

Cool Creatures



Theme: Garden of Eden/Adam Names the Animals

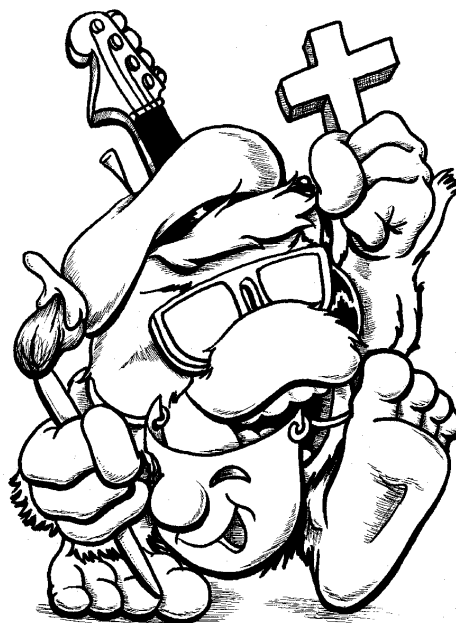
What you need to do this project:

- Dry erase board and markers or
- Chalk board and chalk or
- Easel, pad and chalk pastels
- Construction paper/drawing paper
- Markers
- Pencils
- Crayons

Weekly, I work with a group of students that range in age from ages three to ten. With such a diverse age range, we have to do projects that are simple enough for the youngest and yet challenge and stimulate the oldest. Drawing projects are perfect for this group. Each child draws at his own ability level and so they all learn and have fun. We are doing what will be a long unit as we go story by story through the Bible. We came upon the story where Adam named the animals. "How on earth will I teach that?" I thought. This is the idea that was revealed to me and it worked so well that I had to share it.

We started off by going right into the project. I went to the white board and told the students, "Tonight we are going to create some new animals." I asked them to shout out what parts they would like their animals to have, starting with the nose. The first creature they created had a rabbit nose, dolphin eyes, mouse ears, a lion's mane, an alligator's body, horse legs and a fish tale. They then had to name the animal. I wrote down all the names and then they picked one, mammalfish.

We did several more and by the time we were finished, they were very attentive. I then sat them down and read them the story of how Adam named the animals in the Garden of Eden. We talked about how hard it was to name something we had never seen before and then I allowed them to create a picture of Adam naming their favorite animal. When they finished that, I allowed them to create and name their own cool creature. They all really enjoyed this lesson and it gave the opportunity to make the scriptures come alive to them.



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glory (because all
the really good stuff
comes from Him).
Use this resource to
make Him known.