

Each "First Day School in a Box" is in a clear plastic "iris" box that I bought on sale at Michael's in the scrapbook section. These are adapted from FGC's *First Day School Resource for Busy People*.

I made a separate box of "First Day School Supplies" that includes crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, tape, scissors, etc.

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Inside each box:

1. A "lesson plan" (the attachments I sent earlier) and a photocopy of the storybook's cover, both taped inside the lid.
 2. *Who We Are, What We Believe* photocopied from *Opening Doors to Quaker Religious Education*. Since I find it difficult to describe what exactly Quakers believe (especially to kids), I found this helpful and thought others might as well.
 3. A storybook
 4. Materials for possible response activities listed in the lesson plan. I tried to include at least one activity for very young children, preschoolers and elementary school kids.
- I know I'm going to miss a few of the activities, but here's what I remember...

- For *The Paper Crane*, there are materials to make brown bag puppets (brown paper bags, construction paper, heavy paper template for crane feathers and beak, googly eyes, white craft feathers), instructions for folding origami birds and origami paper, and a few different crane coloring pages (I found crane images online, copied and enlarged them in Word and printed them out.)
- For *The Keeping Quilt*, there are sewing animals (colored cardboard animals with punched holes and string), materials to make a paper quilt (origami paper and construction paper), and materials to make a fabric "keeping quilt" to hang downstairs in the meeting house (heavy white fabric folded into squares, acrylic paint, paintbrushes).
- For *Thy Friend, Obadiah* there are materials to make a paper seagull with flapping wings (seagull template I found online copied onto heavy paper, construction paper, googly eyes, feathers) and materials to make friendship bracelets (instructions for making bracelets at a few levels of difficulty, yarn, embroidery string, safety pins).
- For *Giving* there are materials to make greeting cards (construction paper, stickers, stamps) and a set of simple wooden dolls from a company called Seedlings. The set comes with materials to create the dolls that can be used to act out scenes from the story. We'll keep the set of dolls and use them in another box later. Also, there are materials to make brown bag backgrounds (brown bags, construction paper) to help act out scenes with the dolls.

Each "First Day School in a Bag" is sewn from fabric I had on hand with a ribbon drawstring.

- One includes: a small clipboard, *My First Mandala* coloring book, twistable crayons, Thinking Putty and a few books at varying reading levels.
- Another includes: a small clipboard, *Stained Glass* coloring book by Melissa and Doug, washable markers, Thinking Putty and a few books.

Hopefully this is helpful. I figure "if we build it, they will come" ;)