

Making a Picture of the Glory of the Lord

The purpose of these projects is to help your child experience the qualities of yellow color and visualize the glory of the Lord—the light of heaven!

Supplies needed:

1" flat watercolor brush

9"x12" good quality watercolor paper

(Strathmore Aquarius II is excellent for this wet-on-wet process)

Cotman tube watercolor: #119 cadmium yellow

1 glass jar (jelly jar size)

1 flat sponge

yellow craypa

crystal clear glitter

glue



The Technique:

1. Prepare the paper by cutting it to size if you have a larger sheet. Allow the paper to soak for about twenty minutes in a water-filled tray or sink.
2. Let your child watch and help you with the preparations. Mix the color in the glass jar. Use one part watercolor to two parts water. Stir to mix well.
3. Remove the paper from the water and lay it on a flat surface. It is helpful for children to stand next to a low table or flat surface so that they can use their whole arm in the painting process. This also allows them a good distance with which to view the results on the paper.
4. Wipe the paper evenly and gently with the damp, clean sponge, from side to side so there are no air bubbles underneath and the excess water is removed from the surface.
5. Dip the brush in the yellow watercolor and fill it with color. Put some of the bright color in the center of the page. It will immediately start to spread in the wetness and look like the sun. Wait and watch a bit. Then add more color and move it out toward the edges of the paper with the brush. Keep the circle shape with radiating rays of color as you do this.

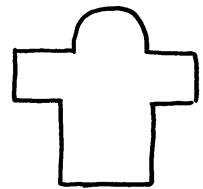
Picturing the Glory of the Lord

The simplest of project shows bright yellow light flowing out from the center of the page. This basic project will help your child learn how to do this kind of watercolor painting. Guide your child to encourage the paint into rays and talk about the warmth of the color yellow and how it makes us feel happy. You could also say the words from Luke 2:9 about the glory of the Lord shining around the shepherds while your child does the painting.

When it is finished, let the paper dry and then flatten it by putting a heavy object (book) on top of it overnight.

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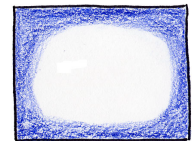
Angels Toddlers can paint angels using the yellow paint. Show them how to make a simplified angel. (See illustration to the right.)



Glory of the Lord in the Dark Sky An older child could bring the color blue down around the edges of the yellow, leaving white space between them, so the colors do not run together.

Miracle Painting Parent or teacher demonstrates and then the child does the painting. When it is dry it can be used as a backdrop for the shepherds in a Christmas representation.

One Way to Give a Demonstration:

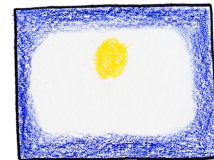


Say, "As the shepherds watched their sheep at night a darkness filled the deep."

- ◆ Paint dark blue around the edge of the water color paper.

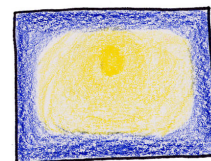
Say, "Lo, the angel of the Lord appeared before them..."

- ◆ Paint a spot of yellow in the center.



Say, "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God..."

- ◆ Paint more yellow, filling in the space. Then add glitter.



Procedure with Child:

Now have your child make the painting. First blue around the edges. Then add yellow. Let the yellow run down onto the blue at the bottom of the page, making GREEN!



This will be a "magical" surprise for the child. Adding glitter makes it even more exciting. Whether the painting is mostly yellow or green or drenched with glitter, it will be a perfect backdrop for the miraculous night when the Lord was born and the angel appeared to the shepherds!