

SEEDS FROM THE LORD

Using Seeds to Make a Mosaic

The Lord gives us seeds for plants that give us beautiful flowers and delicious fruits like apples, cherries, and oranges. Make a design with some of the seeds the Lord gives us.

Procedure

1. Collect seeds from nature or provide other seeds. It is best to use dried seeds, and young children will find it easiest to manipulate larger seeds such as:
 - pumpkin or other squash seeds
 - sunflower
 - pinto beans
2. Give each child a small piece of cardboard (or card stock).
3. Apply white glue (such as Elmer's) where you want to put seeds. Then set seeds on the glue.
4. If you want to use small seeds (like birdseed), try spreading glue on the cardboard and then sprinkling the seeds on top.

Various Ways to Make a Seed Mosaic

Method A (good for ages 3-6)

1. Provide a plastic lid, dried seeds, and play dough for each child.
2. Have child spread out play dough inside the plastic lid.
3. Press seeds into the dough, making a design.

Method B (good for ages 5-10)

1. Provide templates of simple outlines such as a bell, a star, a flower, *etc.*
2. Draw around the template onto cardboard or white cover stock.
3. Apply glue inside the design, and set seeds into the glue.
4. Let dry.

Method C (good for ages 8 and up)

1. Draw your own design on cardboard or white cardstock.
2. Arrange different kinds of seeds into separate containers (such as empty margarine tubs, an egg carton, *etc.*)
3. Apply glue on a small part of the design and choose which seeds to set there.
4. Repeat until the entire design is covered with seeds.
5. Let dry.