

Putting It All Together

*Note: Banners must be made vertically to be placed on a larger banner.

Important note: You the parent will need to use the scissors for this project. The felt is too difficult for little hands to cut safely!

1 Cut out the symbol pattern shapes your child has chosen for his or her banner. Place the paper pattern piece on the colored felt square and secure with pins or trace around the shape with a pen. Cut the felt pieces carefully.

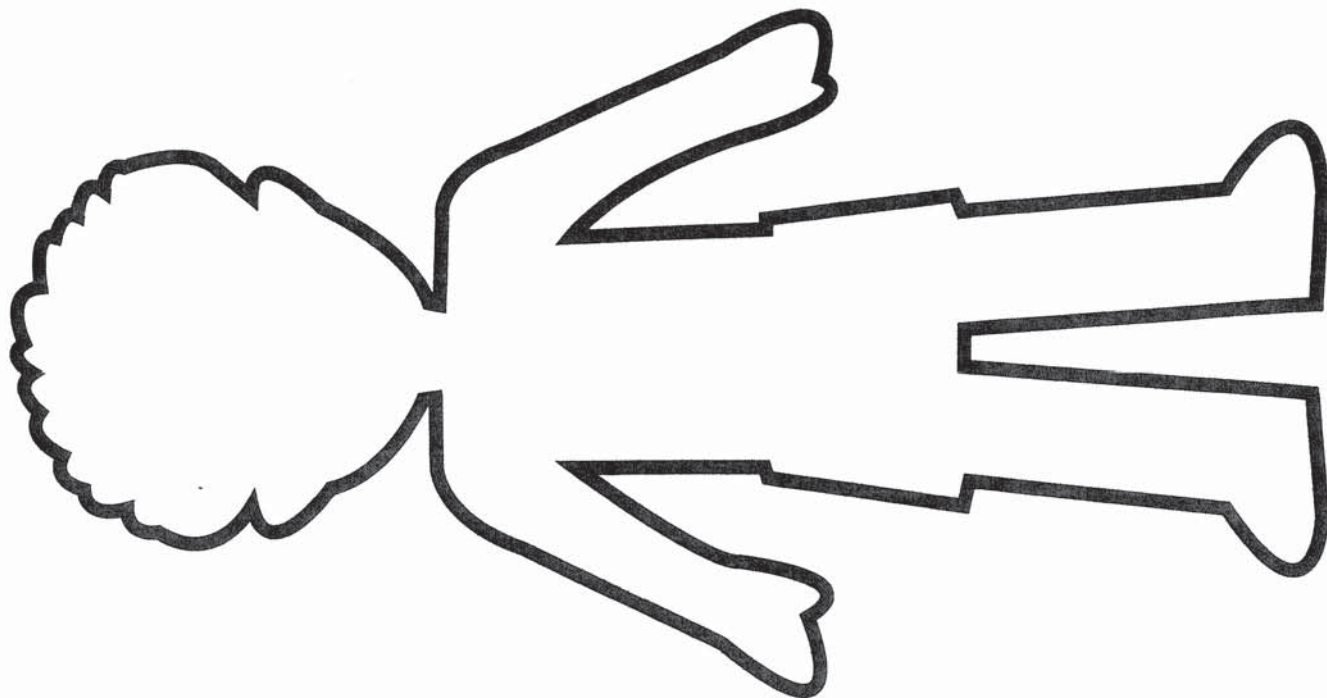
2 Cut out the letters you will need for your child's name and any other letters for your design.

3 When you have all the felt pieces cut, have your child arrange them on the banner. Now you are ready to complete your project!

4 If you are using glue to attach the felt pieces, make sure to protect your work surface. Glue can be applied with toothpicks or a small disposable brush. (Note: Glue allows your child to participate more fully in this part of the project.) If you are ironing on your felt pieces, place the banner on your ironing board. Keep the iron at a low setting. You will have to cut the adhesive to fit your felt pieces.

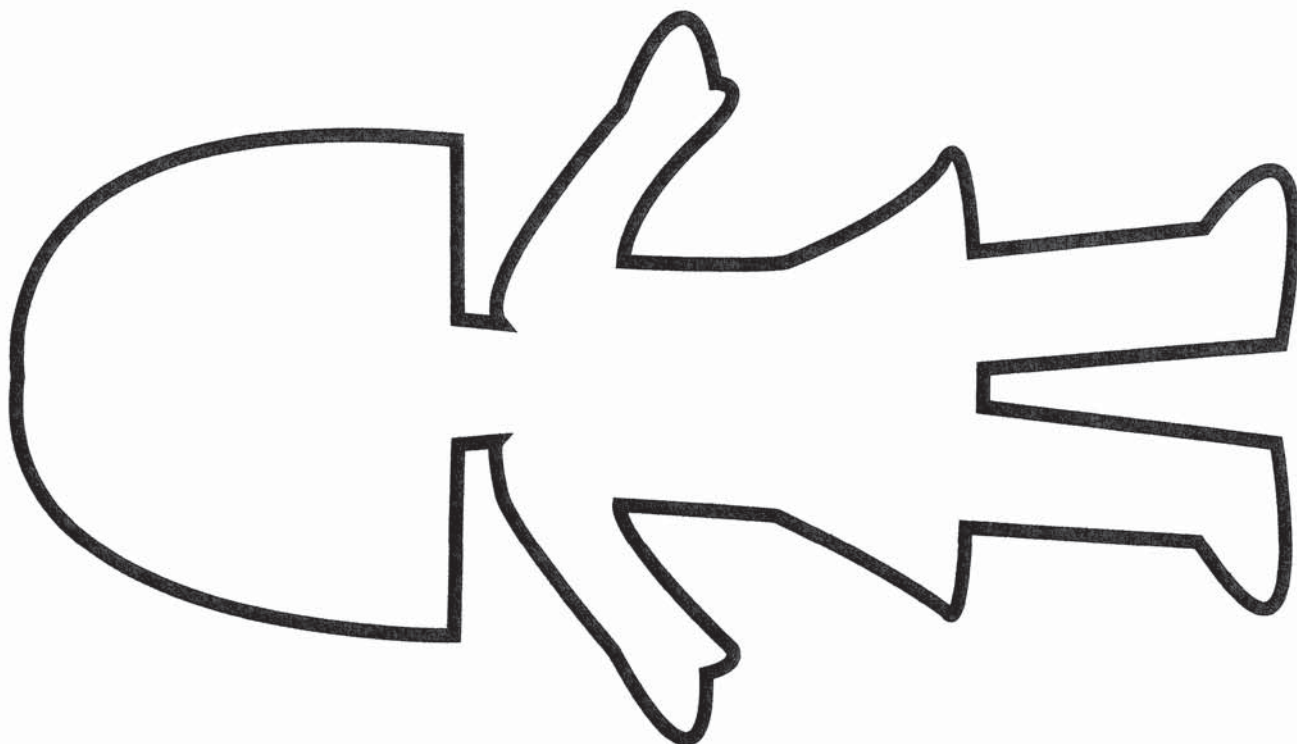
5 You may want to add details with the craft/fabric paint or with the embroidery thread if you are handy with a needle. See the pattern pages for suggestions.

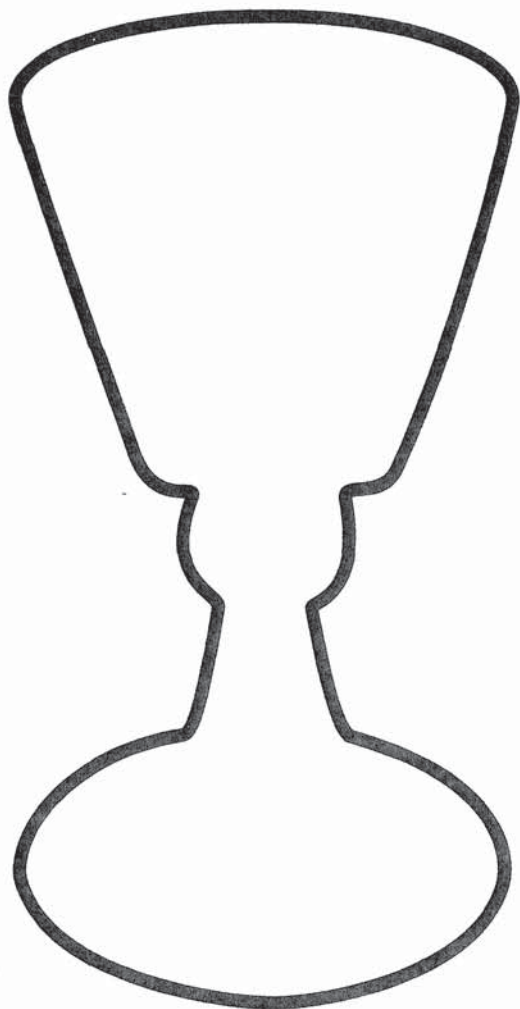
6 Make sure to allow for your child's creativity as you complete your design. However, the use of glitzy or sparkly materials (such as glitter) is not appropriate for use in the church. Strive for simplicity and you will achieve true beauty!



CHILDREN

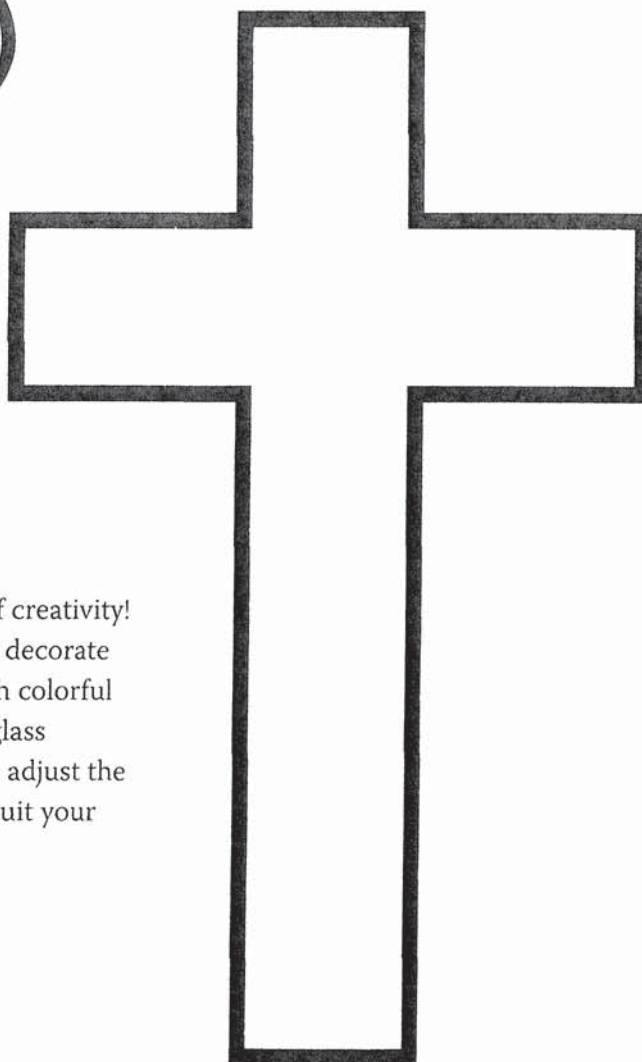
This symbol will personalize your child's banner in a very special way! Find a felt color that is close to his or her skin tone and one for his or her hair. Thread, tiny pieces of felt, or paint will work well to add their facial features. For the clothing, use thin paper to make your own patterns. Place the paper on top of the printed symbol shape and let your child draw a dress, veil, pants, jacket, tie, shoes, etc. Use these patterns to cut out the felt clothing.





CHALICE

These sacred vessels are usually made of precious metals: gold, silver, bronze, or pewter. Choose a felt color that suggests these metals to you. You can add design details with contrasting thread or paint in a metallic shade. Some chalices have decorations on the outside of the cup. Look closely at the chalice your pastor uses for ideas to add your own individual design.



CROSS

This symbol allows for lots of creativity! For example: have your child decorate the cross shape provided with colorful pieces of felt as in a stained-glass window. Or you may want to adjust the shape or size of the cross to suit your banner's design.



HEART

This simple shape is also open to creativity. For example: you may want to make it large enough to put your child's name inside in a contrasting color. Be creative but remember to strive for beauty in simplicity.

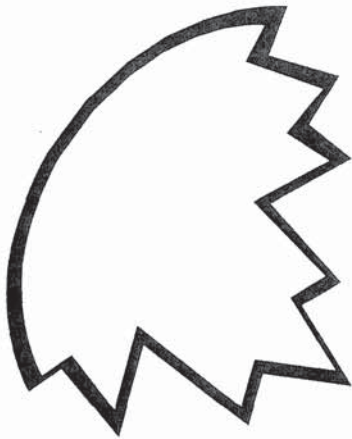
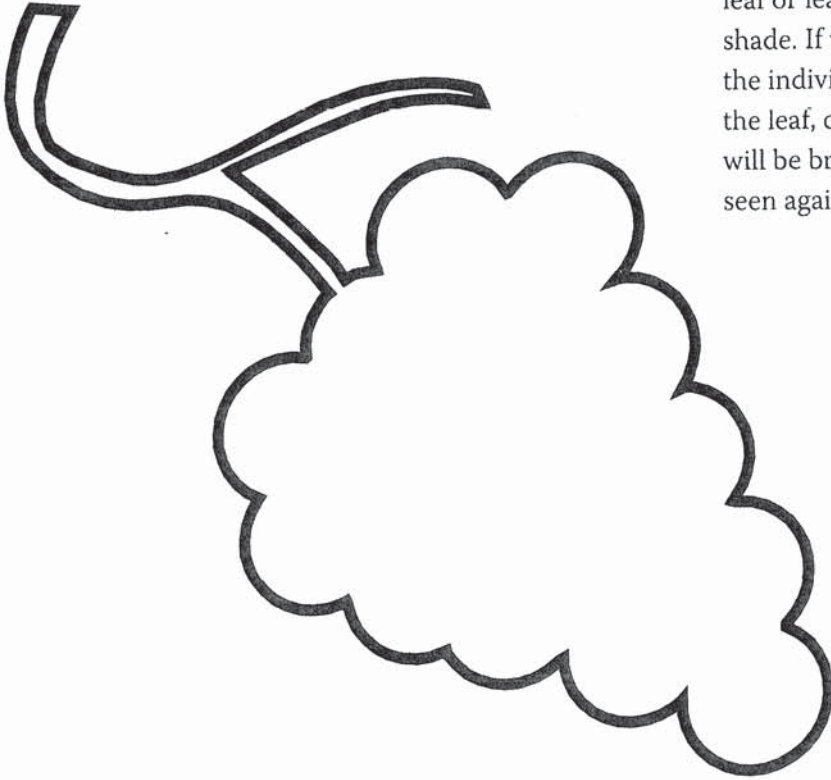


WHEAT

Use a piece of felt that is in the gold or light brown tones for this symbol. Because of the detail on the stalks of wheat, you may want to use embroidery thread, small pieces of felt, or fabric paint in a deeper shade of brown to complete the design.

GRAPES

Purple or light green will be good color choices for the grapes, with the leaf or leaves in a green that is a darker shade. If you want to add the detail of the individual grapes, or the veins of the leaf, choose a thread or paint that will be bright or dark enough to be seen against the felt you have chosen.



CANDLE

You can choose an off-white or ivory color to provide a little contrast. Another idea is to cut a piece of black felt a little larger than the candle pattern and place the white candle on top of the black. It should only be a thin outline to define the candle's shape. Use orange or bright yellow for the flame.

