











4. Our Job: Stewards of Creation- Activity 15

ANIMAL MASKS

Equipment:

-  Paper plates
-  Scissors
-  Felt-tip pens/poster paints/other equipment for decorating masks
-  Paper-glue/sellotape
-  String

Activity: Make masks and use them to talk about endangered animals and conservation.

-  Cut paper plate in half.
-  Along the straight edge of the half plate, cut out two semi-circles to provide eyeholes (depending on which animal the mask is representing, the leftover cardboard from these may make useful ear shapes!)
-  Colour and decorate the mask, before attaching the string to hold it in place.

Purpose/Teaching: To get the children thinking and talking about endangered animals; the gifts which we have around us in Creation and what we will all lose if creatures are allowed to become extinct. Obviously how the masks are approached depends a lot upon the age of the children involved. One possibility is to talk about several endangered creatures, and to allow the children to choose their favourite, make a mask and have fun pretending to be a rhino etc! Confident children may also be prepared to tell the rest of the congregation something about their animal. Good information and fun facts about animals can be found at www.wwf.org.uk .



