

DIVERSITY ELEPHANTS



GET INVOLVED



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

AIM

Get creative by recycling old milk bottles into colourful elephants. As part of this activity, you'll be able to explore the topics of diversity, acceptance and God's love for all.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > Plastic Milk Bottle
- > Scissors
- > Glue
- > Glue spreaders
- > Coloured tissue paper
- > Googly eyes

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THEME: SHAPING OUR WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

You'll need to collect plastic milk bottles for this activity. Bottles of various sizes and with different coloured lids would be beneficial, as this will help to share that we are all different. A leader will also need to cut the bottle, level with the bottom of the handle and keep the top half of the bottle for the activity.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Give each child a pre-cut milk bottle.
- 2 Ask the group to cut small squares out of tissue paper and then start sticking the tissue paper squares to the milk bottle. Use lots of different colours to help create a colourful patchwork style elephant.
- 3 Finish the elephant by sticking two googly eyes either side of the handle (trunk).

Whilst the elephants are drying, ask the group to look at the collection of milk bottle elephants and ask them what they notice about them. Some children may notice that some of the elephants are bigger than others, some have more colour than others and all of them are completely unique.

Explain that we as humans are also made up of lots of different shapes, sizes and colours and we all are unique too. Have a conversation about some of the differences between the group (hair colour, freckles, glasses, skin colour, sizes etc). Have a think about why being different is a good thing. If we were all exactly the same, that would be boring right?!

Unique is exactly how God made us, and God loves us for who we are. Just like we made the milk bottle elephants to be exactly how we wanted them to be, God made us to be exactly how he wants us to be. We too should therefore follow God's example and love everyone around us no matter what they look like.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Read the book 'Elmer the Patchwork Elephant' (available also on YouTube) as a group, which helps to explore further the topics of diversity and acceptance.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Please take care when using scissors.