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From the time we first began using Project Packs we fell in love with them. We knew that this type of hands-on learning experience was just the thing that was needed to make boring academics not only educational but, fun and exciting too!

To help get you started we have included some of the questions we receive about Project Packs.

What is a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a great way of compiling key points from your studies into one spot that can easily be stored and available to be reviewed at any time

How does this help me? and Why is this a better way for learning?

The number one reason is the students will retain the information covered so much faster. Children learn by doing. Project Packs put learning into their hands!

Another reason is it is a convenient way to store those wonderful projects. Students can go back and review them at any time and your schoolroom or refrigerator is not cluttered with bits and pieces of their projects.

And the final reason is they are great and the possibilities are endless! There are no age limits and no subject lines that cannot be worked into a Project Pack. We will be adding many units to help you in the education of your students.

How do I make a Project Pack?

A Project Pack is simply a file folder refolded into a shutter style book. Open it flat and then fold the sides into the middle creasing neatly and there you have it.

For a more colorful and eye-appealing Project Pack it is suggested that some of your Reproducibles be printed out on colored multi-purpose paper.

What supplies do I need?

You will want to have file folders, paper of different colors and weights, your students' favorite coloring tools, tape, glue, scissors, and a stapler.

Adapting a Project Pack to Fit the Needs of Your Student

Adapting a Project or Research Pack is key to ensuring that you provide the best lesson for your student. At first glance, some might just skip over an activity because they feel it is too easy or too difficult for their student. We want you to use all the activities we provide...they are easily adaptable!

For example, if you have a PK-3 student the vocabulary activities might be difficult for him or her to complete. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities that require your student to write:

1. Have your student dictate vocabulary words and their meanings as you write them.
2. Have your child draw a picture instead of writing.
3. You write the word or sentence first so your student can see how it is written.
4. Practice. Practice. Practice. In the car, on a walk, in the shopping cart! Practice saying the vocabulary words and what they mean. Before you know it your preschooler will be telling others what those words mean!
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

On the other hand, some of the activities may seem too easy for your student. Does your 5th grade level student want to learn about butterflies, but the Project Pack seems too easy? Try it anyway; just change things up a bit to suit that grade level. Here are some tips to help you adapt the activities to make them a little more difficult.

1. In addition to writing down vocabulary words and their meanings, ask your student to use the word in a sentence; either verbally or written.
2. Give your student 1 hour (or other reasonable time frame) to research the topic on their own; either online or at the library. Give your student a set of questions or see what he/she can find without your guidance.
3. Encourage your student to expand on the topic or choose a related topic to learn about.
4. Take a look at some of our preschool units...there is lots of clipart related to each topic. Have your older student cut these out and write a story or play about the pictures or perform a play.
5. Contact us. We would be happy to give you ideas for adapting specific units to a grade level.

These are just a few ways you can adapt a Project Pack to meet the needs of your student. Let your student be the judge if something is too easy or too difficult...you just might be surprised!

The Website links we have included in our guides are references we found that contain relevant information. However, the sites are not owned or maintained by In the Hands of a Child. The content may have changed or become a “dead” link. If you find the site contains inappropriate material or is no longer a site, please let us know!

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Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is a day to send cards, candy, and maybe even flowers to loved ones. It is a day to ask, "Will you be my Valentine?" In the United States and Canada there are over 150 million valentines sent each year. It is a special day filled with love and happiness. Valentine's Day may have actually begun as a holiday to thank a Roman god for saving the Romans from hungry wolves. What does Valentine's Day have in common with hungry wolves? Let's find out!

Legends of Valentine's Day

The origin of Valentine's Day is unclear. In fact, historians even have different opinions on who Saint Valentine really was! One thing we do know is that people have been celebrating Valentine's Day since the Middle Ages. Different **legends** have been passed down to explain why we celebrate this holiday of love each year.

Lupercus's Holiday

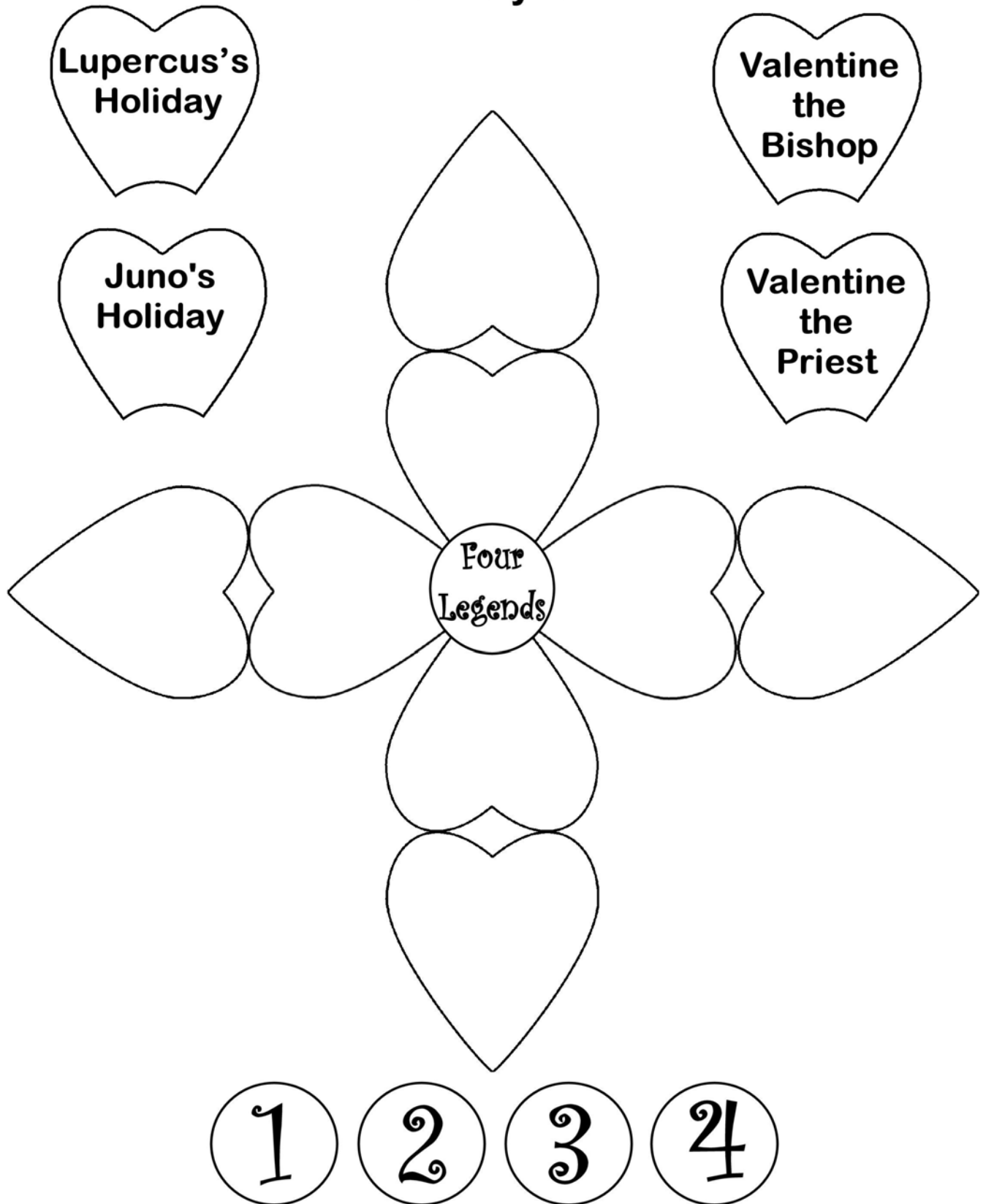
According to some legends, Valentine's Day began in Rome, Italy over 2,700 years ago. The only way into or out of the city of Rome was through the city gates. At night, hungry wolves would howl outside the city gates. The Romans were very afraid of the wolves because they killed their sheep, and sometimes people. So the Roman people prayed to Lupercus, the Roman god of sheep and shepherds. Each year, the Romans had a holiday for him. On this day, around February 14, they asked Lupercus to keep them safe and to drive the wolves away. Finally, the wolves did indeed disappear. By then, the Romans were used to celebrating Lupercus's holiday, so they continued to celebrate it.

Juno's Holiday

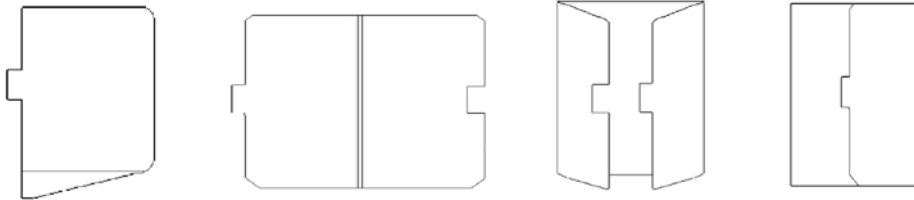
When Lupercus was no longer important to the Romans, his holiday became one for Juno, the queen of the Roman gods. Juno ruled over marriage, so the holiday became one of love.

On Juno's holiday, the girls of Rome wrote their names on slips of paper and dropped them into a jar. The boys drew out the names and became the partner of the girl on the paper for the holiday.

Activity 2



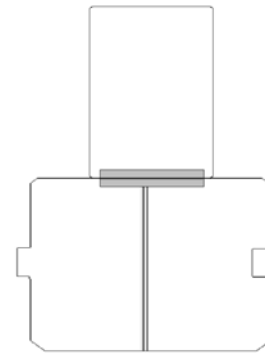
Instructions to Re-fold a Folder



Normal Fold:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge to the center crease creating a shutter
Cut a folder in half OR use a piece of cardstock to form your extension
Lay the extension in the center of the shutter fold folder
Attach at the top end using clear packing tape



Double Folder:

Open folder flat

Fold both the right and left edge in toward the center crease creating a shutter

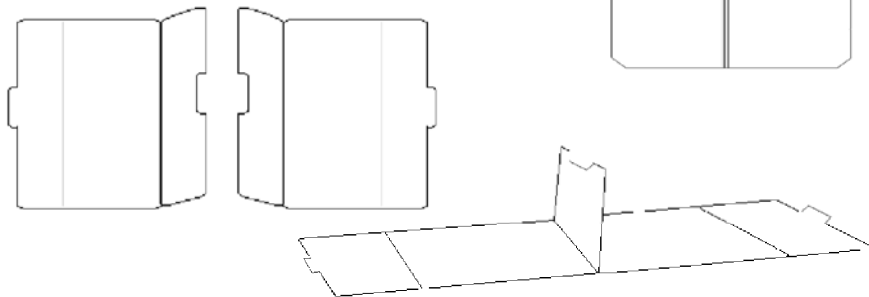
Do this again with a second folder

Set both folders side by side with their shutters opened (pointing straight up not flat)

In the center where the two folders meet glue the outer flaps of each shutter together connecting the two folders

Fold both shutters closed and flip over and close

The back of one of the folders becomes your cover



***You can add extensions to a double folder using the same method as for a single folder.



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