



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## For Love of Others Mask Craft

### 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.*

*1 Corinthians 8:9 NRSV*



In Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, he tries to clear up some confusion. Some members were eating meat that had first been sacrificed to other false gods. They knew they worshipped the one true God so they did not think it mattered where the meat came from or what other people did and believed. Some newer Christians thought God would be upset if they ate such meat. Paul said if it is that important to the newer Christians, the others should not eat it, since it did not have to be such a big deal! Christians should work to be together; sometimes we do things or do not do them if it will help others be better.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, science is showing us that wearing a mask, washing our hands, and keeping our distance help to reduce the spread of the disease. Some do not want to wear a mask. Do you think Paul would say that if wearing a mask keeps us safe and the others around us safe as well, then we should wear one? It's a way to show others that we love and care about them. Here is how you can make a mask to wear or to give to someone else.

Here is a video for making a simple no-sew mask: <https://youtu.be/VUvjpJtNI34>

There are also written instructions for also making another version of a simple mask.

## How to Make a No-Sew Mask



### Materials Needed

- Cotton t-shirt ([one of the best fabrics for DIY face masks](#))
- Pipe cleaners
- Elastic hair ties

1. Measure seven inches along the bottom hem (six for a children's mask)—the length of the mask—and then four inches tall and cut that out of both layers (front and back) of the t-shirt.
2. Flip the front piece vertically, so that the hem is at the top on that one.
3. In the front piece, poke two tiny holes like a snake bite in the center underside of the hemming—the piece that will face the back layer of fabric. Then poke two matching ones in the back layer of fabric.
4. Poke two more holes, one in each upper corner of the back layer.
5. Thread one pipe cleaner through the corner hole and then into the hem. When you get to the snake bite hole, push the pipe cleaner out and weave it through the holes in the back layer, then back in the other side. Continue through to the far edge, then weave it out through the back corner hole.
6. Repeat the process with two corner holes and the snake bite in the center with the bottom edge hem.
7. Fix the hair bands to the ends of both the bottom and top by twisting the pipe cleaners around them, one on each side.
8. Fit the mask to your or your child's face by pressing the top pipe cleaner gently over the nose so that it hugs as tightly as possible. Adjust the length using the pipe cleaner as needed.

Remember, once your masks are made and worn, it's important to wash your mask after every use: either by hand with plenty of hot water and soap or machine wash in a delicates bag on gentle.