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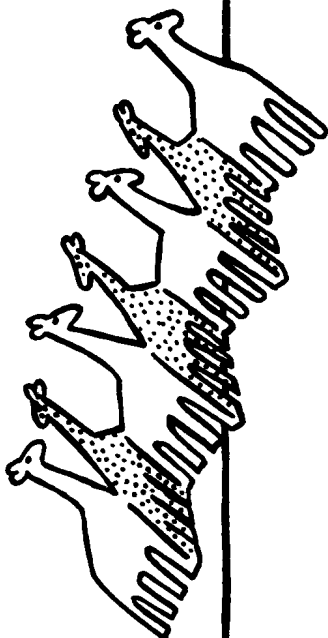


Multiply!



Ask students if they know what God told the people and animals to do after they came off the ark. Have a student read Genesis 8:17; 9:7 and discuss what it means. Ask students why it was so important for the people and animals to have children and multiply. God said it was to “fill the earth” (Genesis 9:1). There were only Noah and his family and two of each animal left on Earth plus whatever babies they had while on the ark. God wanted the earth to be repopulated and for that to happen, the people and animals left had to multiply!

1. Copy the patterns on page 38 on heavy paper and cut them out for children to trace around.
2. Hand out lightweight, colored paper. Show children how to cut a sheet of paper in half lengthwise, then accordion fold into seven sections. (Construction paper is too heavy and will be hard for children to cut out when folded.)
3. Have them place one of the animal patterns on the top section of the folded paper and carefully trace around it. The animal’s sides should touch both sides of the folded paper.
4. They should cut out the animal, cutting through all the sections of the folded paper, but leaving the two sides intact. The result will be seven animals connected together.
5. Print the poem below on a sheet of poster board. Surround the poem with the animal cut-outs.



The flood was over, but the earth seemed bare.

No animals or people were anywhere.

Then God told Noah, “Come on out!”

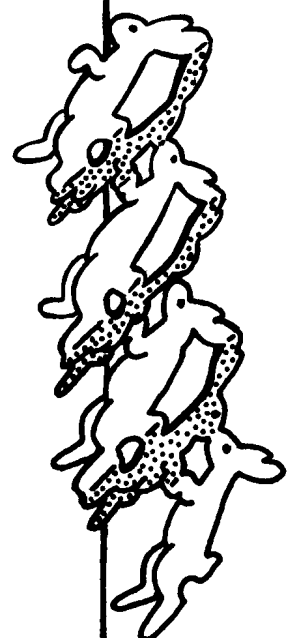
Everyone left the ark and walked about.

“Multiply! Fill the earth,” God said.

He wanted the earth to be living, not dead.

So people and animals began giving birth,

And repopulated God’s beautiful Earth.





Multiply!



Animal Patterns

