

Creating a Mural: How Awesome Is Your Name!

1. Gather art materials: crayons or markers, colored art paper, magazines with color photos, and a twelve foot long piece from a roll of plain craft or shelf paper. Add any other colorful materials that you may have on hand.
2. Begin by proclaiming Psalm 8 to the class. Tell them that God's awesome works prompted the psalmist to compose these words of praise.
3. Tell the students that they are going to work together to create a mural in praise of God's mighty works. Remind them that these works include nature, people, and the evidence that God's grace is working in the world through the good actions of others.
4. Divide the children into four groups. Ask them to decide on words and images they would like to use to convey their praise for the Creator. Invite them to browse in magazines for images that they might use.
5. Clear a space on the floor. Roll out the piece of craft/shelf paper and draw vertical lines to divide the paper into four sections.
6. Invite the students to work together with their groups to create the decoration for their part of the mural.
7. While they are working, take another strip of paper and create a colorful title for the mural entitled, How Awesome Is Your Name! This can be glued across the top of the mural when the students are finished working.
8. Find a spot in a classroom or inside the parish building to display it.

