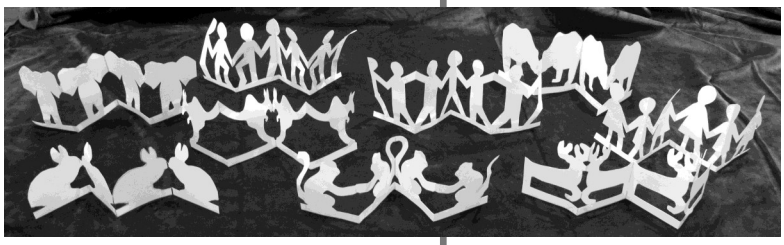
Learn by Doing

Choice Fill the Earth

When God blessed the people He had just created, He told them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." In this group project, the students will symbolically "fill the earth" with animals and people.

1. How many different kinds of animals there are? People don't really know the answer to this question. There are probably some that haven't even been discovered yet. There are thousands of kinds of animals all over the earth.
2. Spread a green tablecloth out on the table or the floor to represent the earth. Hand out copies of the animal templates. Demonstrate how to fold and cut the templates. (See directions on p. 6). As the animal figures are completed, stand them up on the green tablecloth and enjoy the variety.
3. What else did the Lord create on the sixth day? People! And when God created human beings, He told them to fill the earth. Together, let's see if we can fill our "earth" with people along with the animals. Hand out copies of the people templates. *Optional*: Color them before cutting out. There are many different kinds of people too. Set the figures on the green tablecloth as they are finished.
4. Look at what we made together! Imagine how excited and happy the Lord must have felt when He saw the real animals and people that He had made. Do you remember what the Word says about that? "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."
5. Give children bags or envelopes to take their figures home.



Materials Needed

copy of pp. 2-6 for each child, scissors, crayons or markers, green tablecloth (*note*: inexpensive plastic tablecloths can be purchased at most dollar stores), open space like tabletop or cleared floor area, bags or envelopes for taking figures home

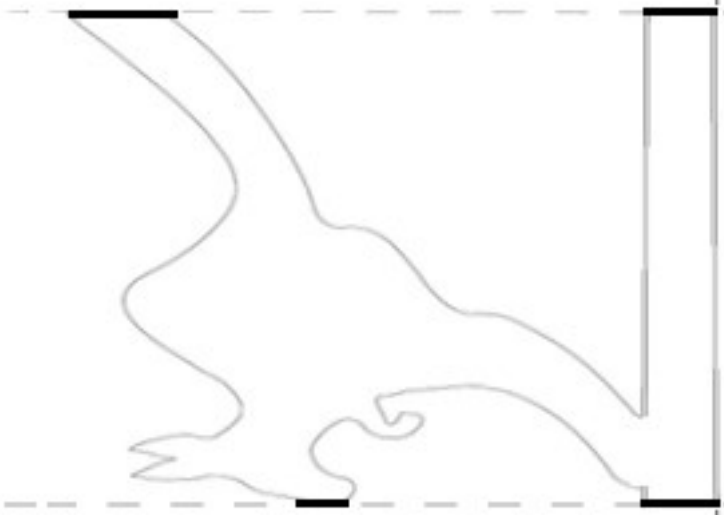
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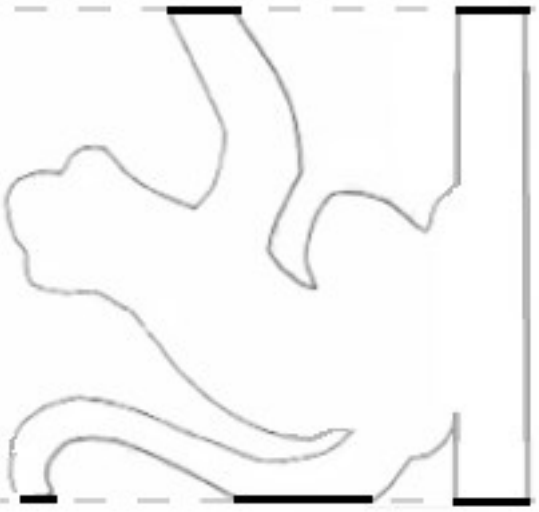
Copy animal templates (onto gray, brown, beige or yellow paper, if available). Copy the people templates onto a variety of skin-tone papers.

Teaching Hint

Moving the paper and not the scissors when cutting out the figures makes this activity easier!

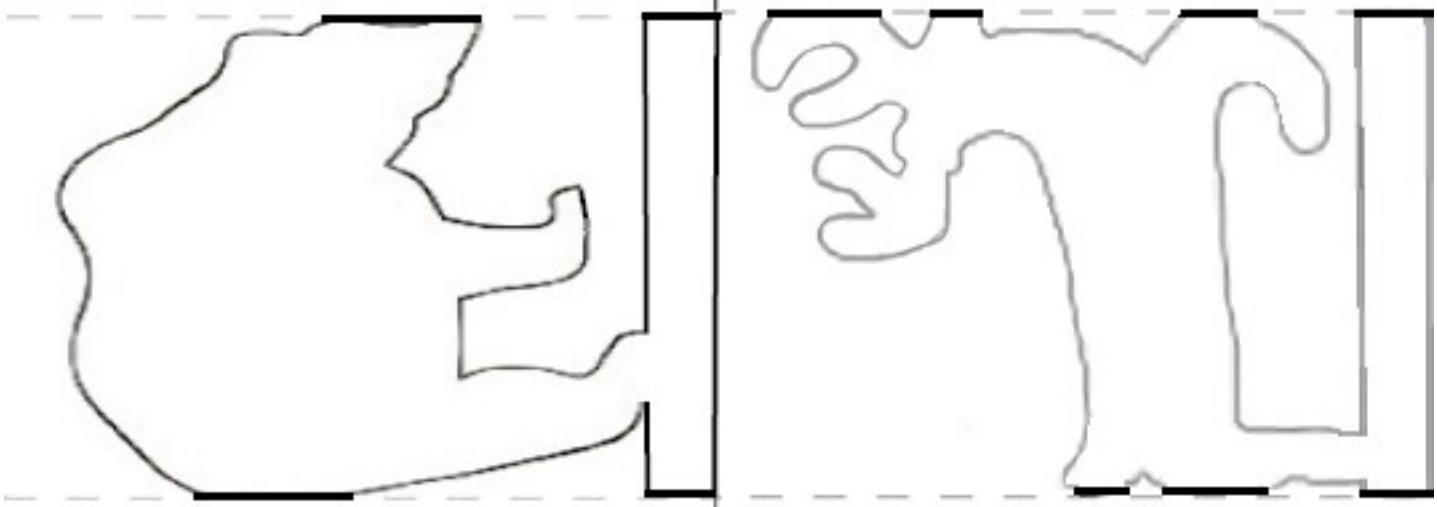
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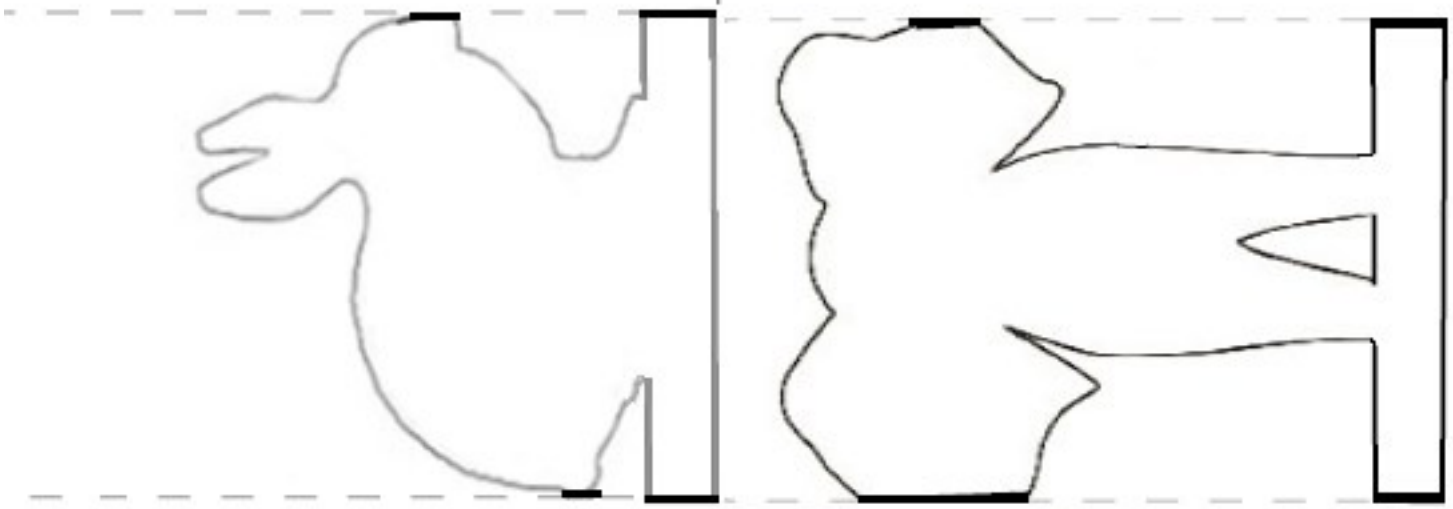
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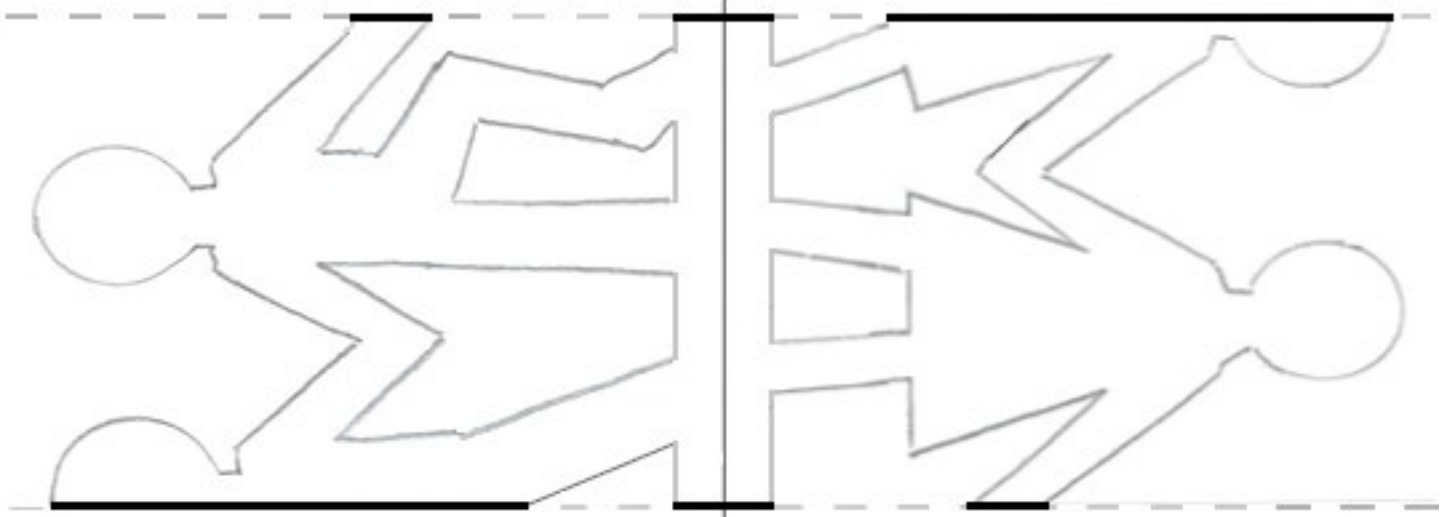
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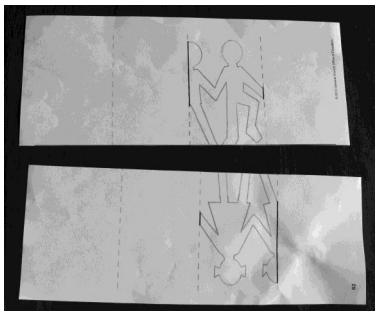


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Fill the Earth Folding Directions

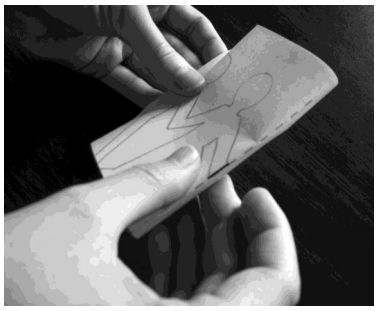
1. Cut the template pages in half as shown.



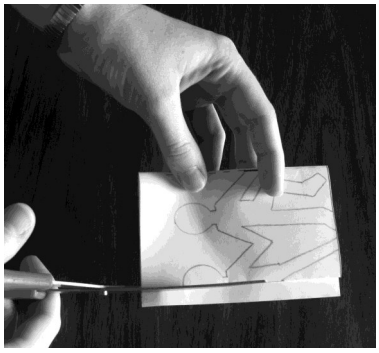
2. Fold the strip in half along the central dotted line.



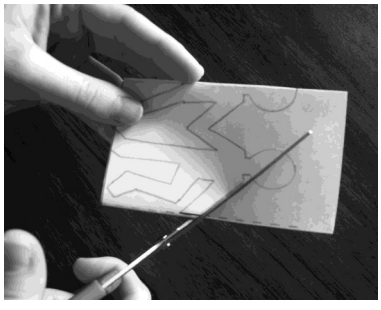
3. Fold the paper over again on the dotted line on the other side of the figures.

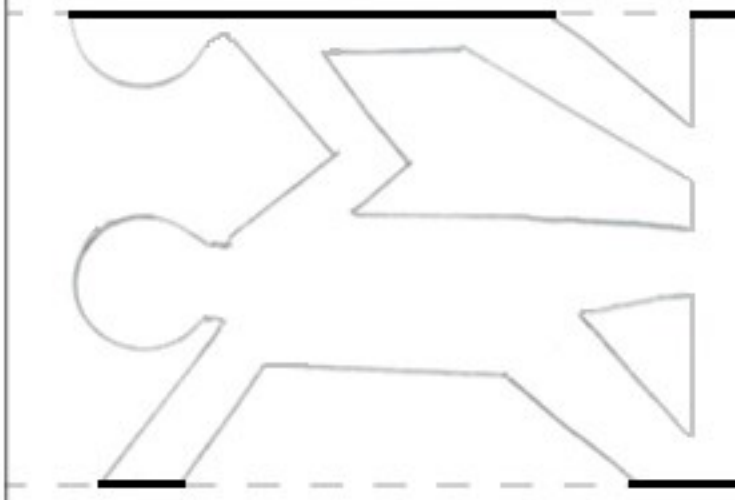


4. Carefully trim off the excess paper that sticks out beyond the fold line on one side.



5. Cut out the figure. Be careful not to cut where there are dark lines along the folds.





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