

Making a Picture of the Lord in the Sun of Heaven

The purpose of these projects is to help your child experience the qualities of yellow color and visualize the Lord in the Sun 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



Project instructions:

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.

6. The **First Project** is painting a picture of the sun and will help your child learn how to do this kind of watercolor painting. The experience can be enhanced by talking with your child about the color as you go along. You may want to ask questions to bring the child's feelings into words. Or you may say something about how yellow feels warm, in a lively way; it wants to expand, move about. It makes us feel happy. You or your child may like to make up a story about the color and how it is moving around on the page. You could also say a verse from the Word about the sun as you do the painting.
7. When finished, let the paper dry and then flatten it by putting a heavy object (book) on top of it overnight.
8. Now you are ready to display your painting or use it for various other projects to the delight of the child. For example, this paper can be folded into new shapes. It is strong enough to make a nice basket, a square or cone-shaped May basket perhaps. It can also be folded in half with several plain paper pages inserted to make a nice book to use or give as a gift.



9. The **Second Project** with these materials will illustrate the Lord's face in the Sun of heaven. Using yellow oil pastel (craypa), draw the Lord's face in the center of a piece of watercolor paper. Then, using the same watercolor technique, make brush strokes radiating from the center outward. The oil pastel will resist the watercolor. You will see the Lord's face with the Sun all around!
10. Let the paper dry and flatten it. Then apply glue and sprinkle clear glitter over it, around the edges or over the entire surface. You may want to hang this picture in your worship area or in some other special place.