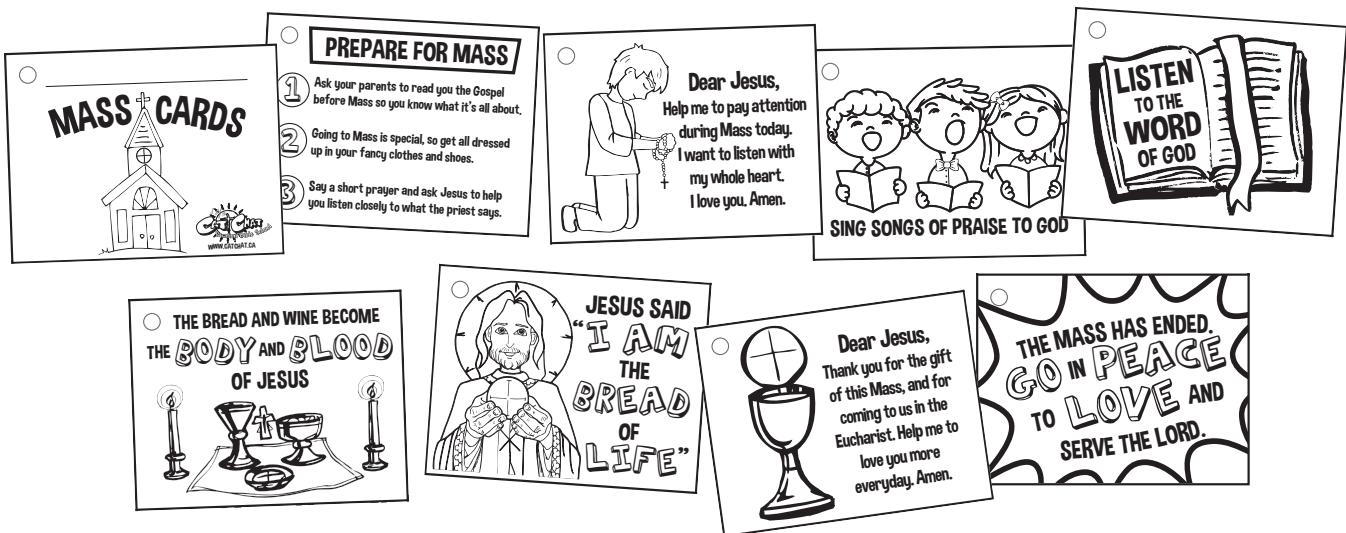
- Print the cards on white cardstock.
- Cut and hole punch the cards.
- Attach the cards with a book ring.



Activity:

1. Color your Mass Cards and write your name on the front.
2. Bring them with you the next time you go to Mass.

These cards are a great coloring activity to have on hand when the kids have completed their main craft.



MINI MYSTERY GARDEN

Theme Connection:

Growing a garden is a great way to practice patience. It takes time to care for it and wait for it to grow. We are going to plant mystery seeds in our Mini Mystery Gardens. You'll get to take it home and watch your seeds grow into beautiful plants.

You'll Need:

- Plastic flower pot (1/child)
- Mystery seeds (marigolds, green beans, petunias, etc.)
- Mini Mystery Garden clipart (download)
- Mod Podge and paintbrush/or clear packing tape
- Colored tape and stickers
- Dirt (2-3 cups/child)



Prep:

- Print the clipart.
- Fill a bowl with the mystery seeds.

Activity:

1. Write your name on the bottom of the pot with a permanent marker.
2. Decorate the pot with colored tape, stickers, and clipart.
3. The leader will help you put a scoop of dirt in your pot.
4. Plant a few mystery seeds in the dirt.
5. Care for your Mini Mystery Garden at home by watering it and placing it in a sunny spot.

If you don't choose to do this craft, you can still give each child their own special Mystery Seed to take home and plant.



**“Patience, prayer and silence -
these are what give strength to the soul.”**

St. Faustina



COLOR ME SHIRTS

Theme Connection:

Each Marvelous Mystery T-Shirt will be a great daily reminder that the Mass is a Mystery that Jesus wants us to discover more about each day.

You'll need:

- White "Color Me" T-shirt (1/child)
T-Shirt graphic is available to download.
- Washable Markers

Prep:

- Get your t-shirts printed 2-3 weeks in advance to ensure that they are ready for your VBS.

Activity:

1. Color your Marvelous Mystery shirt and wear it to VBS everyday!

If the children color their shirts with washable markers, they can wash their shirts and color them over and over again.



SOLVE THE MYSTERY ACTIVITIES

Theme Connection:

Every good detective needs to know how to solve riddles and decode secret messages.

You'll need:

- Mystery activity sheets (*download*)
- Pencils (1/child)

Prep:

- Print the activity sheets.

Activity:

1. Choose a mystery activity sheet and decode the message. *These are great to have on hand when kids are done their craft.*

