Learn by Doing

Choice

God Blessed the World



The Lord blesses us by giving us everything we need in the world and in heaven after we die. Gather samples of the Lord's creation into a basket, e.g. stone, bottled water, leaf (picture will do), animals (stuffed toys), copy of the Word for the Sabbath. Share and talk about ways in which each thing is a blessing. Finish by sponge painting a paper plate blue and green to represent the world. Add hands and a title.

1. Gather children around the story basket. Share and discuss one item at a time. If you would like, share items in the order they were created: light/dark, waters, land/plants, sun/moon/stars, birds/fish, animals/humans, God rested (Word). Encourage children to feel each item and to think of ways it is a blessing, (e.g. hard rocks are good for building strong walls, etc.). End with showing the Lord's Word—which He gives to us so we can be blessed with a happy life in heaven for ever.
2. When people look at the earth from far out in space all they can see are the big blue oceans and the shapes of the land covered in green plants. We are going to make a picture of the whole world using blue for oceans and green for plants.
3. Give each child a paper plate. Seat children within easy reach of blue and green paint trays. *Optional*: put on old shirts to cover clothing before painting. Use sponges to paint one color on the paper plate. Do not worry about how much or little of each color is used. When finished, switch to the other color. Set aside to dry.
4. Lay out two *Blessing Hands* (p. 8) in front of each child, corresponding to the child's right and left hands. Roll up sleeves! Put skin colored paint trays within easy reach. Let children choose tone. Put both hands into the paint tray. Make hand prints on each of the *Blessing Hands*.
5. Allow to dry. Staple the *Blessing Hands* and *God Blessed the World* to the project as shown in the picture above.

Materials Needed

paper plate; sponge cut into 1.5" (3cm) squares; blue, green and a variety of skin tones paint; paint trays (Styrofoam); newspaper; stapler; copy of *Blessing Hands* (p. 3) and 1 *Blessing Title* strip (p. 2) per child; soap and water for cleanup; *optional*: old shirts to protect clothing

Prepare in Advance

Story Basket Gather samples from each day of creation into a basket for sharing. If possible, gather things the Lord made. Stuffed animals, pictures, etc. also work.

Project Cut a sponge into 1.5" (3cm) squares. Prepare 3 trays (e.g. small Styrofoam trays) of washable water-based paint: blue, green, and a variety of skin tones. Put one or more sponges in each tray. Cut out 2 *Blessing Hands* (p. 3) shapes for each child. Cut out one *Blessing Title* (p. 2) for each child.

Teaching Hint

Keep each sponge with a specific color of paint to avoid blending colors.

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Blessing Title

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Blessing Hands