



# Monograms

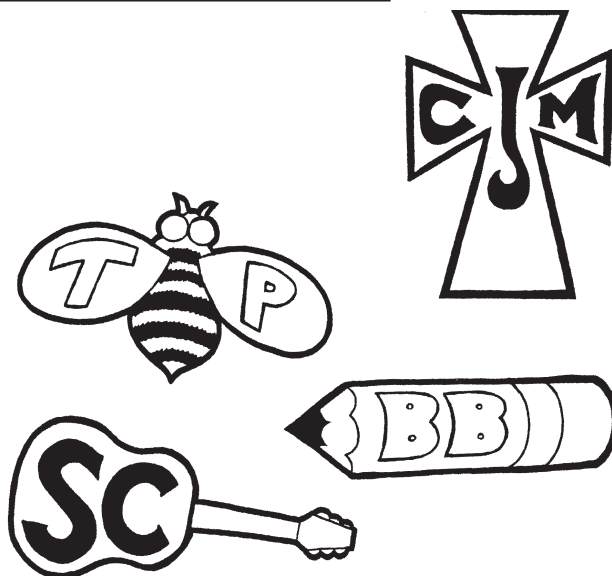
Grades 5–8

## Materials:

Paper	Corkwood
Cloth	Scissors
Felt	Needle and thread or glue
Chenille Stems	Paper
Lace	Pencils

### FAITH CONNECTION

*We use signs and symbols to express ourselves. Invite the children to do a project in which they will create symbols—monograms—of what they have learned this year.*



## Directions:

1. Monograms can be used on such things as clothing, luggage, or shoes. Shapes, kinds of letters, and size can vary greatly for monograms. Some suggestions are illustrated. Some monograms are easier to cut with a razor blade than with scissors. Monograms must be designed to fit into a specific size or shape. Students will create the size and shape of their own monograms. Monograms shaped from chenille stems are tacked into place with a needle and thread. They must be removed before laundering or they will rust. Other monograms can be sewed or glued, depending on the materials used.
2. Have the students think about what they have learned this year. Have them design their monogram to symbolize one particular idea. Some ideas are saints, friendship, gifts and talents, and prayer.
3. This can be a two-session project. The first session would give students time to get their thoughts down on paper and design a realistic monogram. The second session would be for the students to actually create their monograms.