

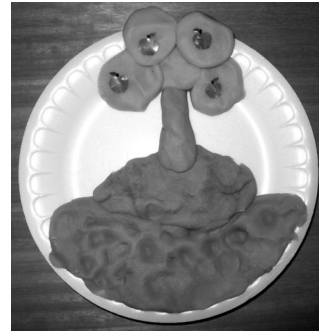
Learn by Doing

Choice

Seas, Land and Trees

Create a 3-D picture from play dough showing the seas, land and a tree bearing fruit. Pictures of each stage of this project are on p. 2.

1. Before class, set a place around the table for each child with the following materials: a disposable plate, three balls of play dough (1 blue, 1 brown and 1 green), *your choice* of fruit-colored beads (in a small cup to prevent them from rolling away), sequins or fruit stickers.
2. We are going to make a scene showing some of the things the Lord made on the third day of creation. We will start by making the seas. Place the blue ball of play dough near the edge of the plate and flatten it to the plate. Show the children how to create waves by pressing the dough with their fingers.
3. Divide the brown ball of play dough into 2 balls: a larger and smaller ball. Put the small ball aside. Press the larger ball to the plate over top of the seas to make dry land rise from the seas.
4. Roll the remaining brown ball into a “snake” to use as a tree trunk. Set the tree trunk up on top of the land and press firmly to the plate.
5. Divide the green ball into several smaller balls. Press each ball into the plate to create the leaves on top of the tree.
6. Press the beads, sequins or stickers (“fruit”) into the green play dough.



Materials for Each Child

disposable plate; blue, brown and green play dough; colorful beads, sequins or stickers to use as fruit

Prepare in Advance

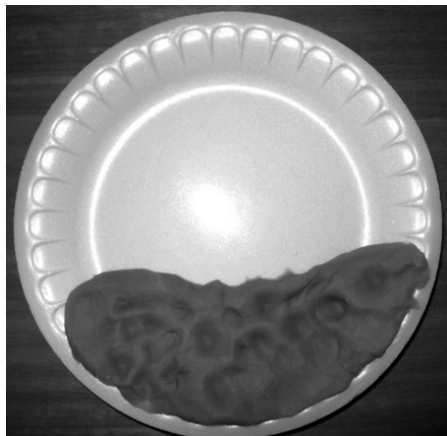
Make or buy play dough in blue, brown and green. Each child will need some of each color. Set up the supplies each child needs before class (see step 1).

Play Dough Recipe and Directions Video

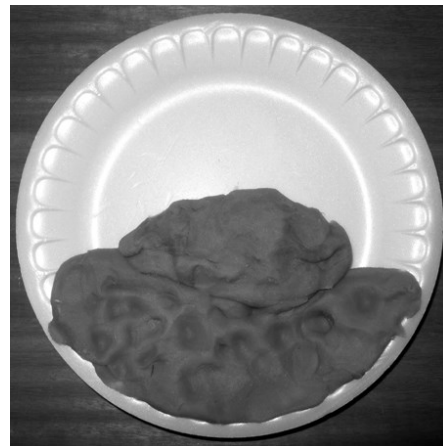
Play dough is inexpensive and easy to make! Recipe and directions at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-play-dough/>

Seas, Land and Trees Project Stages

1. Seas



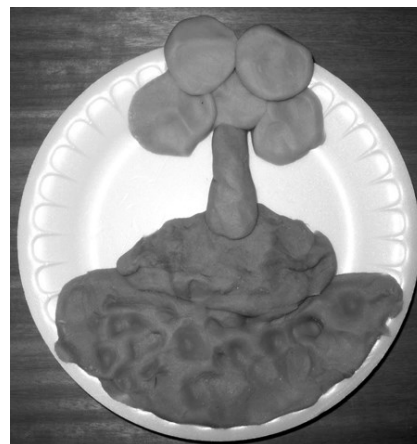
2. Land



3. Tree Trunk



4. Tree Leaves



5. Fruit

