

From Trash to Treasure – **Acts 3:01-26**

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It was, is, and will be only through Jesus that...

1. The lame man was restored – v. 6-10
 - a. Physically Restored

Illustration: Many years ago, I found myself in a new appointment with upholstered dining room chairs. They were, of course, white and they were no longer white. I felt bad when I looked at those chairs. They were so dingy, distressed, and dirty. The Lame man was I am sure, all those things, dingy, distressed, and dirty. After being carried to the city gate called “Beautiful” every day to beg, I ‘m sure he looked a little like my chairs. I decided one day that I was going to do something about the look of those chairs, they were nice chairs, they just needed to be physically restored. Therefore, they were restored and now look like they have a new life. Restoration of trash to treasure is like this...Jesus takes our trash that we make of our lives with the decisions we make, and He alone can make our trash into a treasure.

2. You can be restored – v. 17-20
 - a. Spiritually Restore

Verse 19 tells us that we need to repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out! What a great promise that if we accept Jesus as our Savior and God, we can have our sins taken completely away.

Illustration: I have a big whiteboard in my office that I put all kinds of notes on. I even use my windows for notes. When I am done with one of those things on my list, I just wipe it off the window or whiteboard. It is gone if I use whiteboard markers. If I do not use those, it stays there a bit longer until it wears off. We do not have to wait for the wearing off with Jesus. He takes it off immediately and it is gone!

3. All things will be restored in the end – v. 21-26

We are heirs of the kingdom due to our adoption into His family and as we continue to follow His will in our lives, we have the assurance of being with Him in the end. We will be restored to a new heaven and in new bodies and in perfect fellowship with Jesus forever.

Trash to treasure is in the eye of the beholder.

What can you do today with any of these things I have brought into the program? The treasure is in your creative mind. Let us see what we can make today from this “stuff.”

Directions

I found these at a thrift store, and I like mushrooms so I wondered what I could do with it. Thanks to Pinterest, I found some great ideas. I picked this one as I love wind chimes. The Hat was my creation as I doodle all the time.

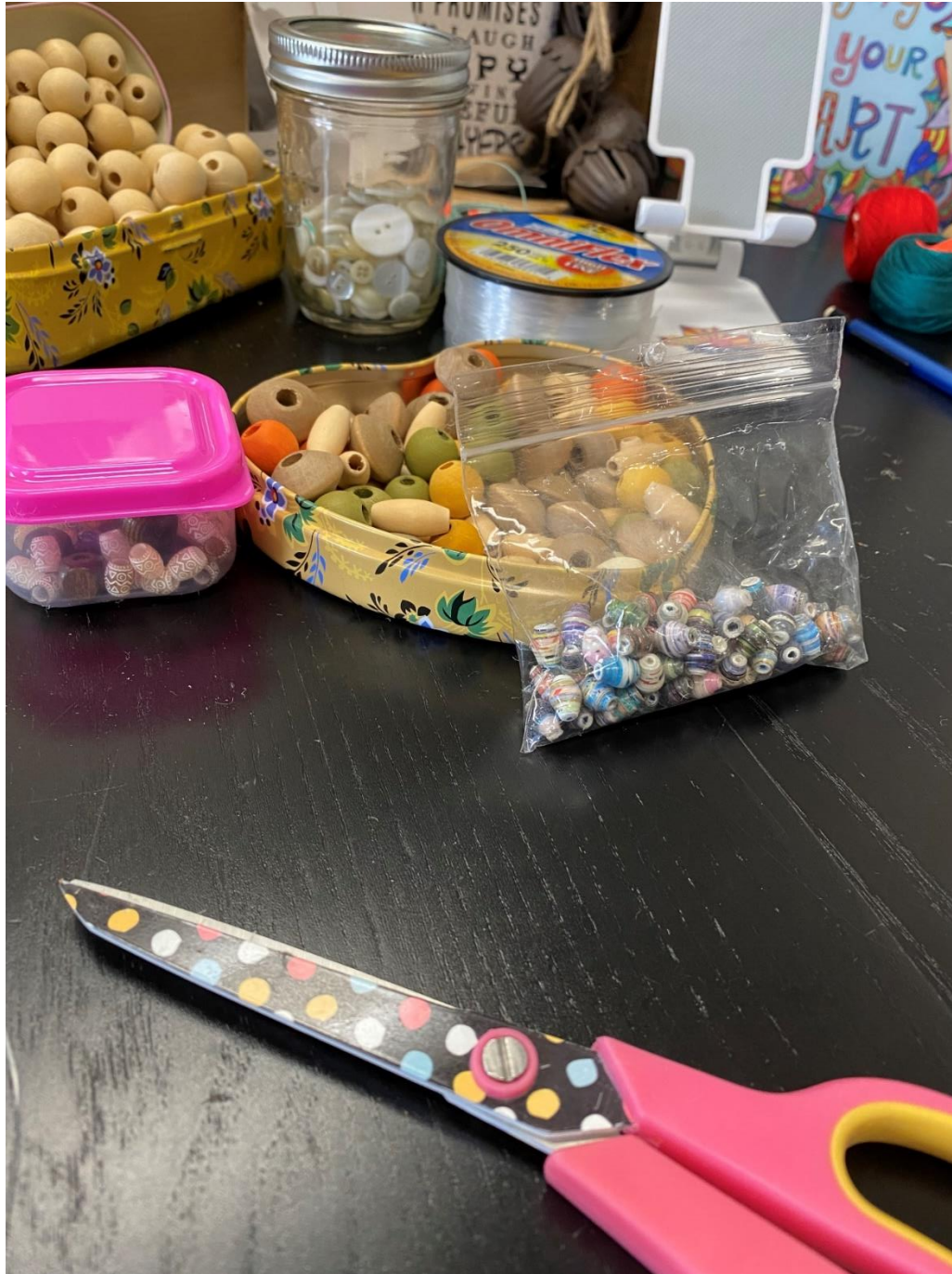
I also made a dirty felt hat into something fun to wear. I used sharpie markers and hairspray to set it.



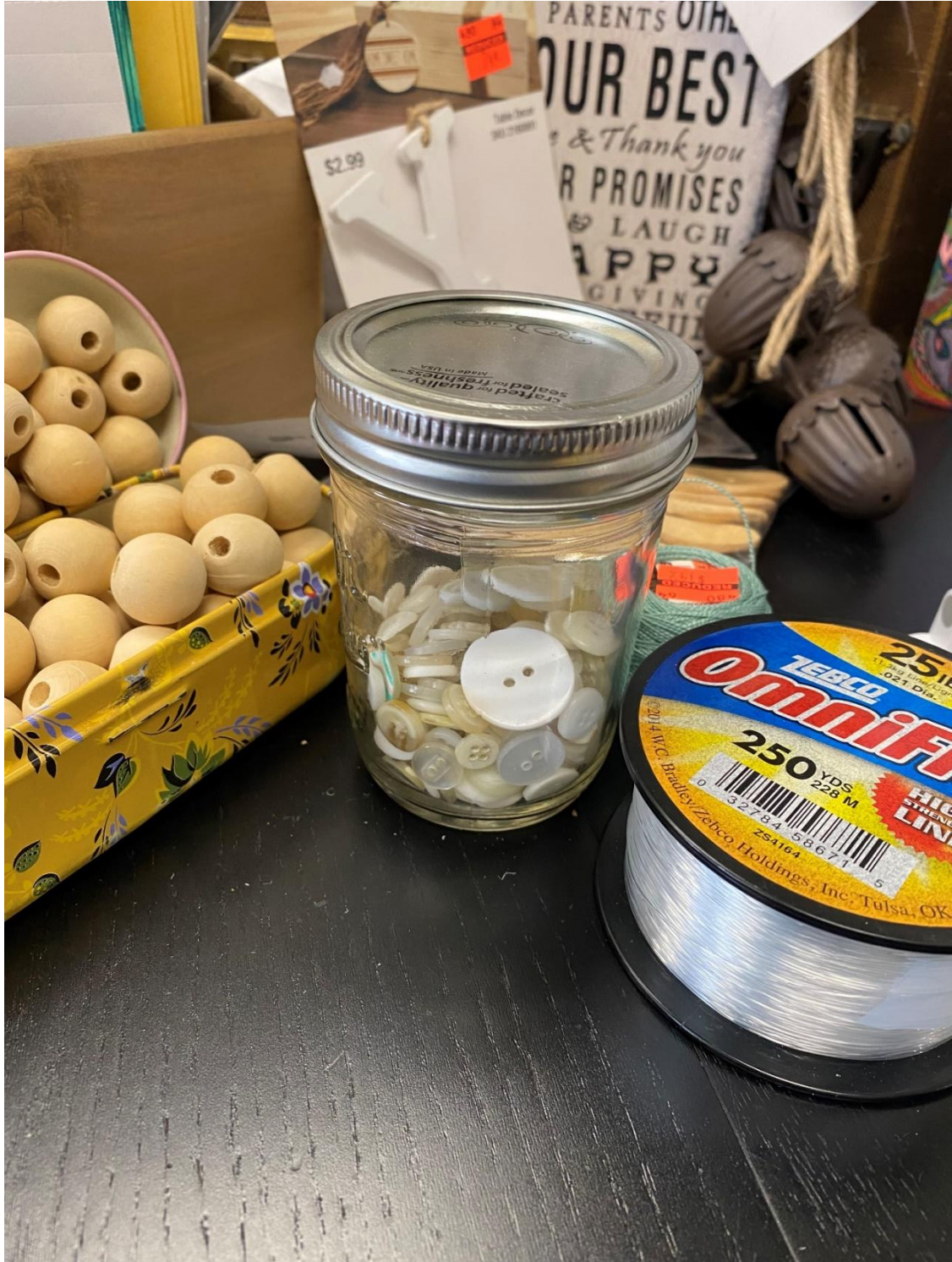




This is what I found and wanted to make into something I liked. I paid \$3.00 for it.



Supplies needed. I bought the long-beaded garlands from Hobby Lobby for half price and got two times as many beads from that.



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I got the buttons from the thrift store.



For attaching the beads.



The bells were half price at Hobby Lobby and on a garland of their own. I cut them apart.



This is the finished project. I really like it. It is fun and a bit funky like me.



Use gloves if you have problems with your skin and jute. It can mess you up.