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# “Welcoming Others & Hospitality”

## Craft Ideas on Matthew 10:40-42

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The dictionary defines “welcome” in a few ways, mostly involving offering “friendly greeting” or “receiving gladly.” In the Gospel verse focus, Jesus encourages us to welcome all people, assuring us that by doing so, we welcome Him and His father. We want to remember how important it is to gladly receive others in Christ’s name. These crafts, whether decorative or gift-worthy, are geared toward the concept of welcoming and loving others.

### Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

*“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”  
-Matthew 10:40*

*“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” -Matthew 10:42*

*Welcome, one and all!*

*“Popping up” with the love of Jesus!*

*You are welcome!*

*You are a treasure in God’s eyes...valued and gladly received!*

*We open our hands and hearts...welcome!*



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# Craft one: “Pop-up Welcome Decoration”

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## You will need:

- Paper Plates
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Scissors
- Glue
- String or pipe cleaners
- Popcorn and/or kernels (optional)



## Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper plate with colors and stickers, if desired.
2. Starting at the outside of the paper plate, cut a spiral shape, about an inch wide, working from the outside in.
3. Optional: add popcorn, candy corn, and kernels to the plate, gluing them onto the strip. You may also add glitter or other decorations.
4. Allow the popcorn (if glued) to dry completely. Attach a verse or caption and a pipe cleaner or string to hang your “welcoming pop-up decoration”!



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# Craft Two: “Red Carpet Reminder”

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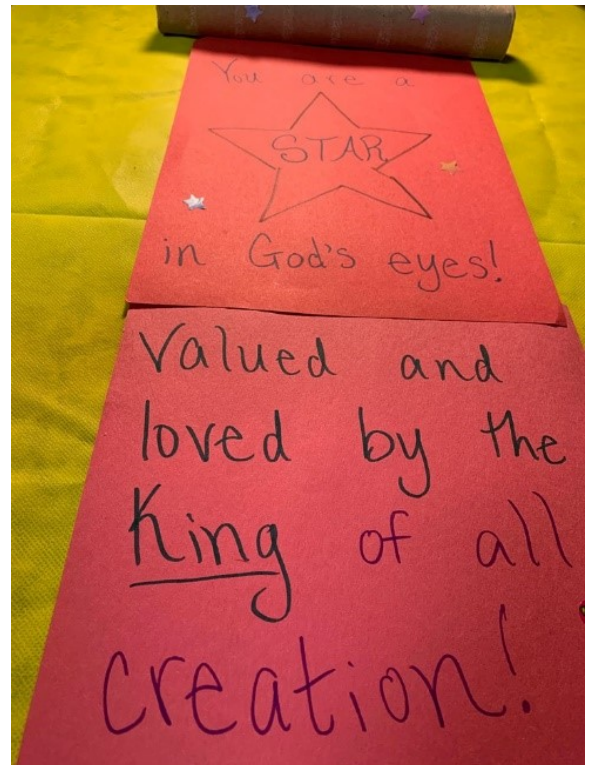
## You will need:

- Paper towel tubes
- Construction paper or fabric (red, preferably)
- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Extra decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Caption or verse
- Markers or crayons



## Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper “red carpet”. Consider making it a special card of encouragement to a friend, or an invitation welcoming them to church or a play-date.
2. If necessary, cut the paper and glue or tape into a long strip.
3. Add extra decorations as desired, such as stickers or glitter.
4. Glue or tape the paper onto the paper towel tube.
5. Add a Bible verse, and deliver to someone special!





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# Craft Three: “Helping Hands Banner”

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## You will need:

- Construction paper or fabric
- Scissors
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Extra decorations (stickers, glitter, etc.)
- String, pipe cleaner, or ribbon



## Procedure:

1. Choose several pieces of construction paper or cardstock.
2. Trace hands onto the paper (stack several sheets for easier cutting).
3. Cut out hands, and attach together with tape, glue, or staples.
4. Decorate the hands with words, verses, stickers, and additional décor.
5. Attach ribbon or pipe cleaner if desired, for hanging display.





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