

Paper Chains

NOTE: This may be used as a Come On In activity or you may want to prepare two chains (at least 6 links each) before class. You will use these chains during the lesson.

Materials

- ☐ Paper strips (about 2 x 12 inches) in two colors
- ☐ One paper strip in a third color labeled “Jesus”
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ Marker

Instructions

Come On In: *Pass out one of each color of paper to each student. Explain that they will be making two separate chains, one of each color. Choose one student to go first. Help him curl the paper strip into a ring and attach the ends together with tape or a stapler. Direct the next student to insert the end of his strip of paper into the first ring, curl it, and attach the ends of his paper together so the two links are connected. Continue with each student adding a link. Repeat the process with the other color until you have two chains in two different colors. Use the marker to label one chain “Old Testament” and the other chain “New Testament.”*

Lesson Time: *Bring tape, the two chains, and one strip of a new color labeled “Jesus.” You will first hang up each chain to represent the Old and New Testaments. Then at the end of the lesson you will attach the paper strip labeled “Jesus” to connect both chains, forming one long chain to represent the Bible as a whole. You may want to have students stand up and help you spread the chain out to see how long it is.*