

# LEARN TOGETHER LOWCOUNTRY CLASS SYLLABUS

# Creative Creation Play-doh Explorers Exploring God's Wonders, Creating with Joy

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AGE RANGE 4-7
CLASS TIME & LOCATION 1:30 pm, Room 6

# COURSE DESCRIPTION

Join us on an exciting journey of creativity and exploration in Creative Creation Play-doh adventres as we combine the joy of sensory play with the teachings of the Bible. Our class is designed to nurture your child's imagination while exploring God's wonders in His creation.

This class is created for children in the 4-7age range. Each week we will creatively explore diffent topics related to creation, the Bible and our daily environments. Using hands-on activities, children will enhance their fine motor skills, express their creativity, and develop a Christ-centered perspective. We will be sculpting vibrant Play-Doh creations and experimenting with different crafts as we dive into the beauty of God's world, exploring Bible themes and the world around us.

Each class will include a story form the Bible or related topic as well as pictures to help visual learners. While our sensory-friendly experience encourages children to engage with various textures, colors, and shapes, making learning fun and meaningful. Join us as we embark on an inspiring adventure, where faith and play intertwine, nurturing young hearts and minds.

# **EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOMODATIONS**

To receive maximum benefit from this course, each student is expected to attend class on a regular and consistent basis. Students need to: (a) arrive to class on time, and (b) be actively involved in class activities

Accommodations: We will work with each student to help achieve success in the course and adapt the activities to meet at functioning level. Please let the instructor know ahead of time of any specific needs.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Foster Creativity: Encourage children to explore their creativity through Play-Doh and crafts, allowing them to express themselves artistically and imaginatively.

Enhance Fine Motor Skills: Engage children in hands-on activities with Play-Doh, promoting the development of their fine motor skills, such as shaping, rolling, and manipulating the clay.

Introduce Bible Themes: Integrate Bible themes into each class to help children learn about biblical stories, teachings, and values in a fun and interactive way.

Connect Faith and Play: Help children understand that their faith can be incorporated into their playtime, fostering a deeper connection with God and biblical concepts.

Teach Environmental Awareness: Explore themes related to nature, plants, and animals to raise awareness about the beauty of God's creation and the importance of environmental stewardship.

Encourage Healthy Habits: Through the food themed weeks, promote healthy eating habits and an appreciation for nutritious meals. (2nd semester)

Promote Sensory-Friendly Experience: Create a sensory-friendly environment where children can engage with different textures, colors, and shapes using Play-Doh, allowing for a multisensory experience.

Nurture a Christ-Centered Perspective: Weave a Christ-centered perspective throughout the class, focusing on God's love, His role as the Creator, and the importance of faith in our lives.

# REQUIRED MATERIALS

For the student- themselves. Keep in mind they will being using playdoh.

#### **TENTATIVE Course Time Line**

WEEK 1 DATE: 9/8

SUPPLIES:

flour and salt to make playdough or playdoh 2 colors for each child color mixing bean bag/ ball- i have

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snack/ story

# TOPIC/ACTIVITY

#### **OBJECTIVE**

#### **BIBLE APP**

Faithful creations

Icebreaker games, Play-Doh free play/ color mixing Introduce the class, create a welcoming environment, and establish expectations.
Activities: Icebreaker games, Play-Doh free play, and discussion on God's love and creativity.

Have a brief discussion about the importance of creativity. In Genesis "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, and he is the ultimate Creator.

**WEEK 2 DATE: 9/15** 

SUPPLIES:

Playdoh Supplies: brown, green playdoh, pink, purple, blue, yellow. if have the plates for invatation to play tray,green pipes, tiny planters or gems

Flower cutters/ forks for garden tools playmats to inspire, natural materials for show

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Day 3: God created land and plants

Explore key Bible stories and concepts through Play-Doh creations: God created land and plants

God Created Land & Plants

Genesis 1:9-13

Play-doh garden Possible scavenger hunt or game

**WEEK 3 DATE: 9/22** 

SUPPLIES:

Magnify glasses to observe different leaves, Playdoh 1-2 per child Paint,brushes, kraft paper for cleaner tables, paper, cups, water

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#### **TOPIC**

Day 3 of creation Explore the beauty in the world God created with plants/natureFoster and environmental stewardship.

# **OBJECTIVE**

Psalm 96:12, says,
"Let the fields be jubilant,
and everything in them;
let all the trees of the
forest sing for joy."

# **BIBLE APP**

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#### **ACTIVITY**

Paint leaf imprints/ make playdoh imprints **WEEK 4 DATE: 9/29** 

SUPPLIES:

Yellow, grey, orange, white, black purple playdoh.

Star cutters. Playdoh mats

Books Library check space books at home. pictures of the sun, moon, and stars.

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Day 4: Sun Moon

and Stars

To develop a sense of wonder and gratitude for God's intricate design as learning about the sun, moon, and stars.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands. Psalms 19:1 HCSB Playdoh sun/ make space playdoh with black and purple add glitter. make space themed items

WEEK 5 DATE: 10/13

SUPPLIES:

Playdoh mats for inspiration, pictures of underwater animals Blue, green, ect playdoh

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Underwater Animals: Exploring God's

Wonders.

Day 5 of creation:
God made the ocean a
special home for many
special animals.Encourage
children to explore their
creativity through Play-Doh

Genisis: Let the waters be filled with living things"

Play-Doh - Creating Sea Creatures

Paper Plate Fish Craft

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WEEK 6 DATE: 10/20

SUPPLIES:

Playdoh, underwater animal toys / cutters/ manipulatives Playdoh such as seashells or plastic ocean animal figurines, sand, glue, small containers, blue food dye, activator, stirrers https://funlearningforkids.com/ocean-play-dough-invitation/

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Underwater Adventures: Exploring God's Wonders. Environmental awareness, fine motor and link to God's Creation. Gratitude for the beauty of the ocean and asking for God's guidance in caring for His underwater wonders.

Let the waters be filled with living things.

Play-Doh Underwater scene.

Make Ocean Slime

WEEK 7 DATE: 10/27

SUPPLIES:

Playdoh, pictures/mats, invitation to play items-feathers?

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Day 5 of Creation Observe the beauty and diversity of birds, connect

them to the biblical account of Day 5 of Creation, and engage in creative and sensory play using Play-Doh. God said let the land produce living creatures.

-favorite animals in playdoh.
- sensory bin habitats create the perfect 3D habitat for

your animals

- Animal Movement game

**WEEK 8 DATE: 11/3** 

SUPPLIES:

Playdoh. small totes to put sand, natural materials for a sensory bin-(https://theimaginationtree.com/animal-habitat-mini-sensory-tubs)

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Day 6 of creation Land Animas To explore the vast Creativity in God's Creation of animals.

God said let the land produce living creatures.

-favorite animals in playdoh.
- sensory bin habitats create
the perfect 3D habitat for
your animals

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- Animal Movement game

WEEK 9 DATE: 11/10

SUPPLIES:

playdoh, mats, animals and invitation to play items - googly eyes? paper plates, markers, stickers, glue, popscicle sticks,

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Day 6 of Creation I and Animals

Learn more about our creativity with an animal mask. Explore a book and pictures of reallife animals.

God Said let the land produce living creatures. God made each animal and each person exactly as they needed to be.

- Warm up with uncovering hidden animals play-doh.

- using animal cutters and rollers

-Animal Mask Craft

WEEK 10 DATE: 11/17

SUPPLIES:

Play-Doh, mats, toothpicks, googy eyes for invitation to create pipeceaners or string, beads (i have)

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

God Created Man: Celebrating God's Image in Us" To learn about the creation of man in God's image and engage in Play-Dough activities that celebrate the uniqueness and value of each individual.

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7 God made us and we have value as God's creation -Play-doh self portraits or body creations. - Friendship braclets respect and love for one

another.

WEEK 11 DATE: 12/1

SUPPLIES:

play-doh, invitation to create/mats
Dr Suess book on emotions or similar

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

God's Image in us Continued.

To learn about the creation of man in God's image and engage in Play-Dough activities and crafts that celebrate the uniqueness and value of each individual.

Genesis 1:26-27

Warm up: Play-Dough Emotions Handprint Keepsake with decorations or impressions to show uniqueness and creativity.

WEEK 12 DATE: 12/8

SUPPLIES:

bins, tools, playdoh, invitation to creation items.

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TOPIC OBJECTIVE BIBLE APP ACTIVITY

Celebrating Creation Review

Review Creation themes and concepts they have explored throughout the semester. Remind them of the importance of God's creation and how they are uniquely made in His image.

Genesis

Stations with Activities that review differnt parts of class including playdoh creation, sensory bins, art station