

Extra MORE CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES

Creation Station

Suggested Materials (Amounts Vary)

- Assorted small and medium boxes, such as shoe boxes or cardboard jewelry boxes
- Assorted plastic recycled jars
- Cylinder-shaped recycled containers such as oatmeal or potato chip containers
- Assorted decorative items, such as pom poms, wiggle eyes, sequins, ribbon, etc.
- Sticker dots
- Chenille stems
- Assorted paper and tissue paper
- Copy paper for drawing
- Pictures of safari animals (for inspiration)

Tools and Basic Supplies

Scissors, craft glue, glue sticks, staplers, hole punches, scrapbooking circle or square punches, markers, crayons, colored pencils

Pre-Prep

Gather a wide assortment of odds and ends. Any or all of the suggested items can work, along with other ideas you may have. Just make sure nothing is breakable or has sharp edges.

Class Time Directions

Children use the supplies for open-ended craft creations! They can re-create safari animals—either real ones (such as zebras, lions, and giraffes) or imaginary ones, like a zion (a striped lion) or a rhinopotamus (a rhino/hippo mix).

Tip Corner

- Plan to have this stocked and ready to go each day as a fun place for the kids to use their creativity after they've done their main craft. Or use it as a main craft one day, if desired.

Memory Game

Materials

- Cardstock, 2 sheets per child
- Memory Game Cards pattern
- Zippered baggies, 1 per child

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Scissors, crayons or colored pencils
- Optional: 2-in. scrapbooking circle punch

Pre-Prep

1. Print the Memory Game Cards pattern onto cardstock, 2 sheets per child.
2. Cut or punch out circles.
3. Place the circles into zippered baggies. You should have twelve sets of pictures (twenty-four circles) per baggy.

Class Time Directions

1. Color the pictures with light-colored crayons or colored pencils being careful not to press too hard so an impression isn't made on the blank side.
2. To play, lay the circles out on a table with the pictures facing down.
3. Players take turns flipping cards over two at a time, trying to find a match. If a match is found, the player keeps those two. If a match is not found, flip them back over.
4. Continue play until all matches have been found. The player with the most matches wins.

Tip Corner

- Use fewer sets for younger children.
- This game can also be played by one person, finding all matches in a designated time period.

Animal Track Stampers

Materials

- 1x3 boards, one 2-in. piece per child*
- Sticky back craft foam, one 9x12 sheet for every 24 children*
- Animal Track Stampers pattern
- White copy paper, amount varies

*This assumes one stamp per child.

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Scissors
- Power mitre or circular saw (recommended)
- Glue sticks
- Stamp pads

Pre-Prep

1. Cut the 1x3 boards into 2-in. pieces, 1 per child. Sand edges if necessary.
2. Cut the craft foam into 2x2-in pieces, 1 per child.
3. Copy the animal tracks pattern onto white copy paper. Make enough so that there are plenty of each animal track. Then cut out each 2x2-in. animal track.

Class Time Directions

1. Choose either a lion, a giraffe, or an elephant track.
2. Glue stick the underside of the track to the paper backing side of the craft foam.
3. Use scissors to carefully cut out the track.
4. Remove the paper backing from the foam pieces and then carefully press onto the wood block to form the animal track.
5. Try out your Animal Track Stamper!

Tip Corner

- If time permits, allow the kids to make more than one stamp.

Paper Beads

Materials

- Construction paper in various colors, amount varies
- Bamboo skewers, 1 for every 2 children
- Jewelry cord for bracelets and necklaces, amount varies

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Glue sticks
- Scissors

Pre-Prep

1. Cut construction paper into narrow 9-in. long strips. The strips should taper from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in wide at one end to $\frac{1}{4}$ -in or less at the other end.
2. Cut the sharp ends off of the bamboo skewers. Then cut the skewers in half so there is one skewer piece per child.
3. Cut the jewelry cord into lengths for bracelets or necklaces.

Class Time Directions

1. Take a tapered strip of paper and wrap the wide end around the skewer as tightly as possible.
2. Continue to wrap the strip around the skewer, keeping it straight and even on both sides as you go.
3. When you approach the end of the strip, stop and apply glue stick to the last inch or two of paper before finishing. Hold the end in place for a few seconds to make sure it is secure and then remove the bead from the skewer. If the end comes loose, simply apply more glue and press it back into place.
4. Repeat the procedure with another strip of a different color.
5. String the beads on the jewelry cord and tie it off.

Tip Corner

- You can also make strips from scrapbook paper and pages from old magazines.
- Clear glitter nail polish seals the beads and makes them sparkle, but the children should do that at home with adult supervision.

Memory Verse Posters

Materials

- White cardstock

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Markers

Pre-Prep

1. Prepare a reference sheet of the daily memory verses. (See the Resource DVD-ROM for a listing of the daily memory verses.)
2. Make one or more sample posters, incorporating a memory verse.

Class Time Directions

Kids design and color their own posters. The more creative, the better!

Tip Corner

- Place these in a prominent location during the week for all to enjoy. Send them home on the last day of VBS or after the closing program.
- Use these posters to reinforce the memory verse of the day.

Step-by-Step Drawings

Materials

- Step-by-Step Drawing patterns
- White copy paper

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Pre-Prep

Print the Step-by-Step Drawing patterns onto white copy paper.

Class Time Directions

When the kids have extra time, they can work on the Step-by-Step Drawings.

Tip Corner

- The finished drawings can be cut out and added to the Wall Mural.

Wall Mural

Materials

- Tan or light blue roll paper
- White copy paper
- Optional: A variety of clip art images (See DVD-ROM)

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Markers, scissors, glue sticks

Pre-Prep

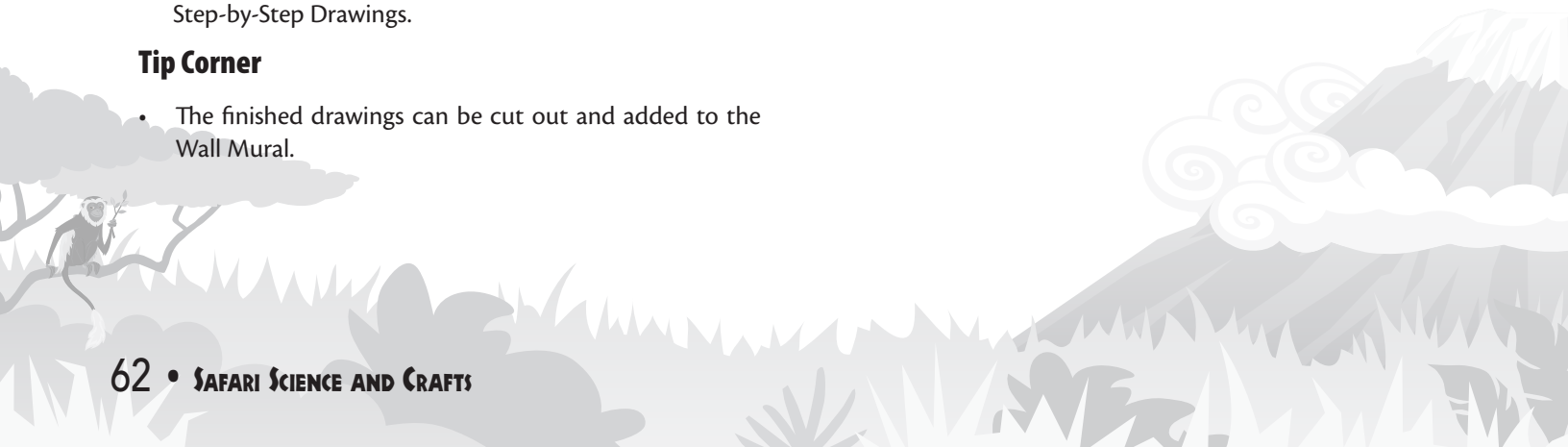
1. Hang a large piece of roll paper on an empty wall.
2. Photocopy a variety of clip art images from the Resource DVD-ROM and place at this station.

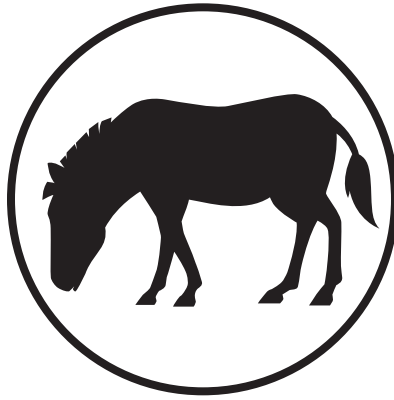
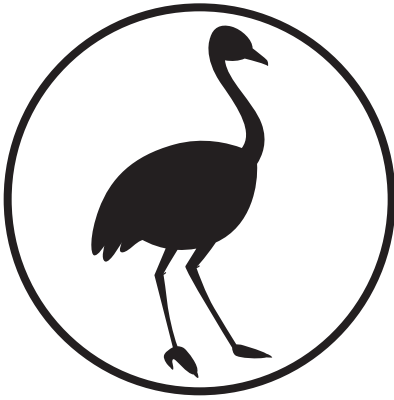
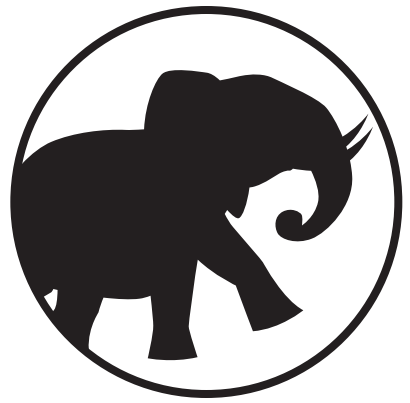
Class Time Directions

1. On a piece of white copy paper, use your imagination or the clip art images on display to draw and color an image that coincides with the VBS theme.
2. Cut out the artwork and glue to the roll paper.

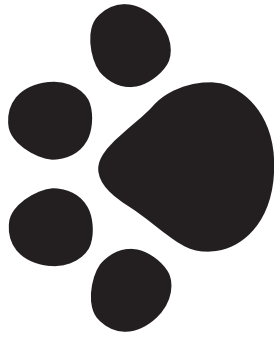
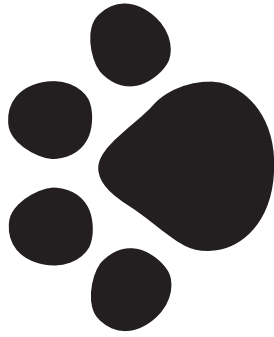
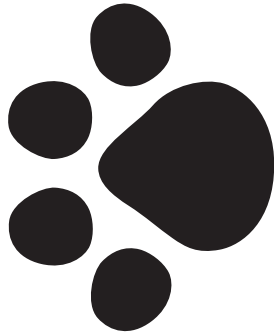
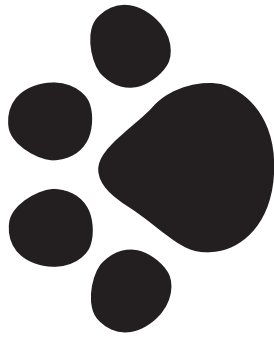
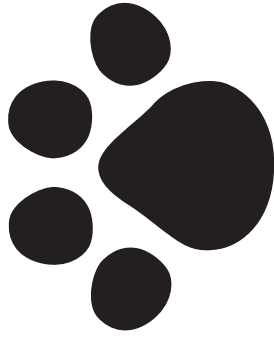
Tip Corner

- Hang the completed mural in a prominent location on the last day of VBS or during the closing program so all can see.
- You may want to draw Mount Kilimanjaro on the roll paper, or cut out a light brown mountain and glue it on a blue backdrop.





Lion



Elephant



Giraffe

