

ST. NICHOLAS DAY PROMISE CARD

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

*St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived a long time ago. There are many legends about Nicholas. One story tells how he threw three bags of gold into the house of a very poor man who had three daughters. Nicholas wanted to make sure the three girls would be taken care of. This card celebrates generous St. Nicholas by illustrating three of his qualities: concern for **justice** (fairness), care for others (**clarity & generosity**), and **love of God** that motivated all his good deeds.*

MATERIALS

Construction paper strip 9 x 3 inches
Copy of pattern

EQUIPMENT

Scissors
Markers or crayons
Glue

DIRECTIONS

1. Fold construction paper strip into thirds, making a folded piece 3 inches wide (see diagram).
2. Place paper pattern on folded paper, making sure straight sides are along the folds. Draw around pattern, or hold and cut away the paper from the top and the bottom of the pattern, being careful not to cut the folds. Unfold to show three bags in a row (see diagram).
3. Color, cut out, and glue the miter to the front cover of the folded card.
4. Inside, on each bag, write one Nicholas quality (**Justice**, **Charity**, and **Love of God**); add your own promise how you will live like Nicholas. For example, for Justice, to play fair; for Charity, to share your toys; for Love of God, to pray every day.

