Writing in the Earth

Materials Needed

white shaving foam (not gel) in a spray can; water-based paint in a color of your choice (to color shaving foam); cup and small spoon for mixing paint; aluminum foil, 12 x 8" (30 x 20cm) for each child; piece of paper for each child; supplies for cleaning up
optional: art smocks to keep clothing clean

Prepare in Advance

Purchase supplies. Divide aluminum foil into pieces for each child. Mix water-based paint.





While people tested the Lord, He bent down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He could not hear. We do not know what He wrote—but as He wrote, the woman's accusers left, until once alone with the woman, He told her to "Go, and sin no more." (John 8:11) This activity invites children to write a message as the Lord did.

1. In our story, some people came to talk to the Lord. They were very upset. What did the Lord do? What might He have been thinking? Why do you think He wrote on the ground?
2. What did the Lord say to the woman when all the people had gone?
3. The Lord also tells us we should not sin—do what we know is wrong. He wants us to love others and to do what is right.
4. We are going to write like the Lord, using our fingers!
5. To start with, we will roll up our sleeves. (*Optional:* put on art smocks.)
6. Put a piece of aluminum foil on the table in front of each child.
7. Squirt some shaving foam on to the foil.
8. Spoon a small amount of paint on to the shaving foam.
9. Invite the children to mix the paint and foam with their hands until the foam is evenly colored.
10. Using one finger, write in the foam. Encourage children to go over the writing until they see the foil underneath, to ensure a good quality print.
11. Make a print of the writing by laying a piece of paper on top of it and then gently removing it. Allow to dry.

New Church Concept
Temptation

Temptation is induced by evil spirits who dwell with us in our evils and falsities; these spirits excite our evils and accuse us. But angels from the Lord, who dwell in our good intentions and truths, call forth the truths of faith that are with us, and defend us. See *Spiritual Experiences* 8960

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