

## LIFE APPLICATION

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### Path Through the Bible

Say: ★ *Jesus shows us the right path, and we can trace that path all the way back through the Bible. We're going to make a little fold-out book that'll help you trace that path and remind you of it whenever you're wondering about which path to take in life.*

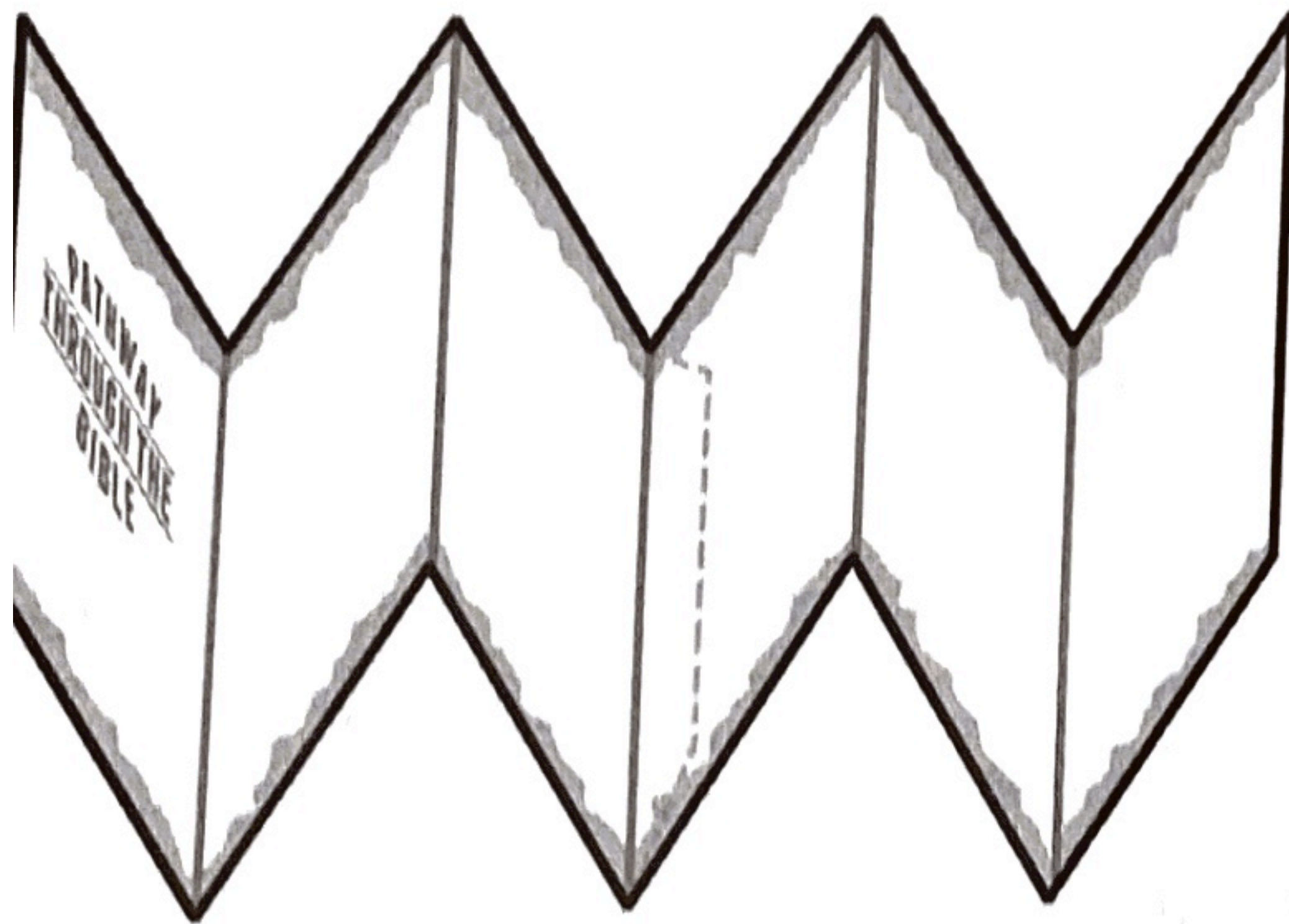
Lead kids to your craft area where you've set out scissors, glue sticks, and copies of the "Pathway Through the Bible" handout (p. 123).

Help kids through the following steps to complete the handout.

- ✓ Cut out the two long sections.
- ✓ Make one long strip by gluing the tab at the end of the first section to the back of the second section.
- ✓ Accordion fold the pages to form a book.

When kids have their books assembled, say: **We have here five verses from throughout the Bible, starting toward the beginning and finishing with the words of Jesus, and they're all talking about the same path. The challenge for you is to read them and discover what path they're talking about.**

Select child volunteers to read the five Bible verses. Help them discover together that God's path, Jesus' path, is one of love.



# Pathway Through the Bible

## PATHWAY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

Deuteronomy 7:9

How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Psalms 36:7

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So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.

Isaiah 30:18

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

Zephaniah 3:17

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Mark 12:29-31