

Appendix Q:

Resources to Make or Buy: Hide 'n' Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives



Big Question Box/Briefcase

What You Want

The Big Question Briefcase is a briefcase or other container with these characteristics:

- Ideally, this should be around 17" x 12", but needs to be at least big enough to fit a 8 ½" x 11" sheets of paper inside it.
- Have various pockets to put these sheets in
- Is attractive or curious looking to preschoolers
- Not necessary, but extremely fun, if it has a combination lock

Finding a Briefcase:

You can certainly buy one new, but you always may find a used one at a thrift shop. Or, someone may have one they want to donate. We use one that stores valuables in it and is the 17" x 12" size. Very durable and has the lock feature that the kids love.

You also can move away from the briefcase idea and use a little trunk or other box for your substitute briefcase. Just change the name to the Big Question Box, if you use a box instead. A boot box or the cardboard box that 10 reams of copy paper comes in is a great size, if you are using a box.

If you use a box, but want a lock-like feature, that's easy to do. Simply cut "straps" out of felt or vinyl and glue in place to the top and bottom sides of the box on one side, with the top strap overlapping the bottom straps. Add velcro to the top and bottom pieces so that they meet and fasten. Make back "hinges" for the box with the felt/vinyl straps, too. Or, you can simply add a belt around the box that has to be unfastened before the box can be opened.

Here are some suggestions for decorating a box or even the outside of your briefcase to make it appealing.

Supplies

Your box/briefcase

Plain white contact paper or white cardstock

Colorful wrapping paper

Glitter glue

Markers

Sequins, fake jewels, buttons, rick rack, etc.

Other decorating supplies

Stickers

Glue

Clear packing tape

Directions

1. If you are using a box that has wording on it, you will first need to make plain surfaces for decorating and a hinge for the lid. Stick the white contact paper or white cardstock to each side of the box. On the other hand, you can also use colorful wrapping paper. Then, make a lid by sticking the clear packing tape along one long side of the box, attaching the lid to the box.

2. Use the craft decorating supplies to decorate the box. If desired, you can put a big question mark on top of the box, but remember that you are working with two and three year olds: the question mark symbol is not very meaningful to them yet.

Making a Flannelgraph Storyboard **for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

While you may decide to use sticky tac and stick your storyboard pictures to a white board, it is very easy to make a flannelgraph board. The advantage to the flannelgraph board is that the pictures stick very easily and there is no messing with the sticky-tac.

Supplies

2' x 3' Cork board
Large piece of neutral-colored felt, 36"H x 48"W
Glue gun and glue sticks

Directions

1. Center felt on front side of cork board. Turn over. Secure in place with glue.

Making Durable Storyboard Pictures **for use in story-telling and in playing the story review games**

Whether you purchase the Hide 'n' Seek Kids/Deep Down Detectives storyboard pictures from amazon or print them off the website, you will want to find some way to make them more durable. They are used not only as a part of telling the story, but are integral in the story review games. Here's how we make ours durable enough to be used over and over again.

Supplies

White cardstock or printer paper
Sticky-back velcro, circles or cut pieces; or sticky tac
Laminator or Self-laminating sheets
Sturdy Sheet Protectors, preferably the "Secure Top" kind, like offered by Avery
Flannelgraph pictures for the Bible stories found at www.praisefactory.org with each unit's resources.

Directions

1. Purchase from amazon or download and print out the storyboard figures.
2. Cut out flannelgraph figures. Cut out the name of each figure and tape it to the back of the figure.
3. Laminate the figures.
3. If using a flannelgraph board: Stick a piece of sticky backed velcro (ROUGH SIDE) onto the back of each figure.

If using sticky tack and whiteboard: simply stick a small amount of sticky tack on the back of a picture when using it. Remove and store sticky tack in airtight container.

The Hide 'n' Seek Kids/Deep Down Detectives "Bible" Folder

This is a homemade folder that looks (kinda) like the cover of a Bible. You will use this to put the Bible verse, the Bible Story and storyboard pictures to help make the point that the truths you are teaching them come from the Bible.

Supplies

1 piece of 22" x 28" posterboard (white is fine. Green or brown is nice)

Glue

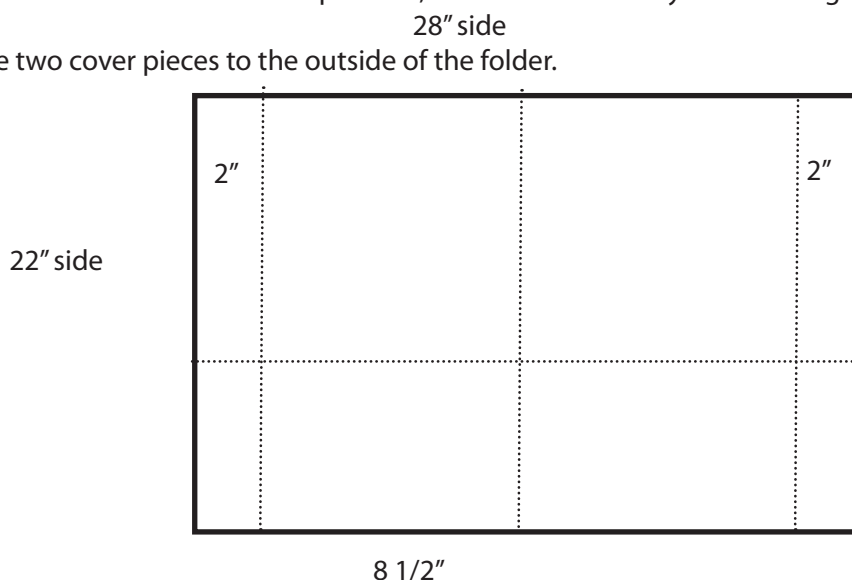
Stapler and staples or packing tape

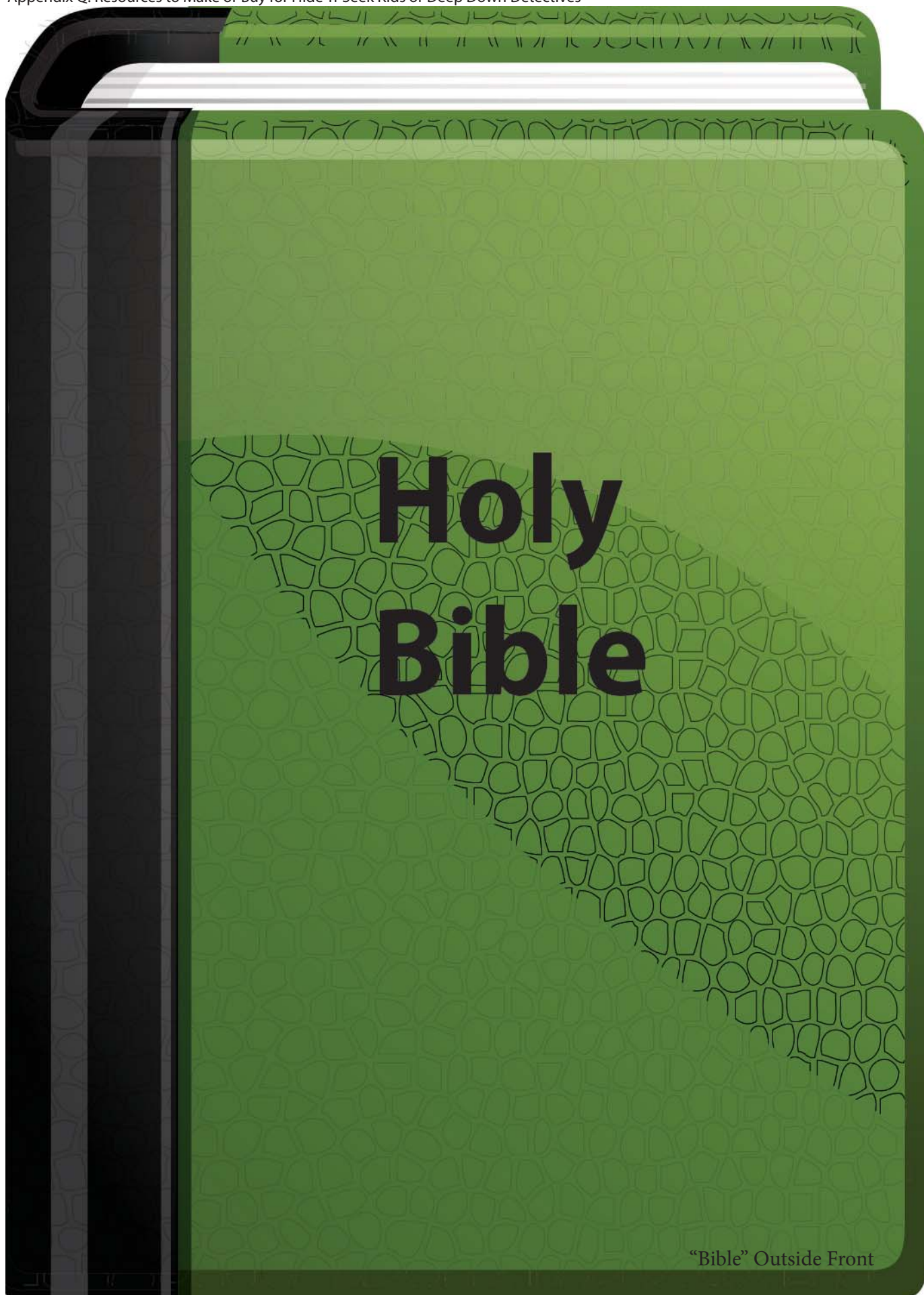
The Bible Cover pictures included on the following pages.

NOTE: The Bible Cover pictures included in this book cannot be created larger than 8.5" x 11". That means that they will be under-sized for a Bible Folder of the dimensions you are making. However, you can go online to the Hide "n' Seek Kids/Deep Down Detectives curriculum and there is a pdf of a bigger version of these covers that will actually fit the size of this HSK/DDD- "Bible" Folder.

Directions

1. Lay out poster board with long side along the bottom.
2. Fold in 2" on each side.
3. Take packing tape and tape the folded in 2" flaps to the main section of the posterboard, all the way down.
3. Fold up 8 1/2" on the bottom of the poster board.
4. Use packing tape to tape this flap in place, all the way down.
5. Take scissors and snip through the tape where the flap is attached to the folder. This will give you a bit more room in the folder.
6. Fold the poster board in the middle to make the center fold.
7. Cut out the Bible Cover Pictures. If possible, laminate these. They will last longer.
- 8.. Glue the two cover pieces to the outside of the folder.





"Bible" Outside Front

