"The beginning: a perfect home" (p. 18)

(from Genesis 1-2)

Supplies:

Playdough

Paper

Crayons

To do ahead of time:

Nothing

1. Ice Breaker (5 minutes)

Before you begin reading the story, do something active like a silly game, jumping jacks, a song with motions, etc. After that, lead the children into sitting down quietly to listen to the story.

2. **Bible Story/Questions** (15-20 minutes) Read aloud the story listed above: Have the children sit at the table and give each child some playdough. Read the story of creation slowly and pause after each "day". As you read, encourage the kids to use the playdough to create whatever was just described in the story. Talk about and admire what they make as you are going through the story.

3. Bible Memory Verse (10 minutes)

(Open your Bible to the verse, let the kids see the words on the page, and talk about how the Bible is TRUE.)

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was good." Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

Repeat the verse to the children and have them help you make up actions to go along with each word.

4. Craft/Game (15 minutes)

Give each child a piece of paper and have them color it however they want. When they are done coloring, roll it up into a "telescope". As they look through the rolled up paper, play "I spy what God has made!" Have them look around for God's creation and declare what they discover.

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