

Hands-On History Fun

Create-A-Craft: Sort the Plants and Animals into Days of Creation

First, using poster board, make these three large title cards:

- Day Three
- Day Five
- Day Six

Next, gather as many kinds of plants and animals as you can using one or more of these ideas:

- Draw them on 3x5 cards
- Make them out of Play-dough (3 dimensional art)
- Make them out of sugar cookie dough (edible art!)
- Cut pictures out of old magazines (ask Mom

first)

- Fashion them out of LEGO® bricks
- Find plastic zoo animals, farm animals, trees, etc., in the toy box
- Gather family photographs that show household pets and local flowers, trees, shrubs
- Don't forget the bugs!

Sort these plants and animals by their day of creation and group them with their title card.

Which group is the largest in your collection? Which group is the smallest? Can you find more plants or animals to make the groups even?

Science Stuff: Create a Fossil

You will need these materials:

- Soft clay (can be purchased at an art supply store, ceramic shop, or some paint stores)
- Shells, leaves, or other material you would like to see imprinted as a fossil
- Brown shoe polish
- Hair spray

First, make a smooth ball out of the clay, then press it flat on the table.

A little water may be used to smooth the outside edges.

Second, press an object into the clay, then carefully remove it.

If you don't like the imprint your object made, roll the clay into a ball and do it again.

You may enjoy creating a "fossil" out of your own footprint—carefully push your foot into the flattened clay and then lift it out. When you get a good imprint, let the clay dry.

Third, when the clay has dried, gently rub the shoe polish over the surface.

Finally, when the shoe polish has dried, spray with hair spray.