



CD Case Sukkah Decoration

Topic

Sukkah decoration

Grade Level

All grades

Goals for the Lesson/Activity

Students will create a creative and environmentally friendly project to decorate the sukkah.

Materials needed

- Clear CD cases, at least one per student
- Copy of the blessing for sitting in the sukkah, available for download on JTeach.org
- Family photos
- Modge Podge or Gloss Polymer Medium
- Assorted rolls of Washi tape, available at stores which sell craft materials
- A variety of fun materials such as: strings, felt, fun scissors, colored tissue paper, foam and felt die cut of fruits and Jewish theme objects

Prepare in advance

- Review the text describing why we decorate the sukkah.

The Gemara tell us that we should decorate the Sukkah with “decorated cloths, and hang nuts, almonds, peaches, pomegranates, grapes, wheat, wine, and oil” (Babylonian Talmud, Gemara, Succah 10a)

It is also commanded to beautify all mitzvot; the Gemara states “This is my God and I will beautify Him” (Shemot 15:2, or in English, Exodus 15:2). We translate this during Sukkot to mean that we should make our sukkah beautiful and unique.

- Have all the craft materials ready to use for the kids
- Ask the students to bring in family photos



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Description of Activities

1. Discuss the *mitzvah* of decorating the sukkah
2. Discuss themes of Sukkot and brainstorm as a class personal and creative ways we can decorate the sukkah.
3. Give each student a clear CD case, **make sure the hinged side of the case is on the bottom** to not allow any water to enter in case of rain.
4. Ask the students to choose material and start decorating. _For a stained glass effect layer tissue paper with Modge Podge.
5. Use tape to attach a ribbon to the inside of the case for hanging.
6. Use the Washi tape to seal the case.