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That's right...On day five...Gid spoke once again... "Let the water be filled with living creatures, and let birds fly across the sky.

God filled the sea with every living water creature imaginable...the sharks...the whales...the catfish...the hammer head. The octopus, the star fish.

But that's not all...He also filled the sky with so many birds that the sky was filled with color...red birds, blue jays, eagles, owls, woodpeckers...the sky was ablaze with color.

God saw that it was good. And He blessed the creatures and said "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the firth day.

On day six...God's work was almost complete...but He still had a FEEEEWWWWW more things to do...including the creation of His most special creation of all!!!

As morning began, God is speaking once again. "Let the land produce living creature cows and horses and all kinds of livestock. Animals that move along the ground and animals of the wild.

And the earth was filled with cows and horses and dinkeys and lions and tigers and giraffes and hippo's and bears.

And God saw that it was good. He was happy with His creations...but there was one more thing left. His most special creation of all.

"Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man and woman and He blessed them and said to them "Be fruitful and increase in number. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Then God said to the man and woman "I give you every plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground. Everything that has breath of life in it. I give every green plant for food."

And it was so.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning...the sixth day.

At the beginning of the seventh day...I am sure that God looked around at all the beauty that He had created.

It was done!!!

And so on the seventh day...God rested.

Bags

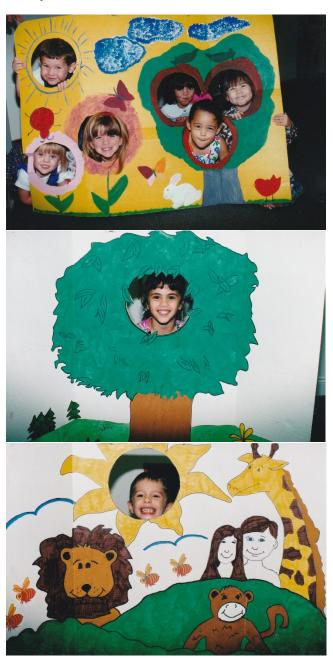
Take a variety of rubber stamps (anything from creation) and allow the children to create their own take home bags (brown paper lunch bags)

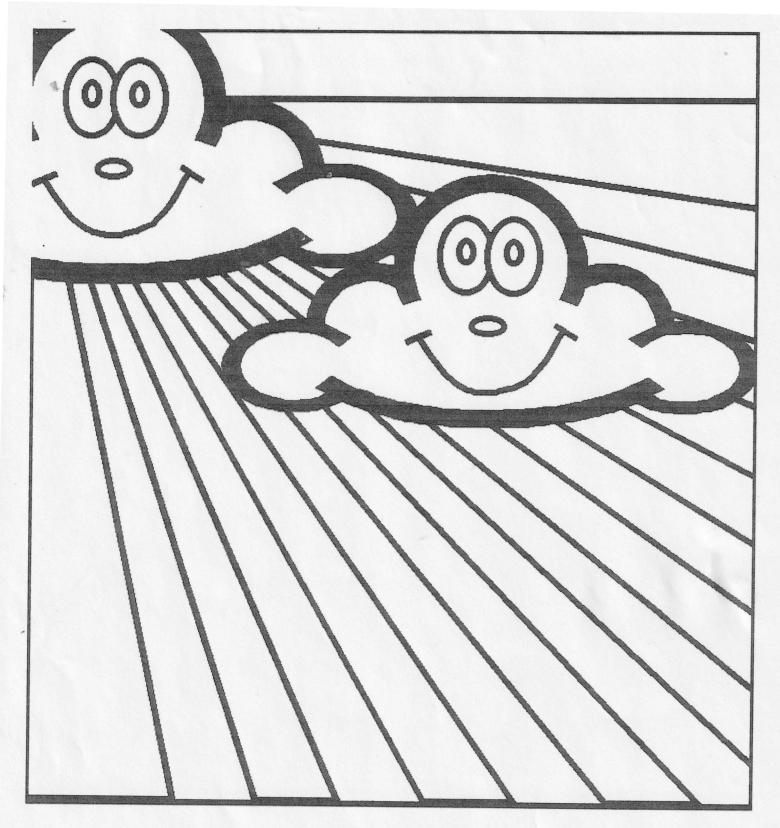
Glue the memory verse to the bottom of the bag...or the back if they have stamped the bottom.

Activity

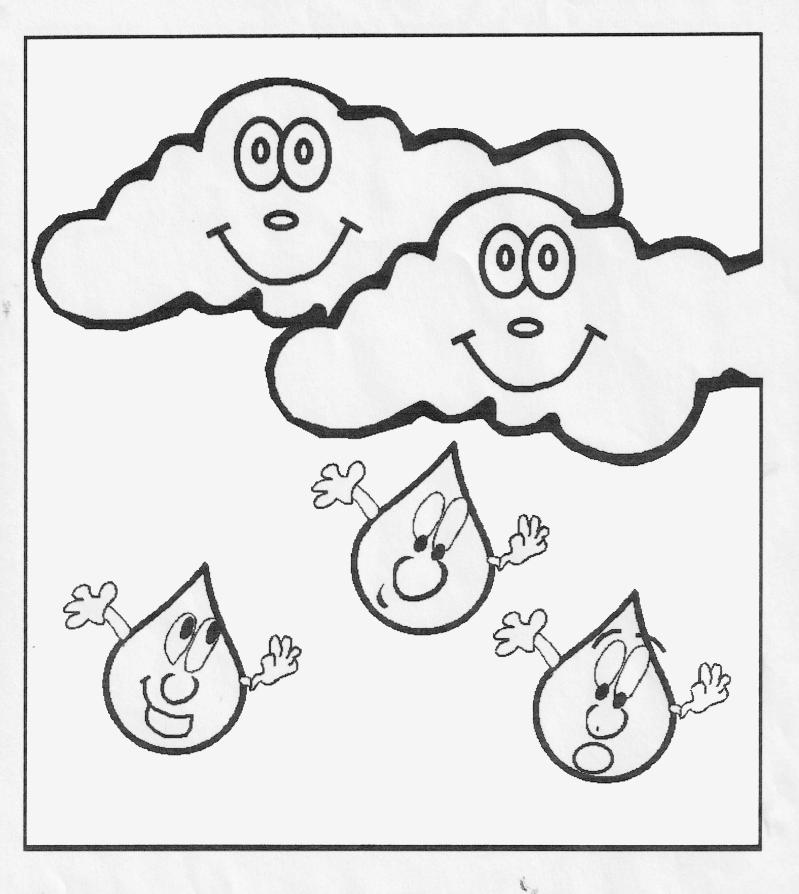
I created several cardboard photo props for the children to stand behind each week. We later put these pics in a book on creation at the end of the series. I took my camera each week so that I was able to catch all of the children before we actually created our "creation books"

Samples:

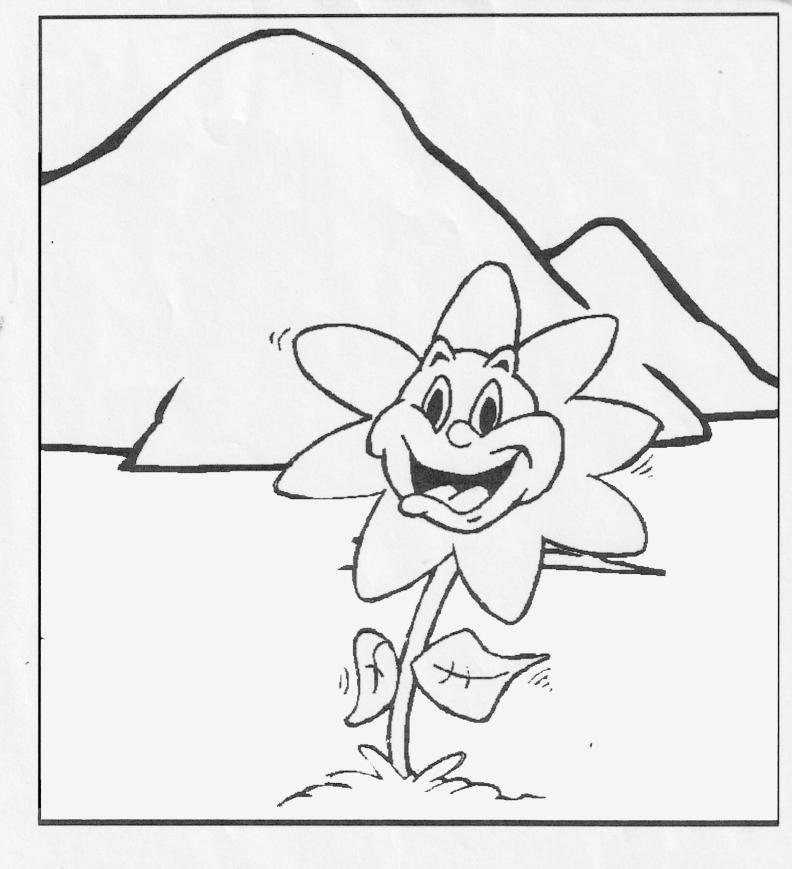




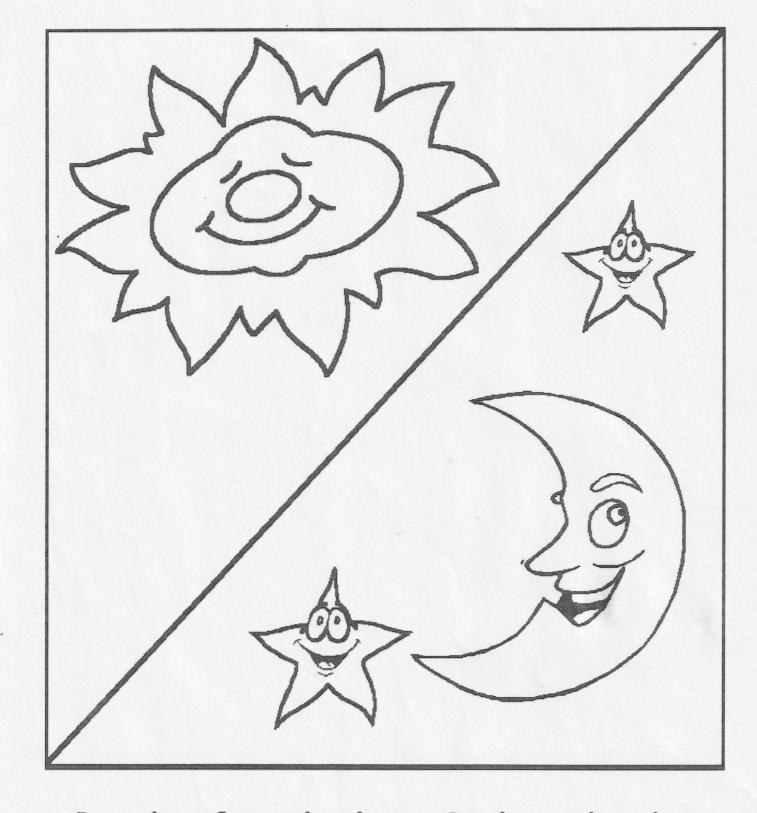
On the first day, God separated light from darkness.



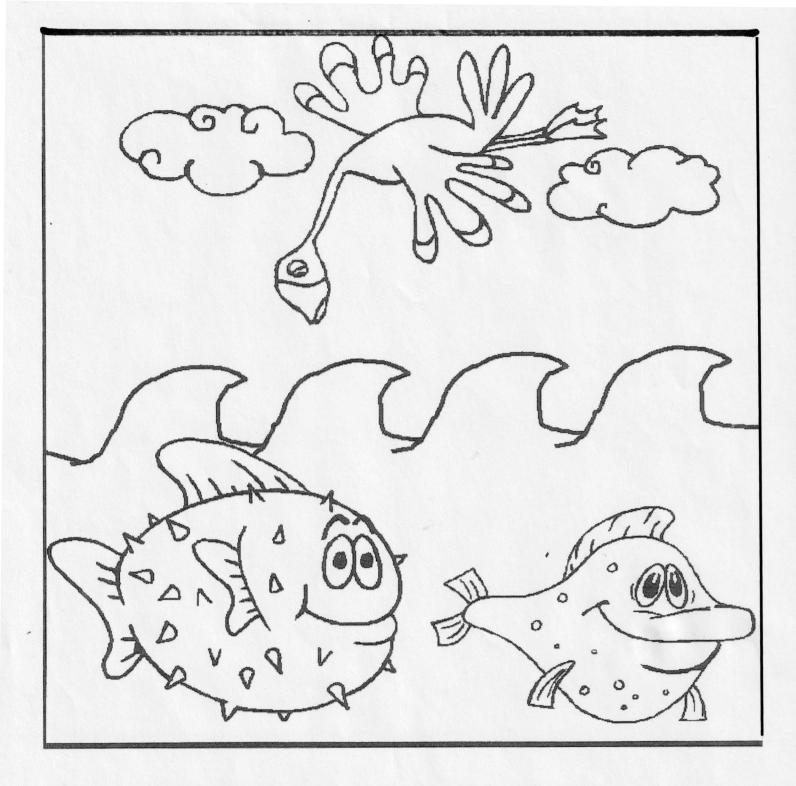
On the second day, God made the sky and the water.



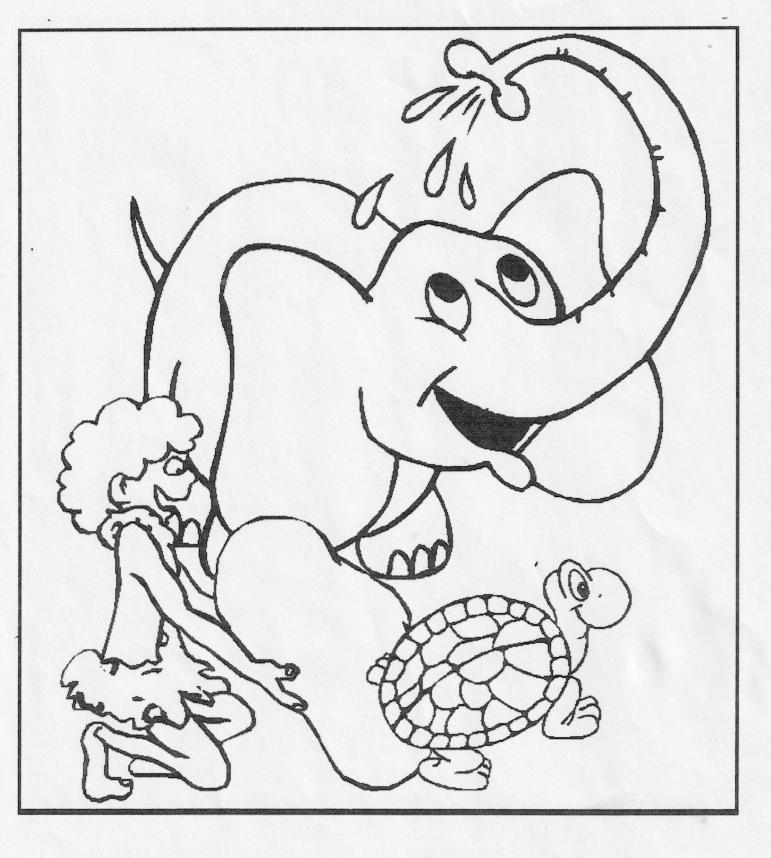
On the third day, God made dry land and plants.



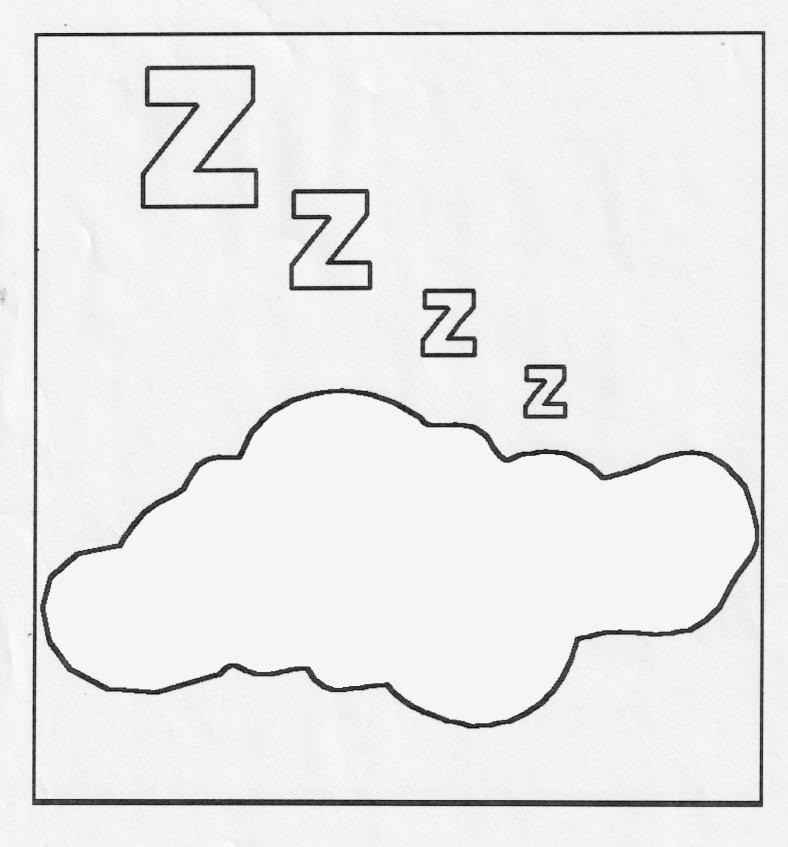
On the fourth day, God made the sun, moon and stars.



On the fifth day, God made the birds in the sky and the fish in the oceans.



On the sixth day, God made the animals and man.



On the seventh day, God rested.