Make: Someone for Me Poem and Painting

At a Glance:
The Lord plans for everyone to have a happy marriage partnership. Following the teacher's lead, children will recite a simple poem with actions. Using folded pieces of paper, each child will then create a self portrait and will then "magically" see their future marriage partner appear!


The Lord Made Someone for Me to Marry

Supplies Needed:
- copy of poem: *God Made People Male and Female*
- piece of paper for each child, folded in half (absorbent paper may work best, e.g. "construction" paper)
- water color paints
- paintbrushes
- newspaper or other covering to protect the table
- glue
- text slip: *The Lord Made Someone for Me to Marry*

Teacher Preparation:
- Read through the action poem so you are familiar with the gestures.
- Fold a piece of paper in half for each student.
- Cut apart the text slips.

Directions:

1. Introduce the activities by reminding children that the story of Jacob meeting Rachel is a picture of two people falling in love and getting married. The Lord wants everyone to find a special person and get married because He knows that this makes people happy. When the Lord created people, He made some of them male—boys and men—and some of them female—girls and women.

2. Recite the poem, *God Made People Male and Female* with the children, teaching them the arm gestures as you go.

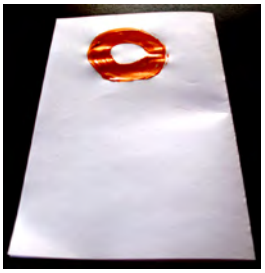
3. Demonstrate how to paint a self-portrait on one side of a piece of paper (see next page for step by step pictures), creating a very simple figure with one arm stretched out to meet the fold. Show what happens when you fold the other half of the paper over on the wet paint! You get two people holding hands, like a married couple!

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4. Distribute the folded pages, paintbrushes and paints. Ask the children to paint pictures of themselves. (Younger children may paint simply a head with legs and the one arm if you emphasize that.)
5. While the paint is still wet, fold the other half of the paper over onto the painted picture and press lightly. When the paper is unfolded again, each child has a matching companion next to him or her.
6. Tell the children that this person is the future husband or wife that the Lord is preparing for them. Someday they will each find the person they will be married to forever.
7. Help children glue the text strips on their pictures.

Someone for Me Painting



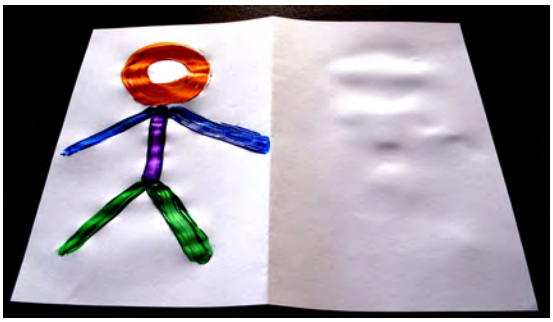
Step 1: Body



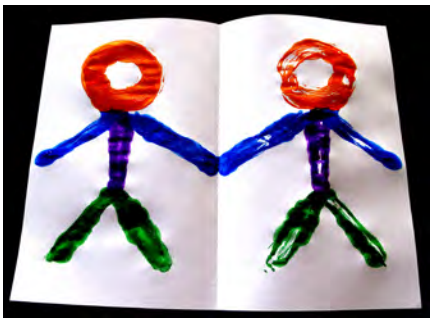
Step 2: Head



Step 3: Arms & Legs



Make sure one arm touches the fold line.



Step 4: Fold, press, unfold.

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God Made People Male and Female

Poem with Gestures

This poem is a simple version of Genesis 1:27-28: “God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them….”

Have the group stand in a circle all looking at you with some space around each child to allow for arm gestures. Say the simple poem with the children using hand gestures each time the following five key words or phrases are said.

- **God** – raise arms above head up toward heaven
- **People** – spread arms out on either side to indicate the people around you
- **Image** – starting with arms raised and elbows bent move the arms down the body (Explain what the word image means to the children—it means that the Lord made us so that we look like Him.)
- **Male and Female** – hold out first one hand and then the other
- **Blessed** – bring hands together in a prayer gesture and bow your head

Say the following sentences slowly, prompting the children to imitate your gestures as you go. Say each phrase once, and then have the children repeat them with you. The poem can be repeated until the children can follow them or as long as they are interested.

God made **people** in His own **image**.
God made **people** in His own **image**.

God made **people male** and **female**.
God made **people male** and **female**.

And He **blessed** them.
And He **blessed** them.

God made **people** in His own **image**.
God made **people male** and **female**.
And He **blessed** them.

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