

A Heavenly Closet

In heaven, Swedenborg saw some girls who were given beautiful clothes to wear every day. But when the girls forgot to read the Word, their clothes disappeared! When they read the Word again, the clothes would reappear in their closets. This makes sense when we know that clothes represent the truths of faith which we can gain from reading the Word (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5248). In this activity, students create a heavenly outfit that disappears and then reappears in a closet.



Materials Needed

baking soda
cotton buds (e.g. Q-tips)
dark colored juice (e.g. grape, blueberry, etc.)
paper cups, lids or saucers
scissors
tape
copy of *A Heavenly Closet*
optional: glitter, sequins, small stickers

Directions

1. Cut the *Heavenly Closet* page in half along the black line in the middle of the page. Then cut three sides of the closet door so that it can be folded back to open as shown above.
2. Tape the two sides of the page together so that the bar with the hanger can be seen when the closet door is opened.
3. Mix equal parts baking soda and water together in small bowl. Dip a cotton bud in the mixture. Use the cotton bud to draw an outfit on the hanger in the closet. Draw something you think you would like to wear in heaven. It will be a bit hard to see.
4. Close the closet door and set the project aside for a few minutes to dry.
5. Open the closet door. Can you see your clothes? In a way, they have disappeared, just like clothes worn by children in heaven who forget to read the Word.
6. Dip a cotton bud into the dark juice and paint over the inside of the closet. The outfit you drew will reappear the way the clothes in heaven do when someone remembers to read the Word.
7. *Optional*: after the juice is dry, decorate your outfit with glitter, sequins, stickers, etc.

