# Art Extra **David Is Chosen**

# **Cool Candle Holder**

Kids recycle glass jars, wire, and beads to make cool hanging candle holders. The light will shine from the inside of the jar out and kids will remember that God sees and loves us inside and out.

### **Spark Resources:**

None

# Supplies:

- Recycled baby food jars or any kind of small jam jar or mason jar.
  1 for each kid
- Floral or craft wire
- Wire cutter or sharp scissors
- Assorted beads, buttons, and small jingle bells
- Small bowls or containers
- Tealight candles

### Set-up:

- 1. Wash and dry one baby food jar for each kid.
- 2. Cut the wire pieces, two for each kid. The first should be about long enough to fit 2 times around the rim of the jar. The second should be long enough to comfortably hang the jar—about 6" (15 cm).

#### Instructions:

Please see the attached drawing of the candle holder. Isn't this a cool candle holder? I like that you can see through the glass, and when I light a candle and put it inside, I think it will look even better. It will shine from the inside out! We're going to make these candle holders today as a reminder that God sees us and loves us inside and out. I think I'll light my candle as a special reminder of God when I'm praying or reading my Bible.

- 1. Thread beads, buttons, and jingle bells onto the two pieces of wire. Twist the wire before and after each item to keep it in place.
- 2. Wrap the longer beaded wire around the top rim of the jar. Cross the ends to make and X shape and twist them around each other a couple of times. Make sure the wire fits as snugly as possible against the jar.
- 3. Curl the excess length on each end for a finished look.
- 4. Attach the second piece of wire to the wire around the rim of the jar. Twist the ends of the second wire around the first wire on opposite sides of the jar. This will make a handle to hang the jar with.
- 5. Let kids embellish and add wire, beads, and other decorations as they wish.
- 6. Pass out tealight candles for each kid to put in their holder.

Great job! These are such cool candle holders—I know your family will love them, too. Just remember: Never light a candle without an adult and never leave a candle burning in a room if no one is there. Remember when you see the light shine from the inside of your candle holder that God knows you and loves you inside and out.

If you prefer to add art you can...

Rather than decorating the candle holders with wire and beads, have the kids use markers or paints made for decorating glass. Some of these are thick and will make a raised design on the glass.