Paper Plate Marble Maze Supplies:

Foam, Plastic, or Paper **plates with rims**

Paper

Scissors, Tape, Permanent Marker, Glue or Hot Glue Gun

- **Marbles** (I bought my bag of 50 marbles at the dollar store)
- String, Wooden Craft Sticks, Pipe Cleaners, Twine – Basically any craft supplies that you have on hand to make the courses

Paper Plate Marble Maze Directions:

Have your kids write out the verse in small writing and cut the words or word phrases apart. If your kids hate writing (or if you want to save time), you could also print the verses out and have the kids cut the words or phrases apart. Encourage the kids to **map out a maze pattern** using the paper words and whatever supplies you have on hand. **Show them how to make tunnels** with strips of paper, **road blocks** with rectangles of paper, and even **little paper "boxes"** to catch the marble at the end of the maze.

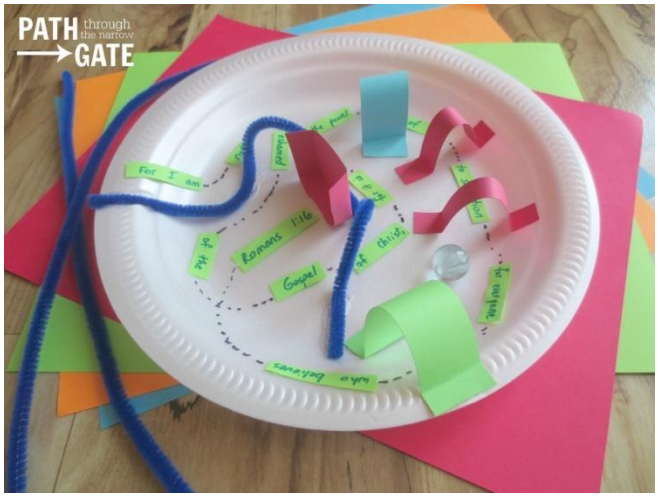
Use string or wooden craft sticks to **create "boundaries"**.

Help the kids **glue or tape the objects to the marble maze**. Hot glue works great for this, but would not be practical for a large group of kids (and should be done by adults only). Also, be aware that the hot glue may melt through the foam plate if your plate is

thin. If you are not using hot glue, encourage the kids to use a combination of white school glue and tape for the tunnels. (Tape is necessary to hold the tunnels upright and in place while the glue is drying.)

Finally, use a **permanent marker to map out the marble "trail"** from word to word. That's it.

The hard part will be waiting for the glue to dry!

After the glue has dried, kids can play with the mazes by gently tipping the plate back and forth to guide the marble through the maze.

The maze below uses a bent pipe cleaner to create "tunnels".