

# Craft Speakers Corner – Pass the Baton Expo 2020

## Suppliers and tips

Craft supplies can be expensive so make use of free & cheaper options for whatever needed items you can.

Let those in your church or school know to gather certain household items you'll need well in advance so that they can donate saving some costs. ie: washed empty plastic coke bottles, cans....

Can get free high-quality card from **picture framing shops** that can be guillotined and used for many crafts, (I'll demo some) saving you hundreds of dollars. The picture framers put their quality offcuts aside for schools etc and you can take what they offer. Warning: some can have sharp bevelled edges that can easily be guillotined off so that they don't cut.

**Cabinet makers** have cover sheets of wood they can't sell that they'll donate. You can even ask them to pre-cut them for excellent crafts such as bookends.

You can get affordable supplies from shops like the **Reject shop, Red dot, Price savers** and if you are bulk buying from Price savers or costsavers, they will often give a further discount.



Use **e-bay** for bulk purchase of things like googly eyes and pompoms that are much cheaper. Also school supply shops sell craft supplies in bulk.

**Homecraft Textiles** 1039 Albany Hwy St James has their annual half price off everything in their store every year. This year it will be in May. It is often held in March. Ph: 9355 4222

**Op shops** are also great for finding things you can store and use when needed. I picked up a sheet of leather/vinyl that were used for hundreds of bracelets. DWR – Do What's Right leather bracelets were very cost effective.



**Coles and Kmart** will often delete a kitchen or handyman item down to .50c and these can be made into excellent quality crafts for mothers and Father's Day (shall show).

Make the most of the **back to school sales** to get supplies that will be used later in the year, like exercise books to make up devotional books at a tiny price. Markers and sizzors and glues are often half their normal price.

Use **clear quick drying craft glue**. This can be pricey at Spotlight, but you can bulk buy when they have 30% off the glues. You can purchase this glue at price-savers cheaply also. Be careful not to buy the tacky craft glue. Only use PVA for paper, card, wood. The craft glue is best for all other crafts as it is quick drying. Only a small amount is needed. This glue dries and rubs off hands easily.



Every year **Aldi** sells A3 laminators for \$29 and A4 for \$20 and packets of laminating pouches for a fraction of the cost of Officeworks. This is great as they can be used for many crafts.

Make the most of **Riot's Art and craft** half price of everything in store sales.

You can use church craft group ladies and/or some retired folk who have the time to help you prepack craft packs for your program to save you much time.

Ministry	Website	What
Ministry to Children	<a href="https://ministry-to-children.com/">https://ministry-to-children.com/</a>	FREE large variety of lessons, crafts and resources
Danielles Place	<a href="https://www.daniellesplace.com/">https://www.daniellesplace.com/</a>	Member fee: variety of lessons and crafts
Gospel Light	<a href="https://www.gospellight.com/wp-content/uploads/GL-Big-Book-of-Bible-Lessons-for-Crafty-Kids-Sample-139345.pdf">https://www.gospellight.com/wp-content/uploads/GL-Big-Book-of-Bible-Lessons-for-Crafty-Kids-Sample-139345.pdf</a>	FREE Downloadable book with lessons and crafts
Pinterest	<a href="https://www.pinterest.com.au/">https://www.pinterest.com.au/</a>	Ideas from all over the world, place your lesson theme in the search bar for visual ideas
Superbook academy	<a href="https://au.superbookacademy.com/">https://au.superbookacademy.com/</a>	\$30/month Themed lessons, videos, craft resources
Kids Sunday School	<a href="https://www.kidssundayschool.com/">https://www.kidssundayschool.com/</a>	FREE loads of downloadable templates and other resources and lessons
DLTK Bible	<a href="http://www.dltk-bible.com/">http://www.dltk-bible.com/</a>	FREE craft, lessons, resources
Truth for kids	<a href="http://www.truthforkids.com/craft-directory">http://www.truthforkids.com/craft-directory</a>	Free craft and bible lessons.
Sunday School Kids	<a href="https://www.sundayschoolkids.com/">https://www.sundayschoolkids.com/</a>	FREE craft and bible lessons

### Purpose for crafts

- Crafts should reinforce the teaching of the theme. They should not just be a time filler but should support your main teaching theme as it becomes a take home reminder of truths learnt. It is good when the lesson, verse, songs and craft are all on one theme.

### General things to consider

- Craft area should be set up early
- Everyone can help children with the crafts
- Younger kids need the most help

### Before Craft

- Give clear assembly instructions to the children prior to sending them to the craft area.
- Set out craft (usually in individually pre-packed plastic or paper bags)
- Put a sample craft in a bag marked SAMPLE or photo of the sample on each table.
- Have spare items to cater for the children who have missing or broken parts

### During Crafting

- More helpers needed to focus on the younger children with at least one helper per table.
- Children to put their name on their craft.
- Leave the child's craft where they left it for them to come and collect after the program

### After crafting

- Clean up room, returning items to containers.
- Clean the glue bottles around the tip and ensure the glue bottles have the lids firmly pressed down, clicked into place and store upright so that they don't dry out.

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