

Holiday Helps

Ideas for Early Childhood Classrooms

Take a vacation with these on-the-go play scenes!

Sandwich Bag Play Scenes

What You'll Need

- resealable sandwich bags
- construction paper (various colors)
- stickers
- scissors
- pencils, crayons, or markers
- traceable shapes or cut-out shapes
- optional: glue sticks

What You Do

1. In several different colors of construction paper, cut rectangles a bit smaller than the size of the sandwich bags you are using. These pieces, which will become backgrounds for the scenes, must be small enough to fit inside the bags while taking up most of the space. Insert the backdrops inside the bags.
2. Cut out paper characters, boats, plants, animals, typed Bible verses, or short phrases for the children to use in creating their own personalized play scenes. The children may also want to draw or trace and cut out shapes. All of the cutout figures can be either dropped into the bag or glued to the backdrop, depending on whether the children want to be able to play with and rearrange the figures in their scenes.
3. Let the children create pictures of their favorite Bible stories, an underwater world, or anything else they can think up. To spark their thinking, ask the children to share where they would like to go during the summer or to tell about their favorite Bible story. Kids will have fun moving the figures and creating new scenes for the story bags.

Another Idea!

Decorate the classroom with these scenes, or let the children from your class fill the bags with multiple sets of characters, settings, Bible verses, and drawing utensils. The bags make great activity kits to enhance long car rides as well as to encourage the children to remember Bible verses learned in class. For added fun, have the children match Scriptures to the Bible scenes they create!



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