

DAY FOUR: Sun, Moon and Stars

Starry Art

Introduce

What do you think it looks like out in space? Today we'll draw space pictures. Then we will do something special to make stars appear in our pictures!

Do

1. Children draw space pictures. Be sure to include planets and rockets!
2. When pictures are finished, children paint over pictures with the warm water mixture.
3. When papers have dried, invite children to look at their space pictures. **What do you see? Where do you think the crystal stars came from?**

Why It Works

The water we painted over our pictures contained a kind of salt. The salt in the water formed crystals on our papers as it dried out (evaporated). The crystals look like stars!

For every four children, gather

- 4 to 8 sheets of black construction paper
- Crayons
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water into which $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Epsom Salts is dissolved
- Paintbrushes



Prayer and Praise

God made the stars to shine in the sky. When we can see the stars, we know it is nighttime. What is something you like to do at night? Children respond. Let's thank God for making the stars! We'll make our fingers move like little stars as we pray. Demonstrate opening and closing fingers to look like the rays of a star. (Optional: Children dictate prayers to an adult, who adds prayers to space pictures.)