

Book Extension Activities

1. Mixing Colors

Fill small, clear containers with water and add a few drops of primary colored food coloring to each. Using eyedroppers, have children transfer the colored water to flattened coffee filters to create new colors and designs. Take the time to marvel with the children at the magical experience of creating a new color. Remind them that God gives them the gift of many different colors and experiences in the world.

After the coffee filters have dried, they can be hung in a window as beautiful suncatchers, or bunched and held together with twisted pipe cleaners to create butterflies or flowers.

2. Rainbow Snack

Plan ahead to create a snack that highlights foods of all different colors. Include an array of fruits and vegetables. You can even arrange the items by color to create a beautiful edible rainbow. Talk with children about how a rainbow is used as a symbol of God's love and promise in the Bible. Thank God for this special gift and for the amazing (and tasty) variety of foods we enjoy together.

3. Search and Cut

Set out a piece of construction paper for every color of the rainbow. Allow children to look through old magazines to find items that match each of the colors. Have children cut out the items and paste them on the matching piece of colored paper. As children add items, talk with them about the color and what might be special about it (white fur helps animals blend in with the snow, bright colors can be seen from far away, etc.).

When papers are full, hang them as a reminder of the many different ways that colors contribute to our lives and to all of God's creation.

