

# **Creation (Genesis 1) -- Moved by the Spirit (Drama)**

## **At a Glance**

Children will create a liturgical dance (BUT DON'T CALL IT THAT!!) for the days of creation.

## **Outcome Objectives**

1. Children will connect the words of the creation story to the feeling of music and movement.
2. Children will prepare a presentation that can be used in worship in October.

## **Preparation**

Holst's Creation and CD/tape player or other appropriate music selection

Body Socks in multiple colors

Summarized text of creation, or Children's Bible version

Try and borrow a video recorder with playback feature to allow children to see themselves in motion. If that is not possible, use the church's digital camera. Get an extra adult volunteer to take pictures, or have your shepherd do it.

## **Opening**

Pass out body socks and give children a chance to stretch them to make different shapes.

Stand in a circle so that children can see each other as you try these exercises.

1. Pull fabric tight in front of face so you can see.
2. Feet spread apart, arms over head to make a giant X or square.
3. Feet together, arms overhead to make a pole.
4. Elbows out to side.
5. One foot forward, one back, arms at side.
6. Crouched and tucked into a ball.
7. How can you make your head visible, invisible.

Have them think of other shapes they could make.

## **Main Activity**

Get out of body socks and discuss which colors and movements should be used for each day of creation. What shapes would the different elements of creation need?

Play music to help children here the tempo.

Make a general plan of what you would like to do.

Run through once, reading text with appropriate pauses for movement and music.

If possible, video tape the first run through, otherwise use digital camera taking 1 picture for each day. Sit watch, and reflect.

Run through a second time.

## **Closing**

How did it feel to act out the creation story this way?

What did you learn about the story this day, that you hadn't learned before?

Ask children if they are interested in presenting this drama to the congregation in several weeks. If so, make plans for one or two extra rehearsals before service.

### **Journaling**

If you were to go back to the first six days of creation, what would you see?

### **To Take Home**

Dates for performing in worship, if applicable.

### **Adjustments for age levels and abilities**

There are super large, and smaller body socks for different sized kids, but all stretch.

### **If you have extra time...**

Explore the question: If God had taken one more day to create the world, what else might God have made?

### **If time runs short...**

Summarize even more during the second run through.

### **Be creative...**

What movements would you use? Jump in a body sock and join the children!