



A Special Blessing

Materials needed: hand mirror, paper plates, yarn and construction paper scraps, glue, pencils, crayons

Gather the children in a circle. Tell them that this is a very special time of the day—a time when we will be learning about all the wonderful things God has done for us and continues to do for us. We will also be learning how to care for each other and for all that we have in our classroom for our use.

Prayer

Teacher: Let us bow our heads and ask God to be with us in a special way this year.

God, we thank you for all the fun we had this summer—time to play with friends, time to visit our grandparents, time to go on vacation with our families.

(Adapt prayer to meet your class' experience.)

As we begin our year we ask your blessing on each of us and on everything that we will do—as we learn to read, share, paint, draw, play in the block area *(name your particular classroom centers)*.

Thank you for always being with us. Amen.

Activity

Teacher: We all know how much God loves us. This year we will learn of many more ways that God shows His love for us. God made each of us very special. There's no one else like us.

Begin by holding the hand mirror and say, "I am very special. God made me." Pass the hand mirror around and have each child look in the mirror and say: "I am very special. God made me."

Additional Activity

Encourage children to draw themselves on a paper plate and decorate it with scraps of yarn and construction paper.