



Inspire

Hope for the World

Sunflower Craft Ideas

Make these sunflower crafts to brighten your home for fall or to brighten someone's day.

Clothespin Wreath

Decorate your front door with this cheery sunflower wreath:

<https://www.graceforsingleparents.com/make-clothespin-wreaths/>



Folded Paper Sunflowers

Here is an easy, inexpensive craft to make to share with someone who needs some cheering.

Make several and place them in a vase: <https://onelittleproject.com/folded-paper-sunflowers/>

Sunflower Farmhouse Wall Art

Make this beautiful wall decoration out of disposable foil baking trays:

<https://craftbits.com/project/dollar-tree-foil-tray-sunflower-farmhouse-wall-art/>



**Please note this will be the last issue of "Inspire."
Watch for a new resource in October 2022!**

INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Hanford, CA repainted the picnic tables on the corps property so they could become "Front Porch" people, where those who don't know much about The Salvation Army could feel welcome and included.

Madolenihmw and Kolonia, Micronesia had a WM fishing competition. The winner caught 15 fish!

MatSu Vally, AK have been making blankets to be given to children in Child Protective Services who have been taken from their home. **Mesa, AZ** have been making Linus blankets and are sharing them with an Emergency Foster Care Facility.

Nampa, ID ladies learned how to cook on a budget and with things from their food pantry.

Ridgecrest, CA started a new bi-weekly bike ministry. They ride their bikes around town, giving away snacks and small gifts, and pray for the women they meet.

San Diego Citadel, CA did a program called "The Crown" to celebrate the Queen of England's 70 year reign. The ladies made crowns and ate Shepherds Pie.

San Rafael, CA held a 6-week basket weaving class at lunch time at the neighboring homeless encampment.

Seattle Temple, WA had a professional de-clutter expert come and speak to the women about how to get their houses in order.

Washougal, WA held a Murder Mystery Night, complete with 1920's costumes.

*Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries
Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries
Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary*

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Monthly Bible Trivia Questions— Jesus' Return

As Christians, we are expectantly waiting for when Jesus will come again, just as He promised. What does the Bible have to say about His second coming?

1. The second coming of Christ is compared to what weather condition (Matthew 24:27)?
2. Who is the only person who knows when Jesus' return is (Matthew 24:36)?
3. In what will Jesus return (Luke 21:27)?
4. What did Jesus say He was going to prepare for us (John 14:2)?
5. What is the last enemy to be destroyed at Jesus' return (1 Corinthians 15:26)?
6. What will God do to all believers when Jesus returns (2 Corinthians 5:10)?
7. What will be changed when Jesus returns (Philippians 3:21)?
8. Who will meet the Lord first when He returns (1 Thessalonians 4:16)?
9. The second coming is compared to what night visitor (1 Thessalonians 5:2)?
10. What virtue is encouraged as we wait for the second coming (James 5:8)?

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Expectant Hope

Recently my husband and I went to a sunflower farm and walked among a field of a variety of sunflowers. It was so enjoyable to pick our own bouquet of these vibrant flowers. It was fun to see all the bright yellow, orange and even red sunflowers, with their heads held up high towards the sun. The sight just made me happy. I have decided that one cannot help but smile when they are surrounded by sunflowers.



What is really interesting about sunflowers is that they track the sun. What that means is that sunflowers look toward the sun as it rises in the east and follow it across the sky until it set in the west. God designed it this way so that the sunflower can absorb the most sunlight as it grows. The fancy science term for this is heliotropism.

Sunflowers hold their heads high and look toward the sky. We as believers need to remember this important lesson. We need to hold our heads up and look towards Christ, anticipating His return. It is easy for the things of this world—the struggles, the worries, the difficulties, to cause us to become downcast. Often we look at all that is going on around us, making it easy to become hopeless.

But we have a glorious hope—the hope of Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus loved us so much, He died in our place for our sins. He not only died, but He rose again. He is alive! Death did not defeat Him! Forty days after His resurrection, He ascended into Heaven to be with the Father (where He is today) Acts 1:10-11 says ***They [the disciples] were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.***

Just as sunflowers keep facing upward and toward the sun, we too, should be looking upward expectantly for His promised return. Titus 2:11-13 says this: ***For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.***

We need to be looking expectantly for His return; it could be today! But until He returns we need to be like the sunflower and bring light, joy and hope to the world around us. We need to live in such a way, that those who don't know Jesus as their personal Savior are drawn to us, and can ask questions, and then we can respond with the reason for our hope. 1 Peter 3:15 say, ***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have....***