

## Old & New Testament Journals

St. Bartholomew the Apostle was martyred by flaying (being skinned alive). Because of this, he is the patron saint of leather-workers, tanners, bookbinders, and butchers. On the Feast of St. Bartholomew (Aug. 24), the students will commemorate his martyrdom by hand-binding two leather journals. These journals, which will be used throughout the school year, will have numbered pages in order to keep track of where each entry will go. Students will only use erasable pencil for their journal entries so that, if mistakes are made, they can be erased and fixed, instead of the student having to tear or cross out a page and try again on a different page. By the end of the homeschool year, the students will have two chronological, hand-bound, self-illustrated and authored Old and New Testaments. This project can be redone every year to showcase the student's growth in art, penmanship, and writing from year to year.

### Entry Schedule & Page Numbers

#### Old Testament

Page 1	8/24	Title Page- Old Testament, Name of Student, School Year (2021-2022)
Page 2 & 3	12/19	Creation of the World and Adam & Eve (Genesis 1 & 2)
Page 4 & 5	12/19	The Fall into Sin (Genesis 3)
Page 6 & 7	11/29	Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9)
Page 8 & 9	1/20	The Hosting of the Trinity/ Sarah Laughs (Genesis 28:1-21)
Page 10 & 11	10/9	The Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)
Page 12 & 13	2/5	Jacob Takes the Birthright/ Jacob Wrestles with God (Genesis 32:22-32)
Page 14 & 15	3/31	Joseph is Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37)
Page 16 & 17	9/4	Moses in a Basket (Exodus 2:1-10)
Page 18 & 19	9/4	Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3)
Page 20 & 21	9/4	Passover & Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 12:1-28; 14)
Page 22 & 23	9/4	The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
Page 24 & 25	9/1	Joshua and the Fall of Jericho (Joshua 6)
Page 26 & 27	8/20 or 9/2	The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3)
Page 28 & 29	12/29	David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
Page 30 & 31	9/22	Jonah and the Great Fish (Jonah 1-4)
Page 32 & 33	5/9	The Patience of Job (Job 1-2 & 38-42)
Page 34 & 35	12/17	Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)
Page 36	5/24	Esther Saves her People (Esther 8)

## New Testament

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Page 2 & 3	3/25	An Angel Visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
Page 4 & 5	9/5	Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
Page 6 & 7	12/24	The Nativity (Luke 2:1-21)
Page 8 & 9	2/2	The Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-38)
Page 10 & 11	1/6	The Visit of the Wise Men (Matt. 2:1-12)
Page 12 & 13	1/9	Jesus is Baptized (Matt. 3:13-17)
Page 14 & 15	9/21	Jesus Chooses His Disciples (Luke 5:1-11)
Page 16 & 17	3/2	Jesus Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1-12)
Page 18 & 19	2/6	The Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-13)
Page 20 & 21	4/3	Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life (John 11:38-44)
Page 22 & 23	4/10	Jesus Entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1-9)
Page 24 & 25	4/14	The Last Supper (Matt. 26:17-35)
Page 26 & 27	4/15	The Crucifixion (John 18:1-19:42)
Page 28 & 29	4/17	Christ Has Risen (John 20:1-18)
Page 30 & 31	5/26	Jesus Ascends into Heaven (Luke 24:44-53)
Page 32 & 33	6/5	Pentecost (John 14:23-31)
Page 34 & 35	1/25	Conversion of Saul/Paul (Acts 9:1-19)
Page 36	12/27	The Vision of Glory (Revelation 4 & 21)

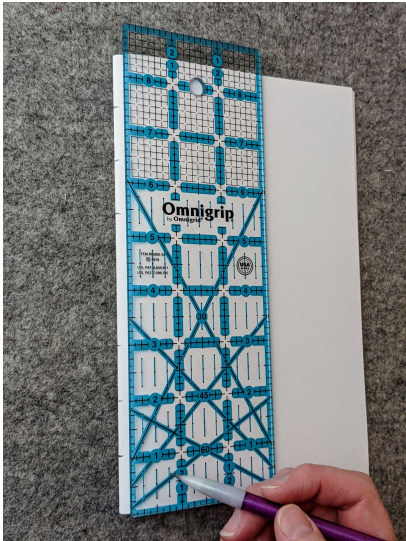
## How to Bind a Leather Journal

### To make ONE journal you will need:

- 1 piece of 9x11.5 inch piece of leather (I got my leather from a thrifted jacket. You can buy bulk scrap pieces of leather through eBay. If you are unable to source real leather, you can use cardstock instead, but your journals will not be as durable for year-long use.)
- 9 pieces of 8.5x11 inch white computer paper
- 1 thumbtack
- 1 embroidery needle
- 36 inches of embroidery thread
- A pencil
- A pen
- A ruler



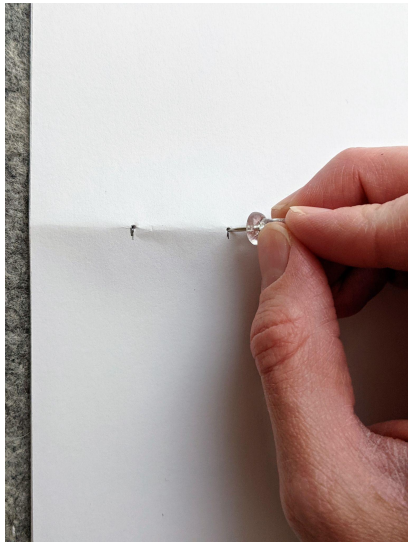
Fold the nine sheets of computer paper in half widthwise.  
Children may need to fold each piece of paper individually.



On the crease, mark one, two, and three inches from the bottom and from the top of your journal with a pencil.



Open the pieces of paper back up so that you can see your marks.



Using the thumbtack, poke through all nine sheets of paper on the crease where you marked with a pencil.



Refold the pieces of paper and align the folded edge onto the center of the leather piece.



Using the pencil marks you made on the paper as a guide, poke holes through the leather, making sure to align them with the holes in the paper.

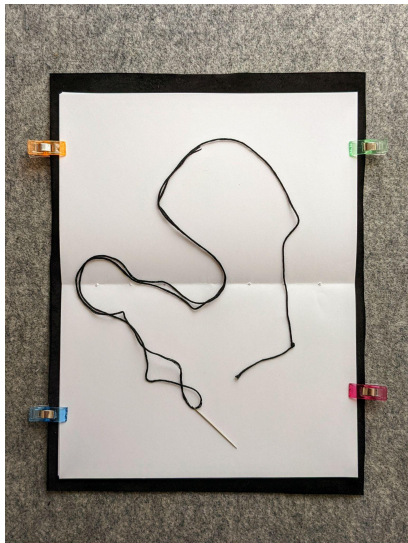
Children may need you to first mark the places to poke with a pen.



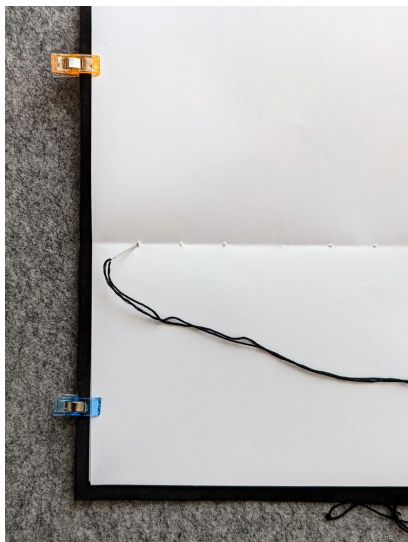


Reopen the pieces of paper and center the paper holes on top of the leather holes. You can use hem clips or binder clips to hold them together, if you would like.

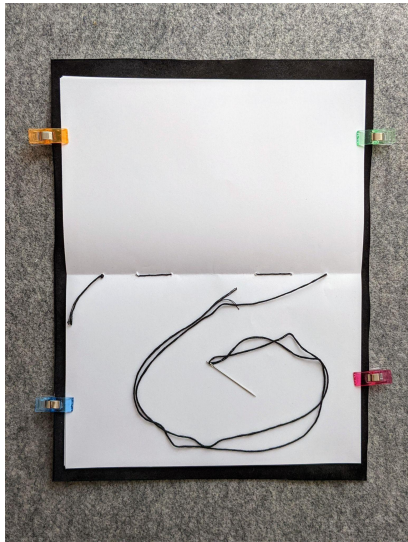
These holes may still be too small for children to sew through. You can sew through all the holes with the unthreaded needle first to make them a little bit bigger.



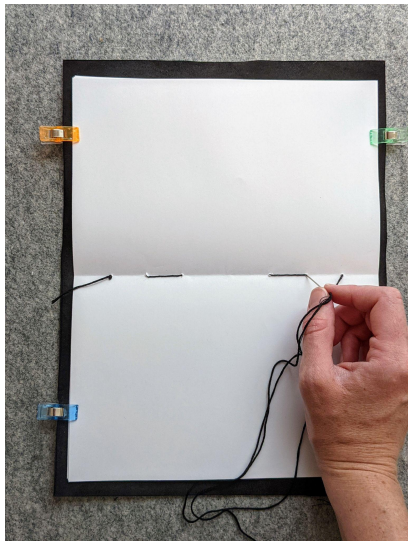
Thread an embroidery needle with 36 inches of embroidery thread. Knot one end.



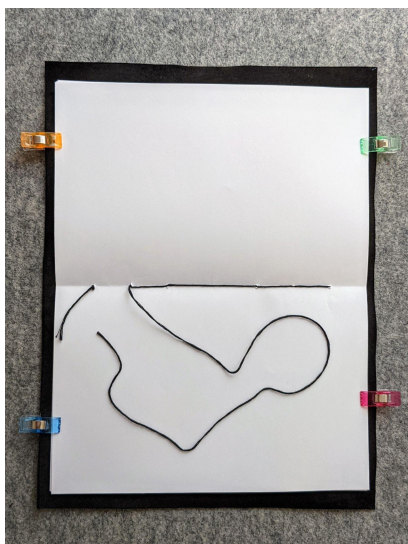
Starting at one end of the inside of your journal, sew your thread through the pre-poked holes of paper and leather.



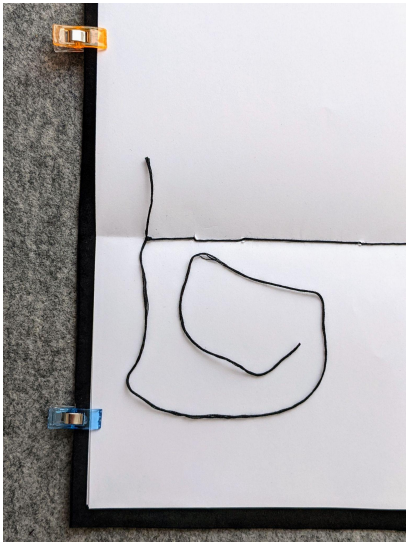
Sew in and out through the pre-poked holes until you get to the other end of the journal.



Now sew back towards the other end of the journal, where you started. Start by going in at the second to the last hole on the right.



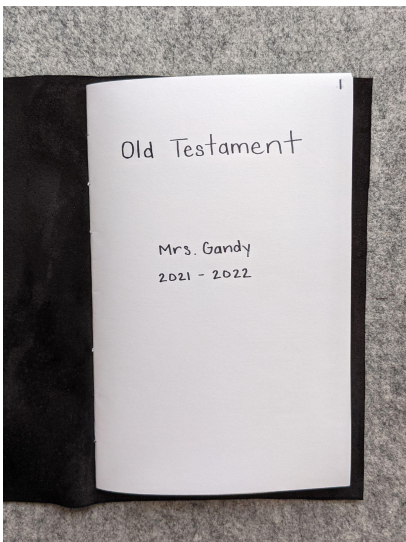
Sew in and out through the pre-poked holes until you reach the second to last hole on the left. Unthread the needle. Now you have the two end pieces of the thread.



Sew the ends together in a knot on the inside of the journal.  
Trim the ends of the thread.



Your leather journal is bound!



Have students number each top corner of each page with a black pen. Your journal should have 36 pages.

Then the students can complete Page 1 (Title Page) of their journal.



Repeat the steps listed above to bind the New Testament journal.