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Introduction

You asked for it! And we listened!

We kept hearing, "When are you going to come out with another *Coloring Creations* book? My kids love it!" So here it is: *Coloring Creations 2: 52 New Bible Activity Pages.*

Like its predecessor, *Coloring Creations 2* looks like a coloring book, but it's much more! It's an *activity* page book. Each reproducible coloring page is based on a Bible story and Scripture verse, includes an activity to make the page 3-D, and even has an age-appropriate discussion guide to help you make the activity life-applicable. Each activity in this book is a chance for you to expand on a lesson, dig a little deeper into the Bible, and teach a valuable lesson to your students.

Perfect for those days when a lesson runs short or a sermon runs long, *Coloring Creations 2* offers new, creative...*and fast*...ideas for your classroom. And let's face it: kids love to color! Why not use their natural preference to help kids grow closer to Jesus?

Each activity is based on a Bible story, which makes this book a wonderful tool for any children's ministry leader. Simply locate the activity page in this book that best accompanies the story you're teaching and you've got an instant enhancement for your lesson. Plus, kids will have a fun craft activity to take home.

Each page also emphasizes a Scripture verse, which leads to a discussion section focused on life-application; the verses offer children a way to live out the lesson of the Bible story. If children are discovering the story of Creation, they'll learn to care for the wonderful world God created. If they hear the story of Zacchaeus, they'll understand that knowing Jesus can change their lives.

The pages in this book are *reproducible,* so the book belongs on your bookshelf where it can be pulled out and used again and again—for years.

Each coloring page is more than a coloring page: it's a 3-D, multi-sensory, super-tactile *creation*! Your kids will color the page...decorate it, cut it, fold it, paint it, and all around change it.

Each page is accompanied by instructions to help you turn pictures into 3-D masterpieces that help kids learn and remember the Bible story and the Scripture verse. The instructions are simple, the supplies general, and the process rewarding.

Coloring Creations 2 can help you transform coloring time into teaching time. With this book, coloring becomes more than busywork—it's a chance to engage your children in dialogue, to grow deeper relationships, and to teach lasting Bible truths!

Just use the indexes to locate the activity page that best fits your lesson, make a copy of the page for each child, gather the necessary supplies...and get started on an activity that will help your children grow closer to God!

Coloring Creations Kit

Many of the coloring pages in this book use basic supplies to transform the pages into craft projects kids love. Take a few moments to gather the following supplies and place them in a plastic box to use with this book. That way you'll always have the right supplies available at a moment's notice.

Tuck these items in your "Coloring Creations Kit":

- craft glue
- glue sticksmarkers
- crayonscolored pencils
- scissors
- transparent tapesafety scissors

When you see "Coloring Creations Kit" in a supply list, you'll know the basic supplies are already gathered and ready to use!

ALLERGY ALERT

Some of the projects in this book involve food. Be aware that some children have food allergies that can be dangerous. Know your children, and consult with parents about allergies their children may have. Also be sure to carefully read food labels, as hidden ingredients can cause allergy-related problems.

Choking Hazards!

Be aware that small objects can be choking hazards for younger children. Supervise children as they work with small objects such as dry cereal and wiggly eyes. If you have several young children in your class, you may want to substitute a larger object for the craft.

God Creates Our World

Genesis 1:1-25

What you need:

For each child...

• 1 copy of page 7



- glitter glue
- cotton swabs
- paper plates
- cups of water
- watercolor paints
- Coloring Creations Kit

What to do:

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Write children's names on their pages. Squeeze glitter glue onto paper plates, and set out the plates along with black crayons, cups of water, and watercolor paints.

Give each child an activity page. Point to the spaces between the earth, planets, and stars. Explain that before God made our world, everything was dark and black. Let children color between the earth, planets, and stars with a black crayon. (It's OK if they color over some of the stars.)

Tell children that God put lights in the sky. Let children use cotton swabs to dab glitter glue on the stars and planets.

Say the Scripture verse, and explain that God made the earth with his own hands, creating a special place for people to live. Let children dip their fingers in the water, and then into the watercolor paints to color the earth.

Tell children that God rested when he'd finished making the earth. Set the pictures aside to "rest" and dry.

Talk about:

- Ask: •Why do you think God made the earth for us?•How can you use your hands to thank God for all he made?
- Say: The earth, stars, and planets all belong to God because he made them. We can thank God by using our hands to care for the things he's made. You can water flowers, feed your dog, or pick up trash to keep God's special world clean and beautiful! Let's use our hands right now to clap for God. Lead children in applauding for God.
- Pray: Dear God, thank you for making the world with your very own hands. It's such a beautiful place! Help us use *our* hands to take good care of your world. In Jesus' name, amen.





"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it"

(Psalm 24:1a).





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