

Special Lesson 11: Birthdays

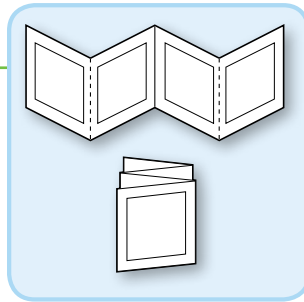
Song

To the tune of "Happy Birthday":
God, we thank you for life.
God, we thank you for life.
Our life is your good gift.
God, we thank you for life.

Craft

Accordion Birthday Book (page 153)

Cut apart the strips on the solid black line. Fold the strips on the dotted lines so that the lines on the front of the card are on the peaks. Place pages 2 and 3 next to each other and tape them together. Fold together pages 2 and 3 so that they are face-to-face. Fold up the book.




Special Lesson 12: Last Class/Summer

Finger Play

I will give thanks to you, O Lord.
I will sing your praise before the world.
For your kindness is as high as the sky.

[Stretch arms toward the sky.]

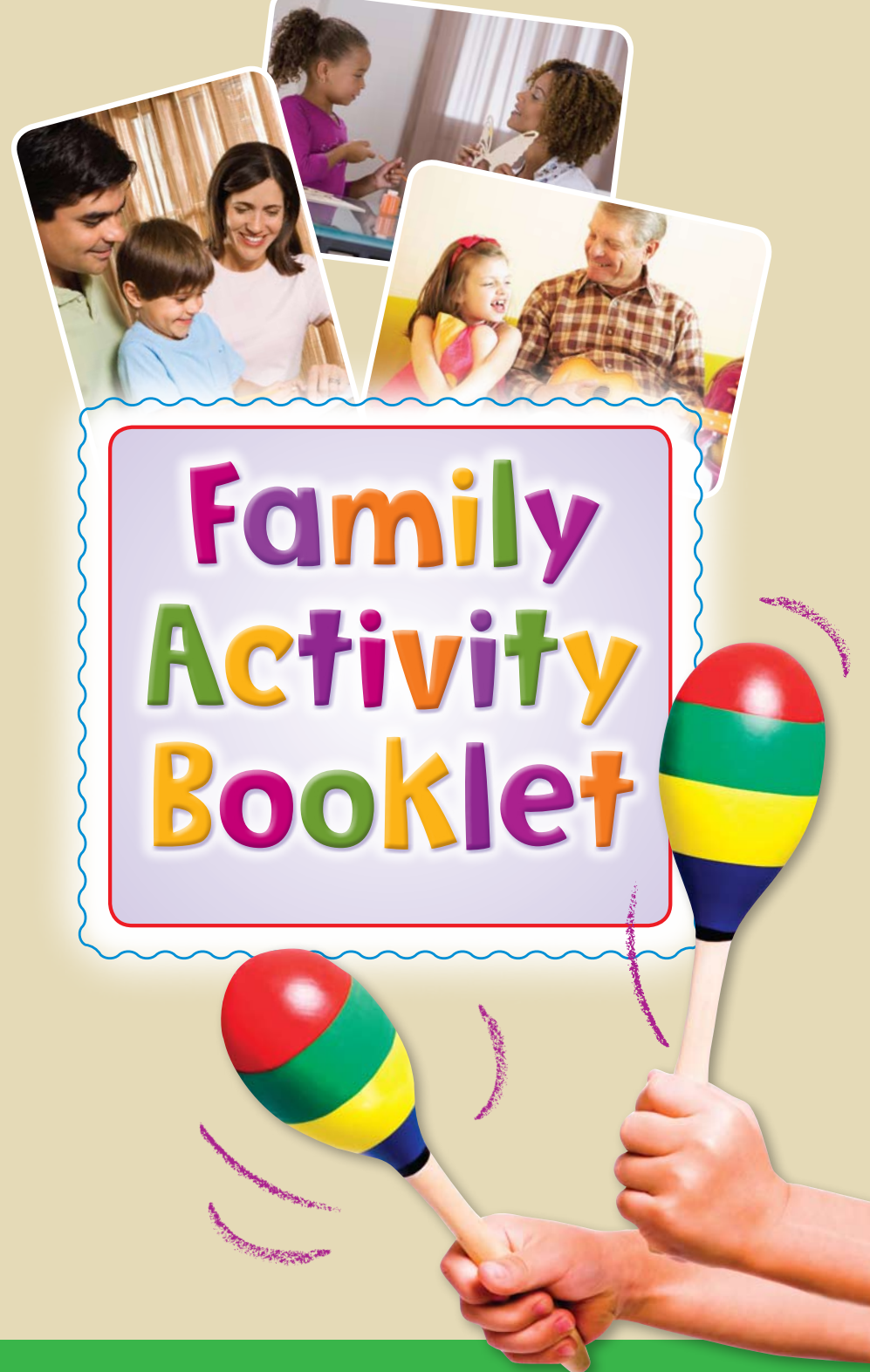


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This booklet will help you enrich lessons from your child's preschool religion class. The following songs, finger plays, and poems are for your family to enjoy at home. If a craft is to be completed at home, help your child follow the directions.

Chapter 1: God Made Me

Song

To the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
God has made us what we are.
Though a million stars I see,
You are special just like me.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
God has made us what we are.

[Open and close fists raised high.]

[Sweep arms from left to right.]

[Point thumb at self.]

[Open and close fists raised high.]

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Finger Play

I Have Two Eyes

I have two eyes that wink and blink,
I have a mind to make me think,
I have two hands that clap for fun,
I have two feet that jump and run,
I have two ears to hear a song,
Two lips to praise God all day long,
I have a body strong and good,
To use for Jesus as I should.

[Wink.]

[Point to head.]

[Clap.]

[Jump and run in place.]

[Cup ears with hands.]

[Point to lips.]

[Put hands out at sides.]

Chapter 2: God Made My Family

Craft

Gift for the Family (page 9)

Write your name at the bottom. Make a picture or design using a sponge held with a clip clothespin and dipped in tempera paint. Alternatively, glue on pieces of fabric or torn tissue paper.

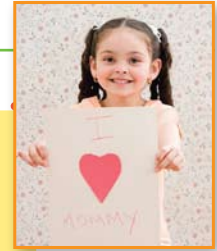


Special Lesson 8: Valentine's Day

Song

Love, Love

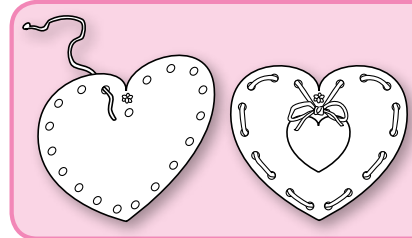
Love, love, love, love, Chris - tians this
is your call. Love your neigh - bor
as your - self, for God loves us all.



Craft

Valentine (page 141)

Cut out the two hearts. Write your name on the line. Punch holes in the small hearts around the white heart. Go into the first hole under the flower with red yarn or ribbon, leaving a tail of about five inches. Sew around the heart. Tie the ends of the yarn or ribbon to make a bow. Glue the small red heart in the middle of the white heart. Give the valentine to someone you like.



Special Lesson 9: Mother's Day

Craft

Mother's Day Scroll (page 145)

Write your name on the line. Color or paint the flowers. Roll up the scroll. Tie yarn or ribbon around the scroll to hold it together. Give it to your mother on Mother's Day.

Special Lesson 10: Father's Day

Craft

Father's Day Card (page 149)

Draw a picture in the frame of something your father does for you. Write your name. Fold the card to stand up. Give the card to your father on Father's Day.

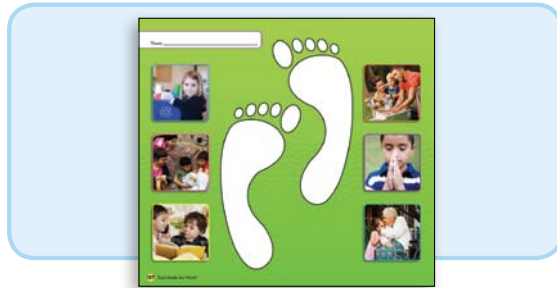


Special Lesson 4: Lent

Craft

Footprints (page 127)

Color a part of the footprints each day you say a prayer or do a good deed during Lent.



Special Lesson 5: Easter

Craft

Reversible Easter Card (page 131)

Color the sun yellow. Fold the sides of the card forward to cover the sun. Open the card to show darkness giving way to the sun. Fold the sides the other way so that the card shows an egg and, when the sides are opened, a chick.

Special Lesson 6: Pentecost

Poem

God Is There

When I run in the sun,
God is there, God is there.
When I fall playing ball,
God cares, God cares.
When I'm sad or I'm glad,
God knows, God knows.

• When I mind or I'm kind,
• God sees, God sees.
• God is with me day and night,
• Help me to do what's right.
• I love you, God!
• *Mary Kathleen Glavich, S.N.D.*

Special Lesson 7: Thanksgiving

Poem

Turkey Time

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here;
It comes around but once a year.
If I could only have my way,
We'd have Thanksgiving every day!

Craft

Stand-Up Turkey (page 137)

Trace your hand in the center section. Your thumb becomes the turkey's head and neck; your four fingers become tail feathers. (You might purchase real feathers at a craft store.) Add legs. Color or paint the turkey. Fold back the two sides on the dotted lines.



Chapter 3: God Made My Friends

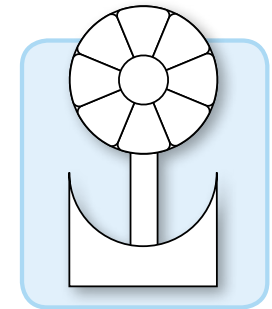
Song

To the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?":
The more we are together, together, together,
The more we are together, the happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.
The more we are together, the happier we'll be.

Craft

Flower (page 13)

Write your name under the words "I love you" on the back of the flower. Color the flower (or staple a few circles of colored tissue paper to the center and pull them up around the staple). Cut off the stem and then cut the line between the flower and grass. Finish cutting out the flower. Glue the grass and flower to the stem.



Chapter 4: God Made My Helpers

Craft

Card for a Helper (page 17)

Fold the card in half. Inside the card, draw a picture of the person who helps you. Write your name inside the card.

Chapter 5: God Made My Church Family

Song

To the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”:

Women, men, girls, and boys,
Mary, saints, and me—
All are members of God’s Church.
We’re God’s family.

[Point to several people.]
[Point up and then to self.]
[Extend arms wide.]
[Clap twice at the end.]

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Craft

Photo Frame of God’s Family (page 21)

Cut out and glue the pictures of Mary and the other Church members in the matching spaces. Draw yourself in the last space. Keep the extra picture of Jesus as a reminder to love as Jesus loves.

Chapter 6: God Made Churches

Finger Play

Here is the church.

Here is the steeple.
Open the doors,
And see all the people.

[Interlace fingers, fold hands, knuckles on top, thumbs together pointing up.]
[Point index fingers up, fingertips touching.]
[Turn hands over with fingers still interlaced.]
[Wiggle fingers.]

Craft

Church (page 25)

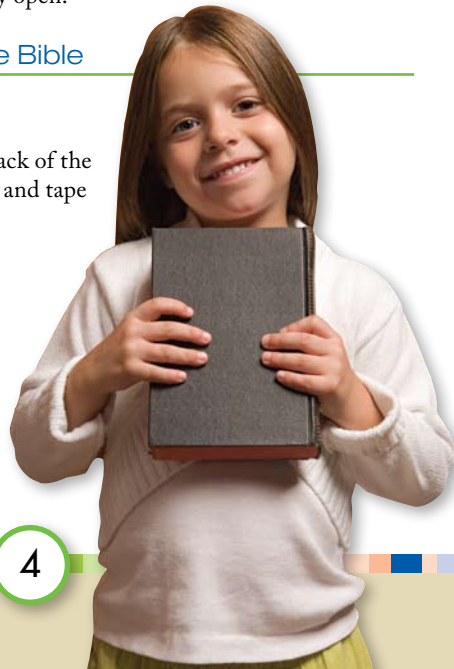
Cut off the strip of pictures and cut out the altar and the cross. Glue the cross in place on the back of the page. Glue the altar in front of the priest. Fold the church in thirds so that it stands. Cut the doors on the black lines and fold them on the dotted lines so that they open.

Chapter 7: God Made the Bible

Craft

Letter from God (page 29)

Write your name on the front and back of the letter. Cut off the side strip and fold and tape the letter closed.



Special Lesson 2: Advent

Finger Play

Hush! The world is waiting—
Waiting for Baby Jesus.
Mary and Joseph are waiting—
Waiting for Mary’s Son.
Shepherds and kings are waiting—
Waiting for the newborn king.
I am waiting—
Waiting for my Savior.

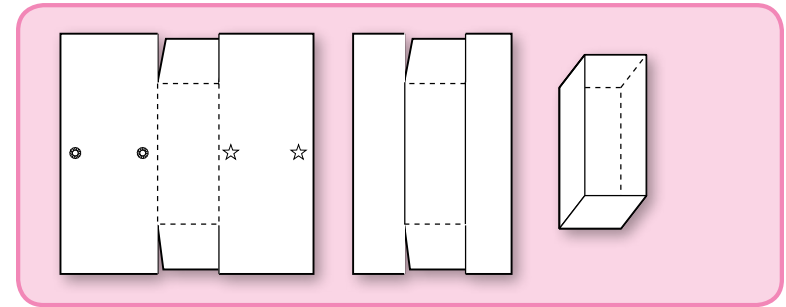
[Raise finger to lips.]
[Rock arms.]
[Extend one arm, then the other.]
[Rock arms.]
[Extend one arm, then the other.]
[Rock arms.]
[Point to self.]
[Extend arms up.]

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Craft

Manger (page 119)

Cut in on the four black lines. Fold down the edge with the star to meet the other star. Fold down the edge with the flower to meet the other flower. Fold the four sides so that they stand. Overlap the ends and tape them together. Use yellow yarn or strips of paper for straw.

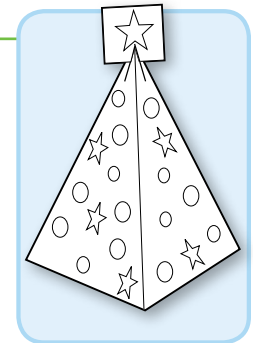


Special Lesson 3: Christmas

Craft

Christmas Tree (page 123)

Put round stickers or star stickers on the tree, being careful not to put them on the lines. If you do not have stickers, paint or color decorations. You might add glitter and sequins. Write your name on the line. Cut out the tree and the square with the star. Cut a slit in the tree’s top on the heavy black line. Fold the tree on the dotted lines and tape or staple it together. Insert the star into the slit at the top.



Song

Rejoice in the Lord Always
(Round)

Philippians 4:4

Re - joice in the Lord ___ al - ways, and a -
gain I say re - joice! (clap, clap) Re -
joice in the Lord ___ al - ways, and a - gain I say re -
joice! (clap, clap) Re - joice, ___ re - joice, ___ and a -
gain I say re - joice! (clap, clap) Re - joice, ___ re -
joice, ___ and a - gain I say re - joice! (clap, clap)



Craft

Party Hat (page 111)

Cut out the hat, and bend and staple it to make a cone. Staple or tape two pieces of yarn to the hat—one at each square—for ties. If you wish, staple or tape a pom-pom to the top of the hat.

Special Lesson 1: Halloween/Feast of All Saints

Craft

Crown (page 115)

Write your name on the line. Color the jewels on the crown. If you wish, add glitter or sequins. Cut out the crown and the strip of paper. Staple the strip to one end of the crown. Put on the crown and staple the other end of the strip to it so that the crown fits.



Song

His Banner over Me Is Love

The Lord is mine and I am his, ___ His
ban-ner o-ver me is love, ___ The Lord is mine and
I am his, ___ His ban-ner o-ver me is love, ___
___ The Lord is mine and I am his, ___ His
ban-ner o-ver me is love, ___ His
ban-ner o-ver me ___ is love, ___

Craft

Banner (page 35)

Cut apart the banner from the green strip of paper. Cut the banner along the diagonal lines and decorate it. Starting with one corner, roll the green strip of paper around a pencil to make a stick. Tape it together and remove the pencil. Tape or staple the banner to the "stick."



Chapter 9: God Made Water

Song

To the tune of “Here We Go ’Round the Mulberry Bush”:

This is the way we wash our clothes,
wash our clothes, wash our clothes.

This is the way we wash our clothes,
with the gift of water.

2. This is the way we water the yard . . .
3. This is the way we brush our teeth . . .
4. This is the way we quench our thirst . . .
5. This is the way we cook our food . . .
6. This is the way we swim in the pool . . .

Craft

Water Scene (page 39)

Dip pieces of blue yarn in a mixture of water and white glue. Squeeze each piece through your fingers to get rid of the excess glue. Arrange the yarn on the paper to look like curvy waves. Add glitter to represent light on the water.



Chapter 10: God Made Food

Craft

Place Mat (page 43)

Decorate the place mat by painting it, or make designs on the mat using the end of a pencil eraser or glue stick tube dipped in paint. Cut fringe around the sides or make the sides wavy or jagged.

Chapter 11: God Made Land

Song

He’s Got the Whole World

1. He’s got the whole world in his hands. [four times]
2. He’s got the towering mountains in his hands.
3. He’s got the peaceful valleys in his hands.
4. He’s got the busy cities in his hands.
5. He’s got the lovely farmlands in his hands.
6. He’s got the hot, dry deserts in his hands.



Craft

Earth Mobile (page 49)

If you wish, cut out the picture of the earth. Draw or glue pictures of land features (forests, fields, mountains) in the four sections on the back. Punch a hole in the top of the mobile. String yarn or ribbon through the hole to form a loop. Hang up your mobile where everyone can see it and remember to care for God’s gift of the earth.

Chapter 22: God Made Big Things

Finger Play

The elephant goes like this and that [Hold one hand over the other and sway arms from side to side.]

He’s oh, so big, and he’s oh, so fat. [Curve arms outward.]

He has no fingers, and he has no toes. [Hold hand in front with fingers closed.]

But goodness gracious, [Extend arms up with fingers intertwined.]
what a nose!

Craft

Thank-You Card for God (page 99)

Decorate or draw pictures on the page with things that God made. Write your name on it. (Parents may write “Thank you, God” on the card.)



Chapter 23: God Made Little Things

Craft

Pet Pocket (page 103)

Cut apart the four pet cards and fold them so that they stand. Cut out the pocket and fold it on the dotted line. Staple or glue the sides of the pocket together. Put the pets inside. Add a four-inch piece of yarn as a pet worm.

Chapter 24: God Made Countries

Craft

A Country’s Flag (page 107)

Choose a flag and draw it in the empty space above the flags. Cut off the section with the many flags. Roll the long piece of paper up to your flag and tape or staple it to form a stick. If you prefer, draw the flag on the longer piece of paper and tape it to a straw or a craft stick. Tell your child which country’s flag he or she has chosen.



Chapter 20: God Made Fish

Finger Play

I am a fish in the great blue sea.
God made me as happy as can be.
I swim all day and sleep all night.
To be God's fish is my delight.

[Put hands together with thumbs crossed and "swim."]

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Craft

Fish Picture (page 89)

Decorate the large fish with crayons or markers. Place the page in a box with a marble that has been dipped in white tempera paint. Tilt the box from side to side so that the marble leaves tracks that make a net.

Chapter 21: God Made Butterflies

Song

To the tune of "Happy Birthday":
God our Father, thank you
For all that you do.
You're full of surprises.
How much we love you!

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Poem

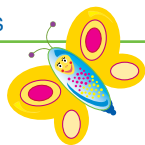
Little Arabella Miller

Little Arabella Miller
Found a woolly caterpillar.
First it crawled upon her mother,
Then upon her baby brother.
All said, "Arabella Miller,
Take away that caterpillar!"

Craft

3-D Butterfly Picture (page 93)

Cut off the side strip and cut out the two butterflies. Fold the butterflies on the dotted lines. Color the flower. Put glue on the white part of the wings of the two butterflies and place the butterflies on the picture.



Chapter 12: God Made Air

Finger Play

The wind tells me,
The birds tell me,
The Bible tells me too,
How much our Father loves us all,
And now I'm telling you!

[Sway.]

[Flap arms.]

[Open hands like a book.]

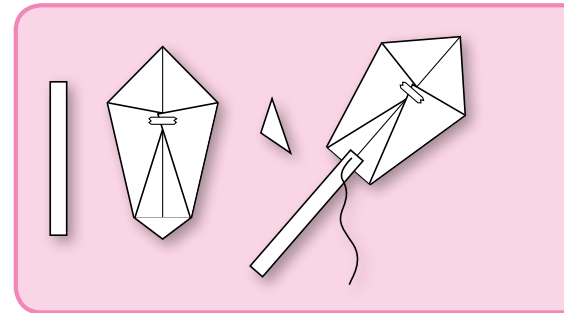
[Stretch out arms.]

[Point to self and then point out.]

Craft

Kite (page 53)

Decorate the yellow part with designs or pictures. Cut off the multicolored strip and the white triangle. Fold the two blue sides to meet in the back and tape them together. Staple or tape the multicolored strip to the bottom to make the kite's tail. Tape yarn to the tail. Run with the kite to make it fly.



Chapter 13: God Made Light

Song

Rise and Shine

Rise _ and shine _ and give God the glo - ry, glo - ry.
Rise _ and shine _ and give God the glo - ry, glo - ry.
Rise and shine and (clap) give God the glo - ry, glo - ry,
chil - ren of the Lord.



Craft

Candle (page 57)

Color the flowers. Write your name on the line above the flowers. Cut off the strip with the flame on it. Roll the large piece of the page and tape it together. Glue or tape the flame to the top of the candle.

Chapter 14: God Made Color

Craft

Book of Colors (page 61)

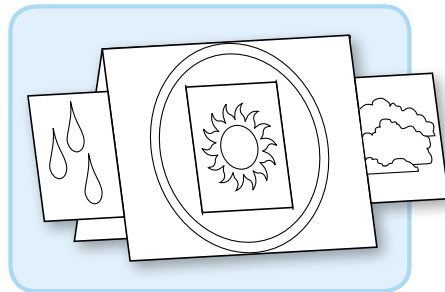
Fold the page in half on the dotted line. On each page, color the picture the same color as the balloon beside or above it. Draw more things that are the color of the balloon. Draw things that belong to you.

Chapter 15: God Made Weather

Craft

Weather Wheel (page 65)

Cut slits in the wheel along the lines. Color the sun yellow. Color the raindrops blue. Cut the strip from the page. Fold the page on the dotted line so that it stands. Put the ends of the strip through the slits in the wheel. (The strip should slide back and forth to show the pictures.) Change the wheel to match the day's weather.



Chapter 16: God Made Flowers

Finger Play

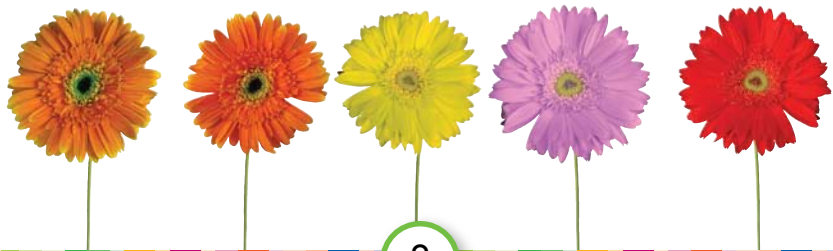
This is my garden.
I'll rake it with care.
And plant some flower seeds
Right in there.
The sun will shine,
The rain will fall.
And my garden will blossom
And grow straight and tall.

[Extend hand, palm up.]
[Make pulling motion with hands.]
[Make planting motions with thumb and index finger.]
[Make circle with arms above head.]
[Flutter fingers downward.]
[Cup hands; raise them slowly.]

Craft

Basket of Flowers (page 69)

Color the flowers. Cut off the strip at the side, which is the handle. Staple one end of the strip to the corner of the large square where there is a blue dot. Staple the other end to the opposite corner so that the ends of the square are pulled up to form a basket. Give the basket to someone you love.



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Chapter 17: God Made Trees

Craft

Tree (page 73)

Add leaves to the tree in one of these ways: 1) draw them with crayons or markers; 2) dip sponges in tempera paint and press them to the branches; 3) glue on pieces of green or red, yellow, and orange tissue paper, torn construction paper, or fabric; 4) glue on real leaves.



Chapter 18: God Made Animals

Finger Play

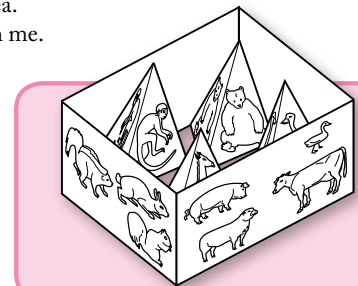
There was a little turtle. He lived in a box.
He swam in a puddle. He climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at a mosquito. He snapped at a flea.
He snapped at a minnow, and he snapped at me.
He caught the mosquito. He caught the flea.
He caught the minnow, but he didn't catch me.

[Add snapping gestures with thumb and fingers of one hand when the turtle snaps.]

Craft

Animal Box (page 81)

Cut out the four yellow squares. Fold up the sides of the box so that the green is inside. Tape the ends together. Fold the yellow squares along the diagonal and stand the animals in the box.



Chapter 19: God Made Birds

Finger Play

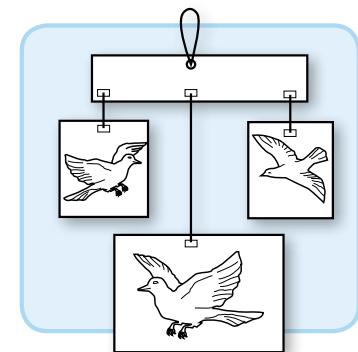
Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything.

[Put out right hand.]
[Put out left hand.]
[Raise hands.]
[Extend hands to side.]

Craft

Bird Mobile (page 85)

Cut apart the three sections. Tape an end of a piece of yarn to each bird. Tape the other ends of the yarn to the strip. Punch a hole in the top of the strip. Thread yarn through the hole and tie it to make a loop for hanging the mobile.



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