

**LIGHT UP REEF** 

Program KCCC230001 "Creator of the Seas"

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## **SUPPLIES:**

- Egg carton
- Tissue paper in a range of colors
- Loom bands
- Pipe cleaners
- Printable tropical fish
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Metal skewer or toothpick
- 12 LED battery operated tealight candles

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Print out 5 tropical fish templates (or print out ones you can color yourself or draw your own)
- 2. Cut tissue paper into 6" x 6" squares to cover the LED tealight candles (12 squares total).
- 3. Wrap the tissue paper over the candle, leaving the base of the candle where the switch is uncovered so it can be turned on and off.
- 4. Use a loom band to secure the tissue paper in place.
- 5. Complete steps 3-4 for all 12 candles.
- 6. Create tissue paper coral:

**Type 1:** Twist a large square of tissue paper into branches and tie each branch in three places with a loom band. Cut off the extra tissue paper near the base and use a loom band to secure the end. Make two or three of these for your reef.

**Type 2:** Fold over a 6" x 6" square of tissue paper several times and cut fringes with a pair of scissors. Separate the fringed pieces and roll them up to look like pom poms. Tie at the base with a loom band. Cut off the extra tissue paper near the base.

- 7. Poke the tissue paper coral into the reef to decorate; it doesn't need to be glued.
- 8. Cut out each fish (we prefer to have a print for both front and back). If using a template, cut out each oblong of two fish facing each other; fold in half along the dotted line and trim around the fish, leaving a thin white border.
- 9. Cut the pipe cleaners in half.
- 10. Apply glue on the inside of one half of the fish and place a pipe cleaner on the glued side. Fold the fish over the pipe cleaner and press to seal, and you will have a double-sided fish.
- 11. Poke holes in the pointy parts of your egg carton using a metal skewer or toothpick.
- 12. Poke the bottom of the pipe cleaner with fish attached in the holes formed so they stand up.
- 13. Have fun looking at your illuminated reef! If you have a black light, try that too and watch it glow!

## As you gaze at the wonderful creation, remember how God created the seas and all of the amazing creatures in the seas!

