

## Let's Get Creative! By Karen Whiting

There's so much we can do that's creative with our children. We can also sneak in time for our own creative endeavors from cooking and art to creatively organizing, redoing rooms, and more! Here are some ideas to do as a family. Click on the crafts to get patterns and directions.

### Inspire creativity

Be sure to have areas where kids can play using their imagination as well as supplies.

For blocks and construction toys that can be an area rug or their rooms with boxes of various construction toys like blocks, magna tiles, and Legos. Assorted empty boxes also provide great fun for kids. Children are great at coming up with ideas if they are simply given the supplies and space.

### Paper Crafts

My daughter and I wrote [The Super-Sized Book of Bible Craft Gifts](#) for 100 paper crafts plus 21 STEAM lessons to bring in science, engineering, math, and technology. Categories in the book include cards, holidays, storytelling aids, friendship fun, gifts, diversity, mobiles, and more.

Try some of the crafts in the book with these links:

[5 crafts to try](#) (heart centerpiece, treat holder, kindness booklet, small memory album, and a circle of friends to cut and color).



[Star Glider and Constellation Mobile](#)

[Envelope corner Bookmarks](#)

[Water Jacks Ecology Game](#)

### Puppetry

A small rectangle rolled up to fit over a finger makes a basic puppet. Try these folded paper puppets for talking puppets. Just remember that like people, puppets drop the jaw to talk. Lifting the hand up moves the eyes out of sight and that's called flipping the lid.

[Police and Firefighter Dog puppets](#)

If you want to get more involved in puppets get my book [Bible Nature Puppet Mania](#)



### Word Play

Check out my handout on Benefits of Rhyme and how it helps a child develop social skills, mental skills, reading and comprehension skills, and so much more!

Get my great book [102 Wiggly Bible Rhymes and Rhythms](#) that goes up to age 12. It includes finger plays, action rhymes, choral readings, games, and a few songs and it's all about the Bible! It's only available from me.



Other ideas:

- Scrapbook as a family
- Flannel Board Wall
- Deck the Walls and Halls for seasons and holidays!