



Frightening FISH

Although it can look quite scary, the friendly angler fish is able to make its own light deep in the ocean. When we follow the light of Jesus, we have nothing to fear because He is our salvation (Isaiah 12:2).

YOU WILL NEED:

- Battery-Operated Flexible-Wire String Lights
- Black Electrical Tape
- Poster Boards
- Batteries
- 2 Large Wiggly Eyes
- 1 Gear Tie or Piece of Cable
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 2 Large Plastic Lids (the same size as the eyes)
- Black and White Paint
- Toothpicks
- Jar Lid
- Awl
- Hot Glue Gun
- Cardboard



DIRECTIONS:



1. From cardboard, cut out a hollow teardrop shape approximately 11" x 8" with about a 1" border. Hot glue a ½" strip of cardboard around the outside edge.



5. Glue pieces of newspaper to all surfaces of the fish's mouth to cover the cardboard ridges.



9. Using electrical tape, wrap the light string to the cable. Twist the end of the string of lights into a ball.



2. From strips of cardboard and poster board, form the three-dimensional shape of a fish with a wide-open mouth.



6. Paint everything black inside and out. Let dry. Apply white paint with a dry sponge to outline the scales and the ridges on the fins.



10. Soak toothpicks overnight. Bend the wet toothpicks slightly and place inside the jar lid to hold them in a curved shape. Let dry.



3. From poster board, cut out 2 side fins, 1 upper fin, and 1 tail. Use hot glue to make the ridges on the fins and tail. Hot glue the tail and upper fin to the frame of the fish.



7. Make a small hole in the top of the fish's head. Thread in the flexible cable. Hot glue the end of the cable inside the frame.



11. Poke a bunch of holes around the edge of the mouth. Carefully glue some curved and some straight toothpicks into the holes.



4. Cut 70-80 scales from poster board about 2" x 1" pieces. Starting from the tail, hot glue the scales onto the frame. Hot glue a ½" strip of cardboard over the top edge of the mouth.



8. Make a small hole next to the cable. Thread the string of lights through it. The battery box should be inside the fish so that there is free access to it.



12. Hot glue the wiggly eyes over the inside of the black painted lids, then hot glue the eyes and side fins to the fish. Your frightful angler fish is ready to bring light to a dark room.