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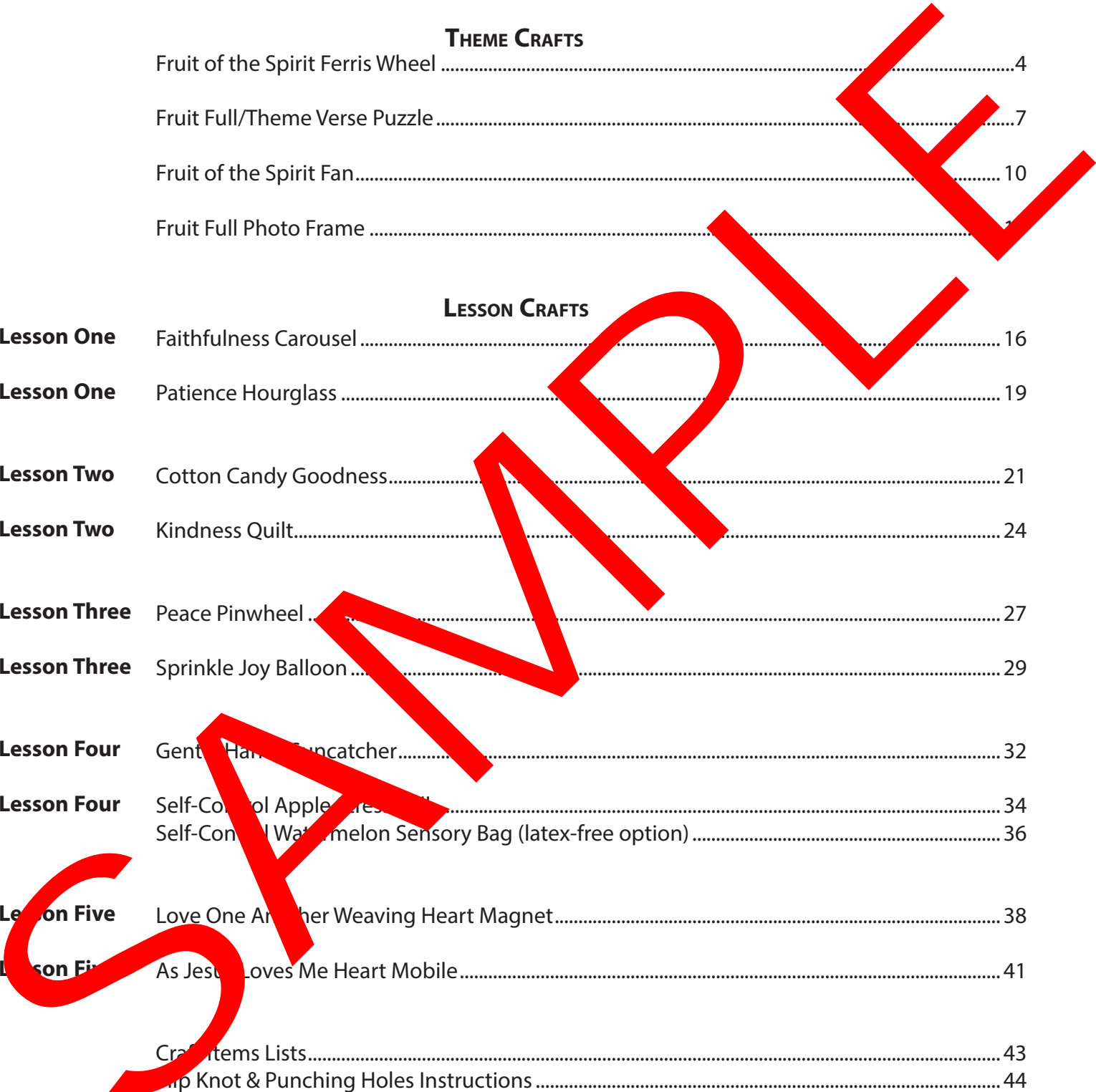
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SHOW THE LOVE

As we will learn in Lesson Five, the first eight fruit of the Spirit are all ways we can show love. When we show love to others, we will be patient. When we show love to others, we will be kind. Your students will find **Love** in each of these crafts. It may be the word *love* in a Bible verse. It may be a heart decoration on a craft. It may be both. Students may even want to add extra hearts as they decorate their crafts. Encourage your student to search for **Love** in their crafts as you discuss ways you can show **Love** with the fruit of the Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

These County Fair crafts bring the fruit of the Spirit to life, reminding students of the important lessons learned during VBS. Inside you'll find fun, hands-on craft ideas with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions—perfect for a fun-filled day at the Fair!

MAKE IT FIRST

We recommend you make a sample of the craft ahead of time. Think about your students as you work. What might cause problems for your students? How can you simplify the process? Or will your students find it too simple? Might they be able to help with some of the tasks under the **Preparation** section for the craft?

MAKE IT A TEAM EFFORT

Ask your congregation to donate needed items. Don't forget to ask your neighbors or co-workers! Some might be surprised at first when you ask them to save butter tubs for you, but it will give you an opportunity to reach out to those who may not be familiar with VBS. A request for materials could turn into an invitation to join the VBS fun!

MAKE IT SIMPLE

- ♥ Instead of using glue bottles, pour a small amount of glue into a shallow container (like a butter tub!), thin with a bit of water, and allow children to use paintbrushes or cotton swabs.
- ♥ Instead of paint and brushes, clamp a small piece of sponge in a clothes pin and allow students to daub their artwork with paint. Bingo daubers work well too! This also works well for students with tactile issues who are hesitant to use finger paints.
- ♥ Paper bowls are a great way to disperse glitter and sand among a group. Use a spoon to sprinkle glitter or sand onto the craft.

MAKE IT SAFE

- ♥ Always be careful when using small pieces with young children.
- ♥ Most crafts are messy, which can be part of the fun! A themed tablecover is a fun way to protect your surfaces and decorate your craft area at the same time.
- ♥ Keep several over-sized T-shirts or button-down shirts to use as apron smocks.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

The great part about crafts is the opportunity to be creative! Feel free to change things up and do what suits your needs. Substitute materials you already have available or are easily accessible. If you like a craft, simplify it or enrich it as you have need. You know your kids and what they are capable of doing.

MAKE IT FUN

Tell the kids not to worry if they "color outside the lines" when creating craft exhibits for the **Art Market**. The completed craft should be as unique as each child. Give them a chance to let their light shine through. Help students to focus on the message of the craft instead of the end product.

FRUIT FULL PHOTO FRAME

THEME VERSE:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

MATERIALS

Fruit Full Photo Frame and **Photo Frame Pieces** reproducible pages

white cardstock
scissors
glue
colored sand or glitter
crayons and markers
tape
adhesive magnetic strips
4 X 6 photo or drawing
Optional—cotton balls, tempera paint, flocking powder, glitter, glitter pens

PREPARATION

Copy the **Fruit Full Photo Frame** and **Photo Frame Pieces** reproducible pages onto white cardstock, 1 set per student. Cut out the center of the frame.

OPTIONS

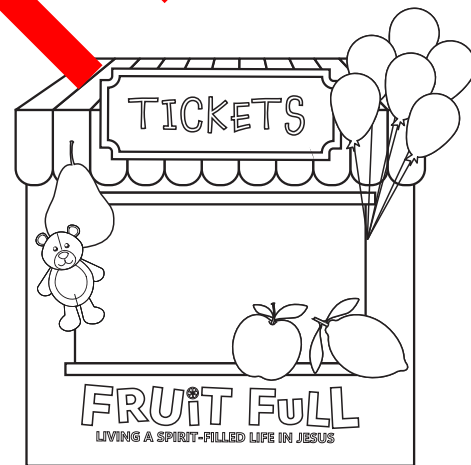
At the beginning of the VBS session, take a class photo. Print a copy for each student to use inside their frame.

ADDITIONAL FUN!

Use a marker to color a cotton ball and glue to the cotton candy. Use glue mixed with tempera paint to make shiny balloons and rubber duck. Use glue and flocking powder to make a fuzzy teddy bear. Use glue and glitter or glitter pens to color the ribbon.

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Spread glue inside the letters on the *Fruit Full Photo Frame*. Sprinkle colored sand or glitter on the letters. Gently tap to remove the excess sand.
2. While the *Fruit Full Photo Frame* dries, decorate or cut out the *Photo Frame Pieces*, then cut them out.
3. When it is dry, color and cut out the *Fruit Full Photo Frame*.
4. Place the frame image down. Center the photo or drawing over the window in the frame. Tape the photo edges to the frame.
5. Attach a piece of adhesive magnetic strip to the top and bottom of the frame.
6. Place the frame image side-up. Using tape or glue, decorate the frame with the *Photo Frame Pieces*. (Some of the decorations can overlap the photo or drawing.)



BONUS FUN!

Give students a rectangle of 4 X 6 cardstock. Have them write or draw a way they can be **Fruit Full**. This could be something simple like writing, "Be Kind," drawing someone being patient, or making a peaceful picture they can share with someone else. While students draw or write, discuss ways to show the fruit of the Spirit, and listen to their ideas.

KINDNESS QUILT

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus Heals a Leper
(Mark 1:40-45)

MEMORY VERSE:

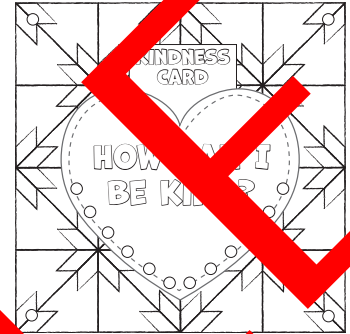
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16

LESSON FOCUS:

Kindness & Goodness

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Spread glue inside the letters on the *Quilt Heart*. Sprinkle colored sand or glitter on the letters. Gently tap to remove the excess sand. Allow time to dry.
2. Color the *Quilt Patch*. Cut it out, and punch the holes where indicated. (See "Punching Holes" on page 44.)
3. Cut out the *Quilt Heart*, and punch the holes where indicated.
4. Wrap a small piece of tape tightly around the tip of a 12-inch length of yarn to make an eyelet, or threading-end. (The bottom half of the piece of tape should be wrapped around the end of the yarn, the top half of the piece of tape should be twisted into a needle.)
5. Place the *Quilt Heart* on the *Quilt Patch*, and align the holes. (You may want to use a small amount of reusable adhesive to hold the *Heart* in place.)
6. Thread the yarn through the first hole, pulling all of the yarn through, leaving one inch at the back. Tape this inch to the back of the *Quilt Patch*.
7. Continue stitching the yarn through the holes until you reach the last hole. Tape the yarn end to the back of the *Quilt Patch*, and cut off the excess yarn.



MATERIALS

Quilt Patch and Heart and Cards

- reproducible pages
- white cardstock
- scissors and hole punch
- crayons, markers, colored pencils, glitter pens
- yarn (12-inch lengths)
- tape
- poster board
- Optional— reusable adhesive, plastic yarn needles

PREPARATION

Copy the *Quilt Patch* and *Heart and Cards* reproducible pages onto white cardstock. Cut yarn into 12-inch lengths.

EXTRA FUN!

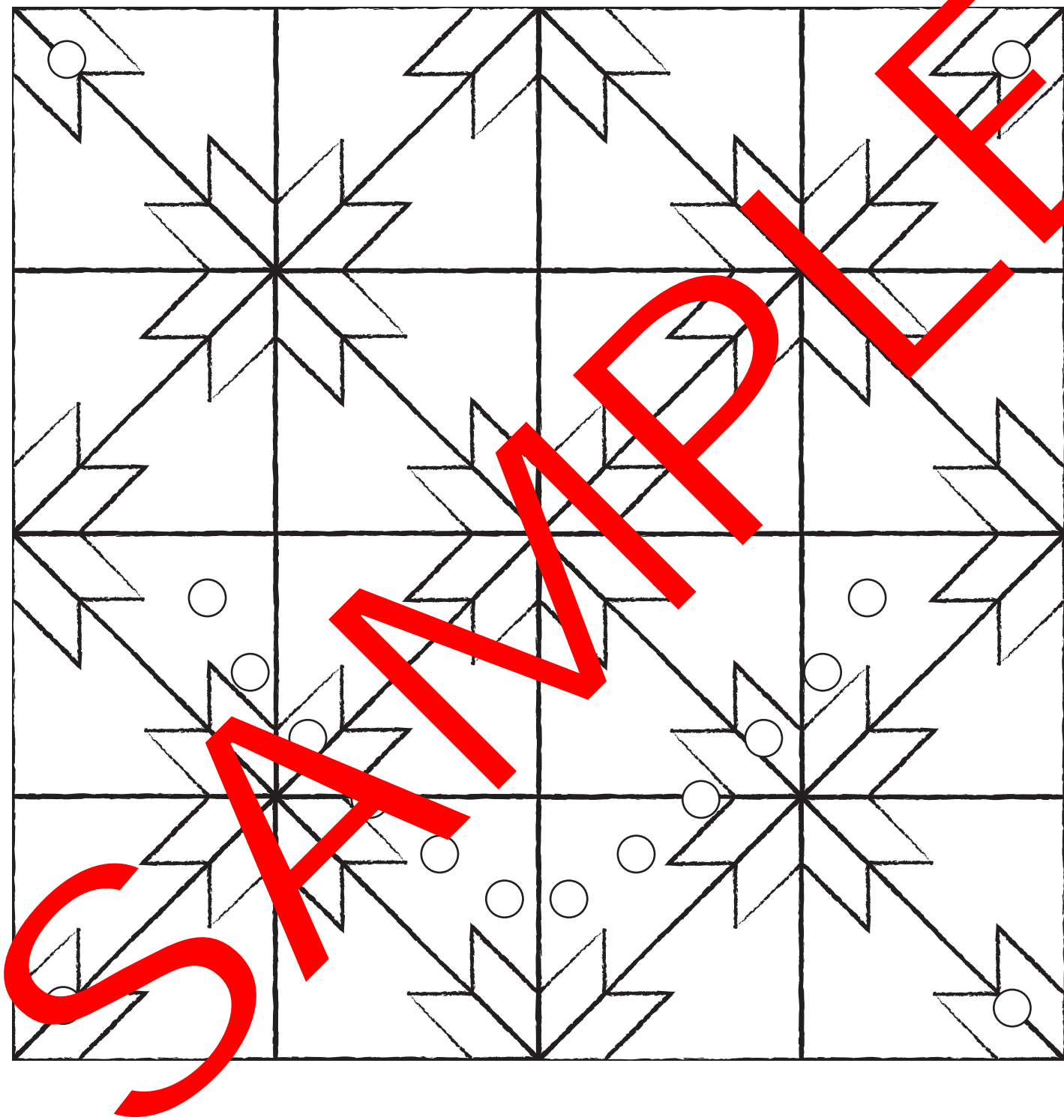
Have students decorate their *Kindness Cards* as they thread. When the *Quilt* is hung, students can stick the *Cards* in the heart pockets.

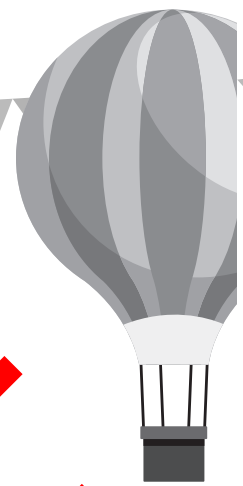
TIP

You can use plastic yarn needles to help with the threading.

DIRECTIONS FOR CLASS

1. **Work together to stitch your *Quilt Patches* together.** In a large open space, lay the *Patches* out in a grid. Thread a 12-inch length of yarn through a hole at the corner of one patch, then thread it through the hole of the patch next to it. Tie the yarn in a bow.
2. **Work together to make a "*Kindness Quilt*" *Sign*.** Have your teacher cut the poster board to the same width as your *Quilt*. Work together to decorate the *Sign*. Punch holes along the bottom of the *Sign*, then secularly tape it to the wall, high enough for your *Quilt* to hang under the *Sign*.
3. **Work together to hang your *Kindness Quilt*.** Carefully lift the *Quilt* together, and hold it under the *Sign*. Have your teacher thread the yarn through the holes in the *Sign*, and join them to the holes in *Quilt*, then tie them in a bow. (If your *Quilt* is very large, you may want to place a few pieces of tape around the edges to help secure the *Quilt* to the wall.)





PEACE PINWHEEL

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus Calms the Storm
(Mark 4:35-41)

MEMORY VERSE:

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
John 16:33

LESSON FOCUS:

Joy & Peace

MATERIALS

Peace Pinwheel reproducible page
white copy paper
scissors
crayons and markers
hole punch
paint brush or bamboo skewer
1-inch long brads (paper fasteners)
colorful pony beads
drinking straws
Optional—chenille stems, flexible straws

PREPARATION

Copy the **Peace Pinwheel** reproducible page onto white copy paper, one per student.

TIP

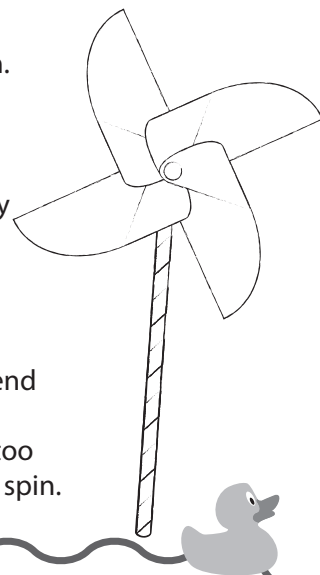
To punch the hole in the center of the *Pinwheel Square*, gently increase the *Pinwheel Square* in hand, or see "Punching Holes" on page 44.

EXTRA FUN

Students can color both sides of the *Pinwheel*.

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Color the words "Take Heart" on the *Pinwheel Square*. Draw a colorful pattern, and color in the rest of the *Square* and the *Small Circle*.
2. Cut out the *Pinwheel Square* and the *Small Circle*.
3. Where indicated, punch the five holes in the *Pinwheel Square*, and the one hole in the *Small Circle*.
4. Cut the lines on the *Pinwheel Square* where indicated.
5. Slightly flatten one end of a straw and push a hole through the straw, about a half-inch from the end of the straw.
6. Place the handle of a paintbrush or a bamboo skewer through the center hole of the *Pinwheel Square*, print side up. One corner at a time, gently cut each blade of the *Pinwheel* inward, aligning the hole onto the paintbrush. (Be careful not to crease the blades.)
7. Place the *Small Circle* onto the paintbrush.
8. Place a bead onto the paintbrush.
9. Holding all of the pieces in place, carefully remove the paintbrush, and slide a brad through the bead and the holes on the *Pinwheel*.
10. Slide the brad through the hole on the end of the straw, and carefully separate the prongs and lightly flatten. If the brad is too tight on the paper, the *Pinwheel* will not spin.



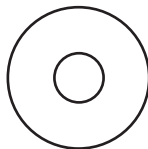
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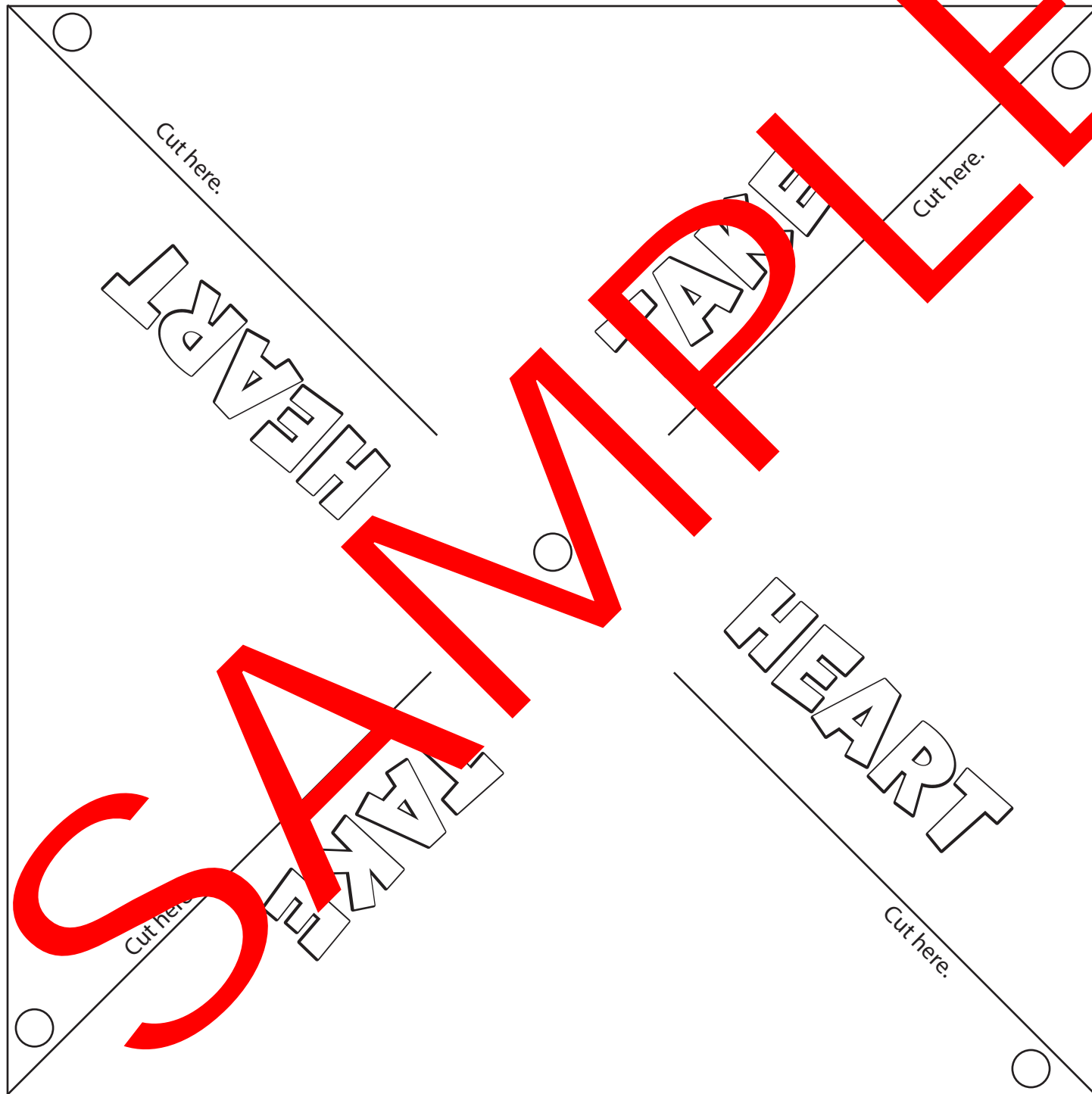
Instead of a brad, you can use a chenille stem and a flexible straw. When you have all of the *Pinwheel* pieces aligned, thread a chenille stem through the holes, and roll the end of the stem at the front of the *Pinwheel* so it doesn't slide off. Then thread the stem through the straw, the flexible section of the straw closest to the *Pinwheel*. Wrap the end of the stem around the end of the straw. Make sure that the straw doesn't touch the *Pinwheel*, or it won't spin.

Peace Pinwheel

Small Circle



Pinwheel Square



LESSON THREE