

Hi! "Could you please pass the salt? Thanks." That is a very common expression around most dinner tables. Imagine corn on the cob or french fries without salt. It enhances the flavour so much. Jesus knew this as well. He likened salt to faith and to love. Be like salt, he said. Spread the goodness of God's love to everyone you meet! Salt does so much more than just flavour foods. I was personally amazed at the uses we have for salt in our industry and transportation and many other things. It also is quite beautiful!

Salt is not a food that grows, it is a crystal that is mined from the earth like rock. It is in the oceans and when the water evaporates, salt remains. When all else is gone God's love remains.

Wait until you see today's crafts. We are going to have lots of fun with salt today. Join us on the video on Sunday to see how to make your own crystals and salt pictures or follow the directions on today's Activity Pages.

Or come to church at 9:30 Sunday morning. God's Garden is following all the Covid 19 protocols.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Blessings to you and yours.

Merilee Clarke

## Children's Activities for "Pass the Salt Please" Sept. 26

**Theme;** We are called to be salt in the world.

**Scripture;** Mark 9:38-50 **Matt 5:13**

**Kid's Talk Object;** A shaker of salt, a brightly colored shirt, a leather belt, a plastic toy.



Everyone knows what salt is, right? (Hold up the salt shaker.) We use it every day to make our food taste better. Imagine eating corn on the cob and French fries without salt. It wouldn't have the same flavor, would it?

But salt has more uses than just making our food taste better. It's used to make over 14,000 different products, some of which we use every single day.

- Salt is used in setting the coloured dye in fabrics. Without salt, the bright colors that we wear today would quickly wash out of our clothes, making them dull and less vibrant.
- Salt is also used in leather making. Without salt, we would not have many of the leather products that we use every day -- like this belt.
- Salt is used to make plastic. Without salt, we might not have many of the plastic toys that we play with. (Pass around the toy.)

People have known about the usefulness of salt for many years. A grain of salt may be small, but it's very valuable. At one time, salt was so important that people were paid with salt instead of money.

Most common table salts are a product of sea salt, while specialty or gourmet salts are still produced by evaporating seawater which leaves behind the salt. Salts used for industrial purposes, like road salt, are obtained through mining rock salt.

Jesus knew the power of salt in our lives. He even used it to tell His followers how He wants us to live. Jesus said, *"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."* In other words, faith is good. If you lose faith, it's hard to get it back again. Trust your faith and be at peace with everyone. **To Jesus salt equaled flavour and flavour equaled faith which equals love.**

**We are called to be salt in the world. This means we need share our faith in order to flavour our world with the love of Jesus. We do this with smiles, kind words, being helpful, donating money or food, doing all good things which will make the world a better place.**

Dear God, help us flavour our world with Your love. Help us make the world a better place. In Jesus' name, amen

**10:00 A.M. Join us in [Family Faith Time](#); SALTY WORLD: Give each child a picture of a the world. Children could colour their world picture and add special places if desired. Then let them spread a thin layer of glue on that globe world and sprinkle salt on the world. Hang the "salted world" by yarn around the classroom! WE are the salt ( love) of the world.**

### **Pass the Salt    Group Activities    Scripture Reading: Mark 9:38-50**

**LESSON OBJECT HUNT:** Send the class children out for an object HUNT to find the objects needed in today's lesson... a salt shaker, brightly colored shirt, a leather belt and a plastic toy. Hide the items in difficult places and then tell the children when they're getting "hot" (close), or "cold" (farther away). Have children form a circle on the floor with the items and then listen to the teacher share today's lesson with those items.

**SALT SHAKER POCKET:** Give children supplies to decorate a large salt shaker with words from today's prayer. Tack to a bulletin board and leave an open space at the top for the words that the children will place in there. Then have children pick words from today's Bible verse out of a basket and put the words into the salt shaker pocket that the children have decorated. After all the words have been said and jumbled in the salt shaker, let the children take turns in taking words OUT of the salt shaker and putting in order on the classroom table.

**SALT SHAKER VERSE:** Give each child an inexpensive plastic salt shaker from any \$\$ store and provide the Bible verse slip of paper that they can lightly color and tape around the salt shaker. Encourage children to put their salt shaker on their own kitchen tables at home to remind them about adding flavor to their world with GOD's love.

**PAPER BAG PUPPET:** Give each child a paper bag to color and decorate to look like themselves. Add a thin layer of glue and let children sprinkle salt on the top of their bags, to remind them to take their puppet home and be reminded of being the salt to the world. Have children write their name on the bag and write, "I AM CALLED TO BE THE SALT IN THE WORLD.

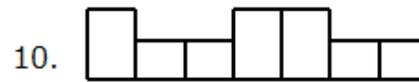
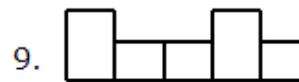
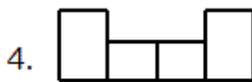
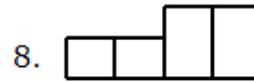
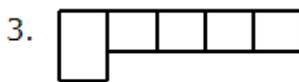
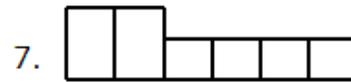
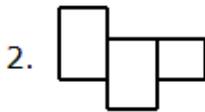
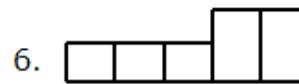
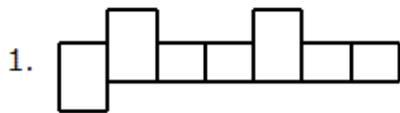
**SALTED FALL LEAVES:** Let children go on a nature walk if time allows to find some leaves for this craft. Otherwise, the teacher can have some leaves available for children to place a thin layer of glue on the leaves and sprinkle with salt. Tell children how to be salt to the earth and let others know of God's love. This would be fun for children to be able to do the leaf hunt and the salting outside in the fresh air!



# Pass the Salt, Please!

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?" Mark 9:50a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



world	dye	plastic	peace	lose
salt	taste	leather	flavor	food

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
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3. 23-3-7 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 25-13-9-25-7 \_\_\_\_\_
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7. 30-1-12-11-23 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 11-7-13-25-18-7-12 \_\_\_\_\_
9. 26-7-13-10-7 \_\_\_\_\_
10. 11-1-9-7 \_\_\_\_\_

TASTE	LOSE	SALT	FOOD	LEATHER
DYE	FLAVOR	PLASTIC	WORLD	PEACE

# "I AM" THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





## Salt Painting

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## Craft # 1 Salt of the world pictures.



### How to Make Colored Salt Crystals

- Step 1. Place the 3-4 tsp. table salt into the sandwich bag or small bowls.
- Step 2. Add two drops of food coloring in each bag.
- Step 3. Seal the sandwich bag and then shake and manipulate the salt inside so that the food coloring coats the salt...
- Step 4. Unseal the sandwich bag to allow air in the bag or bowl.

Draw a picture or design using a bottle of white school glue and sprinkle the coloured salt on. Shake the excess salt off onto a tray and let dry.



Salt in its natural state.

**Craft #2 is harder and takes longer but is more fun: You will need: Borax, a tall glass jar, boiling water, table spoon, stick, string, 2 or more white pipe cleaners, 2 cup measuring cup, food colouring. CAUTION: Borax is for cleaning not for consuming. It is toxic.**

This will take ten minutes to prepare but 8-10 hours to see the results.

Twist and weave the pipe cleaners into a random oval shape smaller than the width of your glass container. Leave no holes if possible. Tie it to the string and the stick (or pencil) to the other end of the string. It should be able to dangle in the glass without touching the bottom or the sides.

Boil water and pour one and a half cups into a 2 cup measuring container and add borax one table spoonful at a time and stir. You will probably need 8-10 spoonfuls. You will know when you have enough when no more borax will dissolve and some will remain on the bottom of the measuring cup.

Pour most of it into the tall glass jar (not the remaining salt on the bottom) Add food colour and dangle the pipe cleaners in the mixture. (It should not touch the bottom or the sides.) Cover the top with folded paper to keep the heat in.

Place near a window and don't touch for 8-10 hours. Then remove and place on a paper towel. When dry, you may add a few touches of paint if you desire.



**Lets Sing: I am the Church**

**I am the church, You are the church, we are the church together.  
All around Stittsville, All around the world, YES we're the church together**

**I am the salt, You are the salt, We are the salt together.  
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