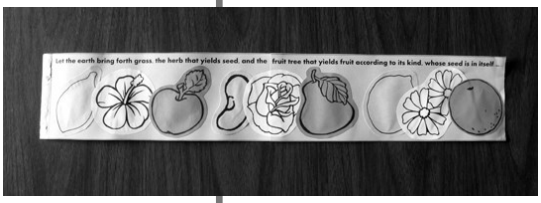
Learn by Doing

Choice Seed to Flower to Fruit Table Decoration

This pretty table decoration helps teach the idea that the Lord's creation works in a cycle of continual renewal.

1. We are going to make a decoration that you can put on a table at home to celebrate the things the Lord created on the third day. (If you brought a piece of fruit, hold it up to show the children.) How does fruit grow? Where did the tree it grew on come from? Where did that seed came from? (Cut fruit in half and show the seeds inside.)
2. Every seed comes from inside another piece of fruit. That is what is meant when the Lord said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself…" (Genesis 1:11). Isn't it amazing that a piece of fruit has what it takes to make more fruit already inside it!
3. Over many years a seed grows into a fruit tree and each spring, the tree puts out flowers. As the summer comes, those flowers turn into fruits. Each fruit has new seeds inside it. If someone plants the seed, the cycle starts over again, to make a tree that will give more flowers and fruit!
4. Cut out the two quotation strips (p. 2). Put the two strips together to form one longer rectangle, overlapping to the dotted line so the quotation lines up evenly. Glue together.



5. Cut out around the seed, flower and fruit shapes. (Note: Don't worry about cutting right on the lines.)
6. Choose a seed and glue it to the strip below the beginning of the quotation. Choose a flower shape and glue it beside to the seed, overlapping them slightly. Choose a fruit shape and glue it beside to the flower, overlapping them slightly.
7. Repeat step 6 two more times with the remaining shapes. Remember that the order—seed-flower-fruit—is important!
8. If time allows, add more color to the fruit with crayons or markers. Finish by gluing the two ends together to form a circle. Use as a table decoration, perhaps with a vase of flowers or small bowl of fruit in the middle.



Materials for Each Child

quotation strips (p. 2) copied onto heavyweight green paper; 3 *Seeds* (p. 3) copied onto yellow or brown paper; 3 *Flowers* (p. 4) copied onto pink or blue paper; 3 *Fruit* (p. 5) copied onto red or orange paper, scissors, glue, *optional*: crayons or markers

Prepare in Advance

You may wish to bring 1-2 pieces of fruit and a knife to cut the fruit in half to show.

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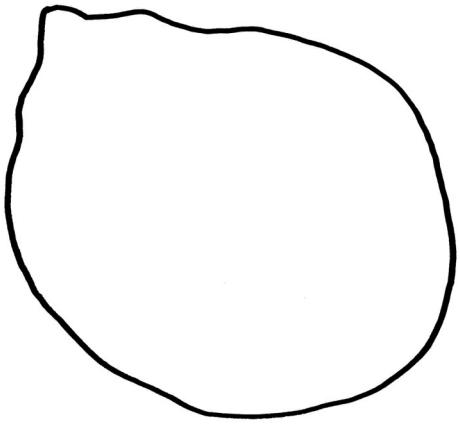
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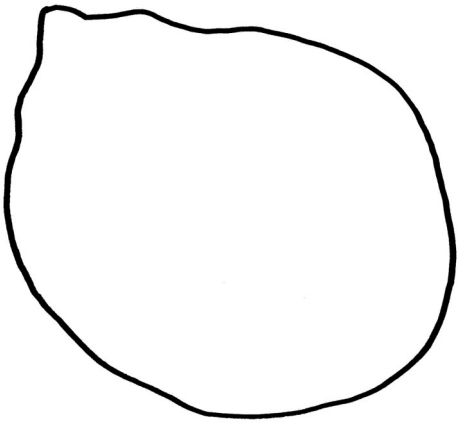
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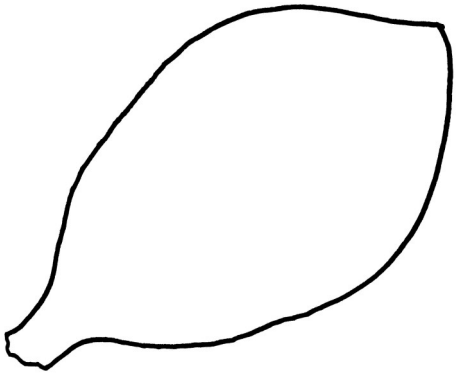
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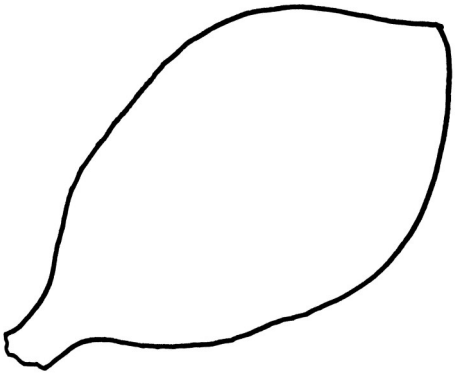




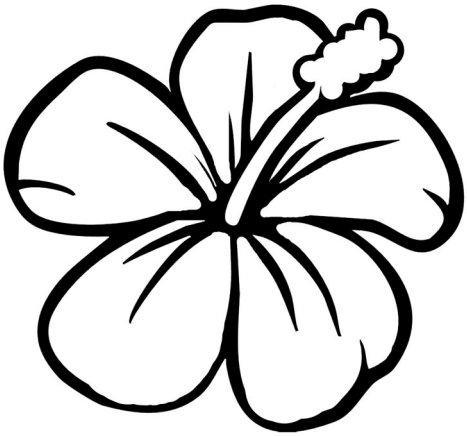


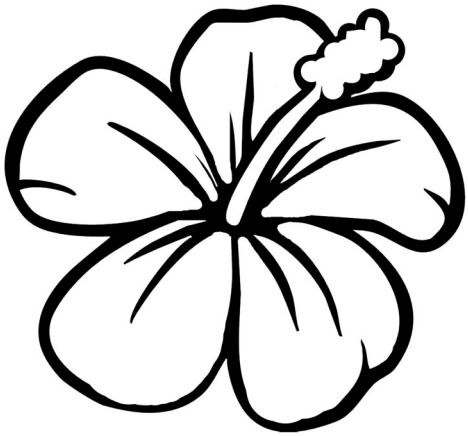






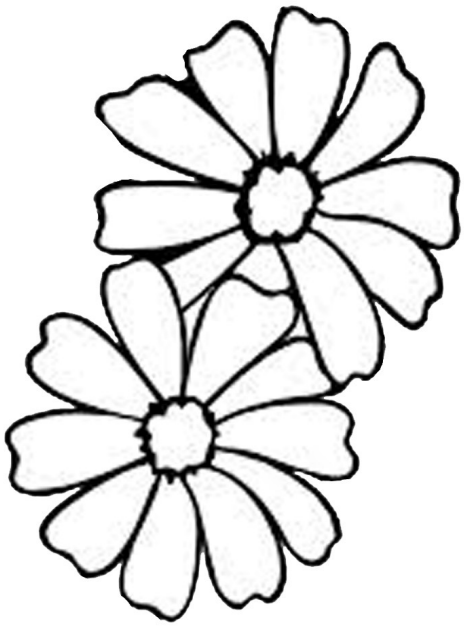
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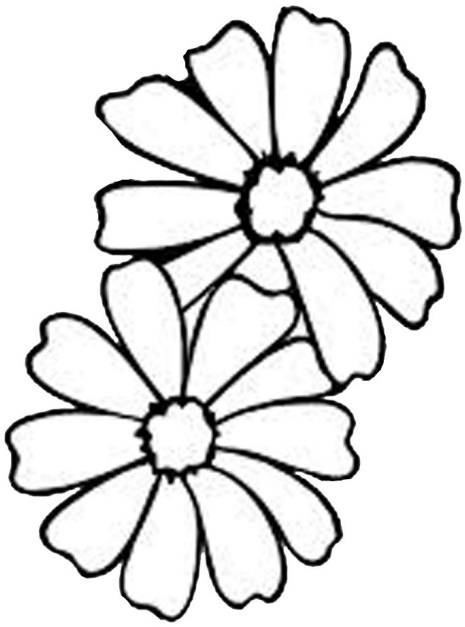










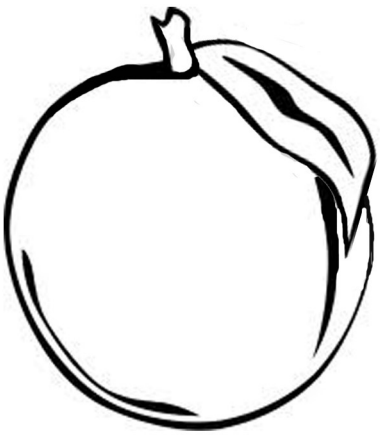
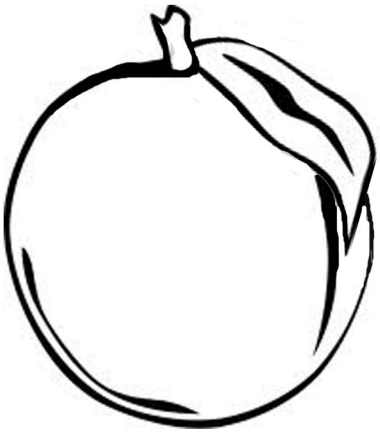
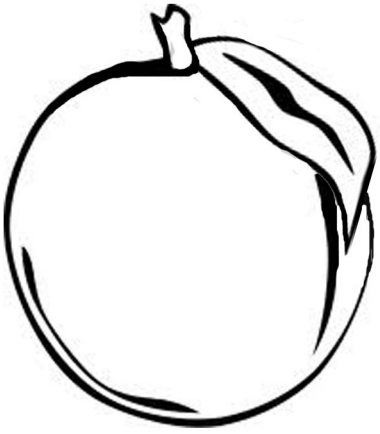


Flowers







Fruit Shapes