

Younger Elementary Craft

Creation Wire Sculpture (20–30 minutes)

Preparation

Photocopy Creation Patterns onto white card stock, making one for each child. Cut wire into 8- to 12-inch (20.5 to 30.5 cm) lengths, cutting 11 for each child.

Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- ☉ Choose the patterns you want to use and cut them out. Trace patterns onto craft foam and cut out.
- ☉ Use pens to add any details to shapes (image a).

Materials

- ☐ Creation Patterns (p. 19)
- ☐ wire cutters
- ☐ 18-gauge colored craft or copper wire (available at craft and home-improvement stores)
- ☐ variety of colored craft foam
- ☐ needle-nose or round pliers
- ☐ self-hardening clay, play dough or modeling clay

Optional

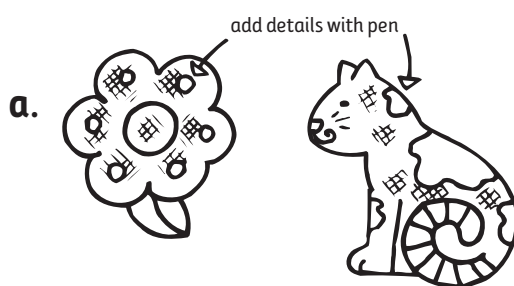
- ☐ glue
- ☐ confetti or shredded Mylar gift filler

For Each Child

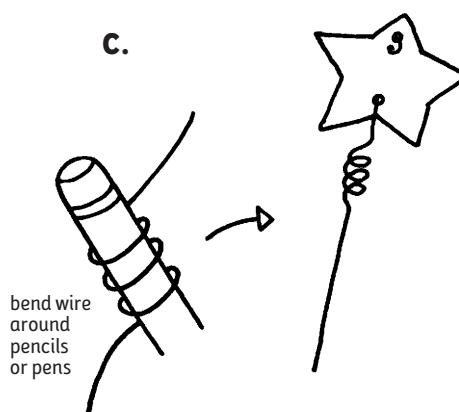
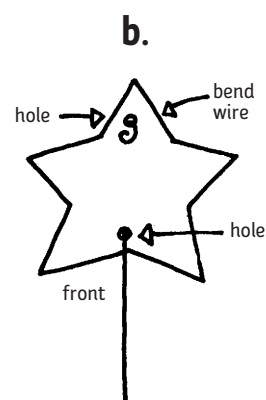
- ☐ one spray-paint can cap (or similar plastic cap) or small clay pot

Standard Supplies

- ☐ white card stock
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ ballpoint pens
- ☐ hole punch
- ☐ transparent tape



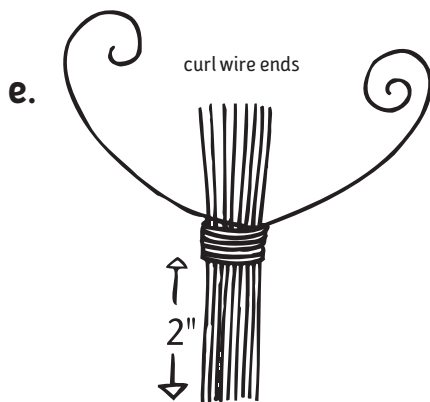
- ☉ Use hole punch to make a hole near the bottom and the top of each shape.
- ☉ Insert a wire through the bottom hole of shape, entering from the shape's front. Then thread through the top hole. Use pliers or fingers to bend end of wire into a loop to keep wire in place. If needed, tape wire to back of wire shape. Repeat process for each remaining shape (image b).
- ☉ Wrap some wire stems around pencils or markers to make wires spiral (image c).



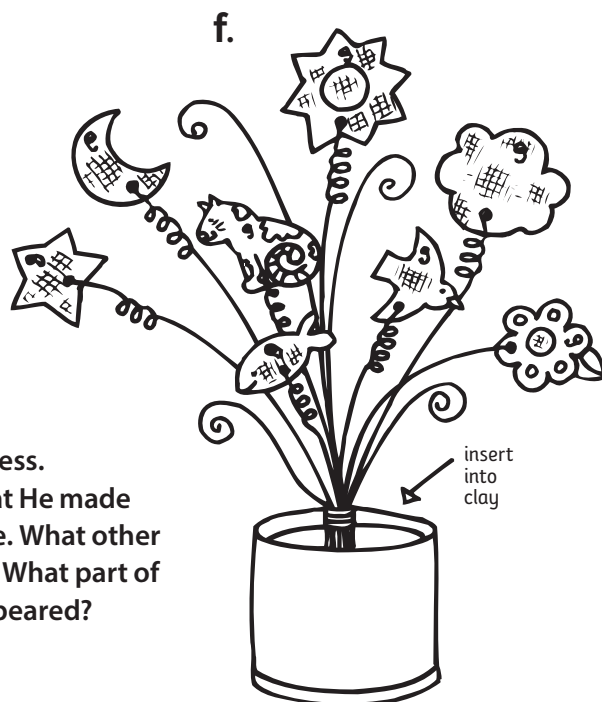
- Reserve one of the remaining wires for later use. Then use pliers to curl the ends of the other wire lengths (image d).



- Hold all wires together and wrap with the reserved wire length about 2 inches (5 cm) from wire ends. Use pliers to curl the ends of the wrapping wire (image e).



- Press clay or play dough into the spray-paint can cap or clay pot to make sculpture base. Insert bound wire ends into center. (Optional: Glue or press confetti or shredded Mylar gift filler into the clay or play dough to cover.)
- Arrange wires to make an artistic display. Face decorated sides of shapes to the front. Bend and curve wires to make shapes fan out (image f).



Conversation

What does the Bible say God created first? (Light.)

Before God created light, everything was in darkness.

Because God knew that life needs light, that's what He made first. Every living thing depends on light to survive. What other creations are you glad God included in our world? What part of creation would you miss most if it suddenly disappeared?

Creation Patterns

