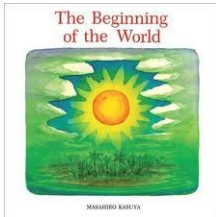


IN THE BEGINNING

THE STORY OF CREATION

READ: The Beginning of the World, by Masahiro Kasuya, (or any book that discusses what the Lord created on each day.)



As you are reading the story, have the kids hold up the number of fingers for that day of creation.



DISCUSS & REVIEW: Talk about the things that were created on each day, and make a list on a whiteboard or piece of paper.

PROJECT: “Creation Quilt”

Materials: Pre-cut quilt squares, 9x9” or larger will work the best, fabric scraps, thread, sewing machine, (and a handy sewer!)

Directions: This is what worked for us, but you may want to conduct the project a different way. This may take 2-3 weeks to complete. At the end of this lesson, I made a table as an example for the layout for your quilt.

1. Give each child a pre-cut quilt square.



2. Let children choose which day of creation they would like to design.
3. Make sure each day is on the quilt at least once. Don't forget the “day of rest!”
4. You may want to have the number of objects on the quilt square coincide with the number of the day of creation. For example, 2 fish and 3 birds for a total of 5 creatures for the fifth day of creation.
5. Let the kids pick out the colors of fabric they need for the objects on their square.



6. Help them draw and cut out the objects.
7. Let them glue the objects and numbers on their square. They will need to be sewed on later. You might choose to let older kids hand sew their objects onto the squares.



8. Bring, or ask a volunteer to bring, a sewing machine to church. If you do not sew, like me, ask a volunteer to help the kids sew the objects onto their squares.



9. At this point, if you are not a quilter, ask for a volunteer to finish binding the quilt and sew on a backing.
10. Your quilt will be cute for a wall-hanging at church, maybe in your Sunday School area or dining hall, or... continue reading for my next suggestion.

SERVICE PROJECT SUGGESTION:

As an alternative to a wall-hanging, your quilt might be large enough to donate to your community's homeless shelter. It has been brought to my attention that homeless shelters are not only in need of large quilts, but baby and child-sized as well. Your quilt may be large enough already for a baby or young child. If not, maybe your kids would like to make additional squares next class period, to add on and create a larger size.

ALTERNATIVE PROJECT: "Flowers from Eden"

If you are not enthused about the prospect of quilting, this one's for you!

Materials: Empty paper towel tubes, paint (any color for flowers), paint brushes, straws, yellow paper, tape, scissors.

Directions:

1. Cut the paper towel tube into 3 inch sections.



2. Make tiny fringe cuts all around the edges of each end of the section, leaving the middle of the tube uncut. You will have a "fringe" on each end of your section.



3. Bend the little strips outward, on both sides, into the shape of a flower.



4. Paint the inside and out.



5. Cut the end of a straw down the middle, about one inch.



6. Spread out each side, and place it on the middle uncut portion of your flower. Use tape to affix it to the flower.

7. Cut a piece of yellow paper to approximately a 4x4 inch square. Crinkle it up into a ball, and put it into the center of the flower. It needs to be large enough that it doesn't fall out.



Optional: You could also have the kids “plant” their flowers by using a large beverage cup, and crinkling brown or green paper into balls and stuffing it around the flower stem in the cup. (This idea isn't shown in the pictures.)