



## CRAFT

### Counting Helper

[20 min]

### Supplies

- large craft sticks (2 per child)
- markers
- chenille wires (5 per child)
- pony beads (10 per child)

### Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



### Talk About Counting

Say: **Today we heard that God talked to Abraham about counting the stars.**

Ask: • **What are some things you like to count?** Kids may say they like to count their stuffed animals, toy cars, or candies in a package.

Say: **It's fun to count things. Let's make something to help us count.**

### Make Counting Helpers

- Form as many groups as you have adult or teen helpers, dividing the kids evenly among the groups.
- Give each child two craft sticks and some markers.
- Say: **Since God talked to Abraham about counting the stars, let's start by using our markers to make lots of dots on our sticks. The dots can remind us of the stars!**
- Encourage kids to make dots on the craft sticks.
- Ask leaders to help kids wrap one end of a chenille wire twice around one of their craft sticks.
- Give each child one bead to thread onto the loose end of the chenille wire.
- Encourage leaders to help kids wrap the loose end of the wire around the second craft stick, leaving about 3 inches between the craft sticks.
- Leaders can help kids wrap another chenille wire around one of their craft sticks.
- Give each child two beads to thread onto the second wire, and then have leaders help kids wrap the end of the wire around the second stick.



- Have kids repeat the process with three more chenille wires, increasing the number of beads on the wires by one each time.

### **Use Counting Helpers**

When the Counting Helpers are finished, say: **Our Counting Helpers can help us practice counting things. We can move our beads up or down as we count each thing. Let's try it!** Choose things

around your room kids can count. Count each thing together, encouraging kids to move the beads on their wires as they count.

Say: **Our craft can help us count a lot of things. But even it couldn't help us count all the stars. There are so many of them in the sky! God promised Abraham that there'd be more kids and grandkids in his family than he could count, too. God is faithful. He kept his promise to Abraham, and he keeps his promises to us, too!**