
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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Jacob's Well is located at the foot of Mt. Gerazim. It was at this well that Jesus sat down to rest after a long journey; His disciples had gone into the city to buy food. As He rested, a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. He asked her for a drink. Stunned, the woman questioned Him, "How do you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?"

Samaritans were considered idolaters by the Jews. Although the Samaritans adopted the belief in one God, they also worshipped their own idols. So it was against the law for any Jew to associate with a Samaritan. "Jesus said to her, 'Please give me a drink'" (John 4:7). The

Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus was speaking to her. "She said to Jesus, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?' Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and

who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water' " (John 4:9–10). The water Jesus was offering her would never let her thirst again. She asked for the water, Jesus offered.



He then asked her to bring her husband. This embarrassed the woman, as she confessed she had none. Jesus agreed and started to tell the woman about her life. She believed Jesus to be a prophet, but Jesus revealed Himself to her as being the Christ. The woman left her water jug and went to the city to tell the Samaritans of the man who told her everything of herself.

The Samaritan woman left Jesus with his disciples, who had found them talking. The disciples were all amazed that Jesus was talking with the woman. In the meantime the disciples tried to get Jesus to eat but He would not. "Jesus explained: 'My nourishment comes



from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing His work' "(John 4:34). She understood the living word of God, from Jesus's words. The Samaritan woman was finally baptized by the Apostles after Pentecost and given the name Photine. Her life changed at the well, and she became a great missionary and martyr for Christ.

A SPIRITUAL MOBILE

A five-pointed star is used in this project because it represents the five required sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Communion, Confession, and Holy Unction. These sacraments convey the Holy Spirit to the faithful and they are essential sources for eternal life, especially Holy Communion. The Holy Spirit unites us with the life of Christ.

The Samaritan woman was sincere in her heart. She wanted to find out who the Christ was. She became a witness to her countrymen.

MATERIALS

- Aluminum foil or colored foiled paper, or gold and silver paint and paint brushes
- White poster board
- Star stencils (see pages 4–5)
- Icon of Jesus and the Samaritan woman
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Nylon thread
- Hole punch or embroidery needle with a large eye
- Silver, gold, or clear beads

INSTRUCTIONS

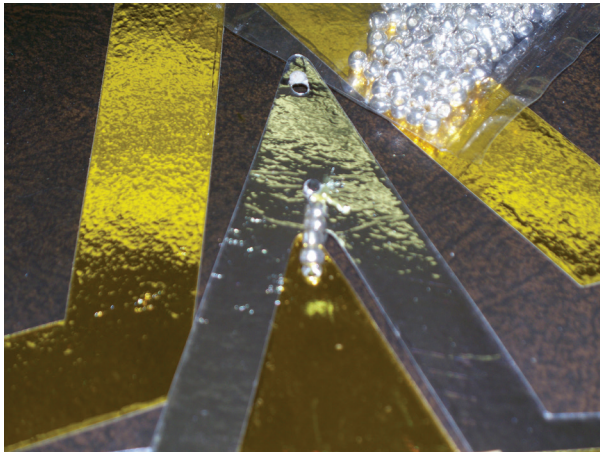
1. Cut out the icon and the three star stencils. (It might be easier for an adult to use a craft knife to cut out the interior of the large and medium stars.)
2. Use the stencil to draw the three stars onto the poster board.
3. Cut out the three star shapes. (Again, it might be easier for an adult to use a craft knife to cut out the interiors.)
4. Check your work: Make sure that the center small star and middle medium star nest inside the large star, and that the icon fits on the small star (see image below).. Set the icon aside.



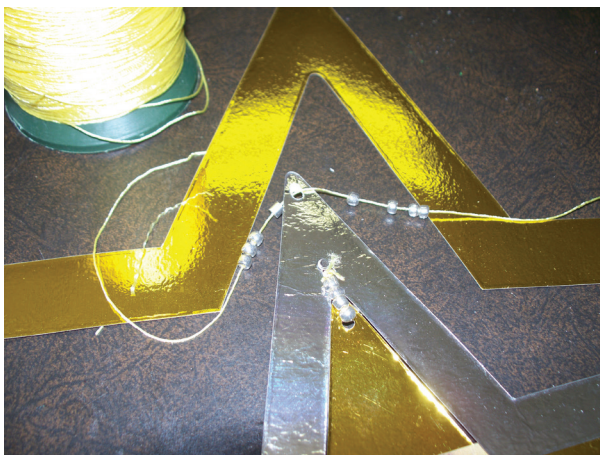
5. Paint or decorate both sides of all three stars however you like.
6. On the top point of the medium and large stars, make two holes: one at the very top and one at the base of the top point.
7. Make a small hole at the top of the small (center) star.
8. Glue the icon to the center star.
9. Cut 3 strands of string at least 5" long.



10. Pass the thread through the hole in the small star.
11. Thread 4 beads on the string on the front of the star and 4 beads on the string on the back of the star.
12. Pass one of the strands through the medium star's lower hole and tie a secure double knot (see below).



13. Repeat steps 10–12 to connect the medium star to the large star (see below).



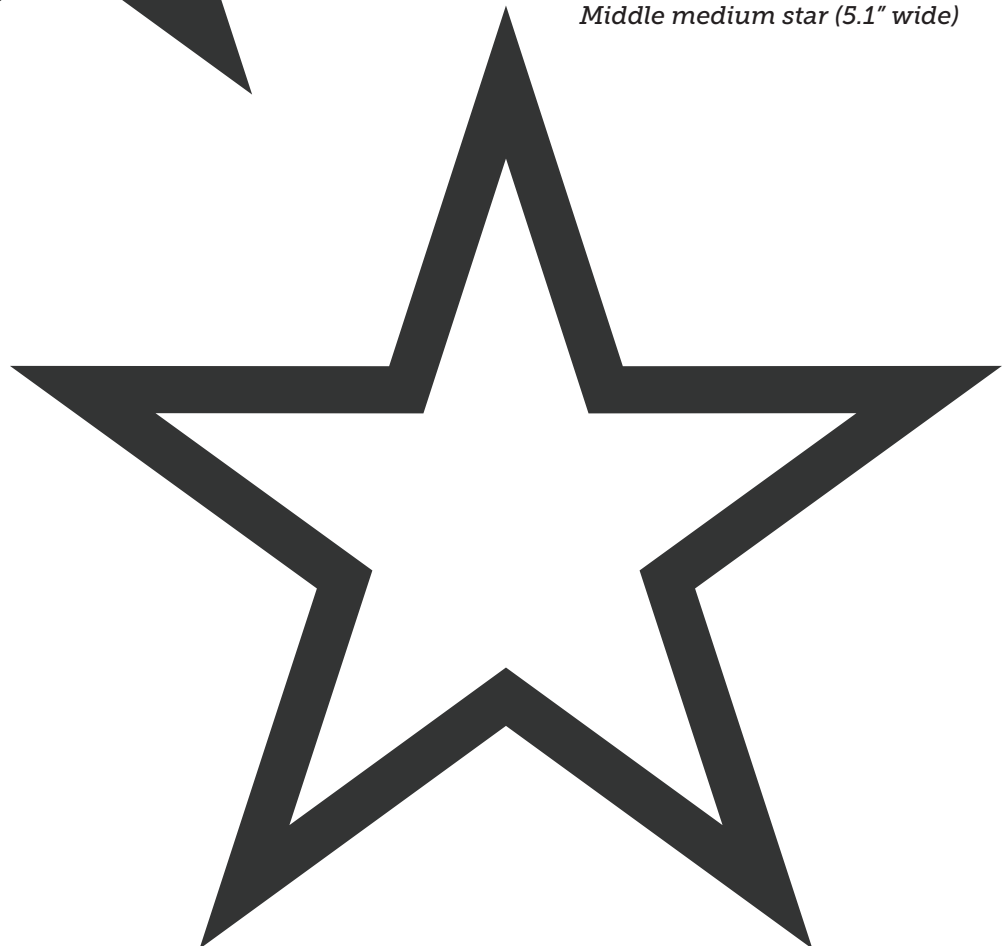
14. Add the final strand to the top point and repeat the beads before tying off the knot.



Icon for center of mobile (1" tall)



Small center star (3.2" wide)



Middle medium star (5.1" wide)



Large outer star (8.25" wide)

