

Nature Press (15–20 minutes)

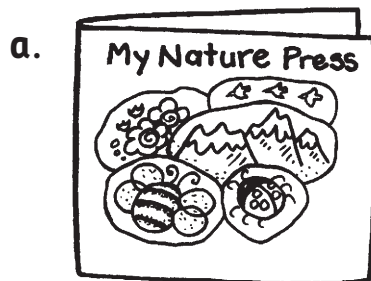
Preparation

Cut cardboard into 6x8-inch (15x20.5 cm) rectangles, making two for each child. Cut poster board into 6x17-inch (15x42.5 cm) rectangles, making one for each child.

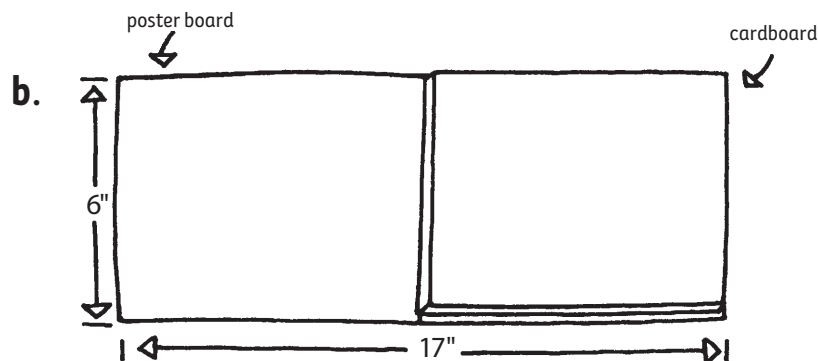
Fold each poster board rectangle in half to make a book. On the front of each book near the top, print "My Nature Press." Cut nature pictures from magazines for children to use for collage. Cut five to ten small pictures for each child.

Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- 1 On front of poster board book, glue a collage of nature pictures (image a). Glue pictures on the back of book, if desired.
- 2 Glue one cardboard piece on the inside right half of poster board,



making edges even (image b).



- 3 Repeat with the other cardboard piece, placing it on the left half of poster board.

Materials

- ☐ corrugated cardboard
- ☐ colored poster board
- ☐ magazines with nature pictures
- ☐ fresh flowers and leaves

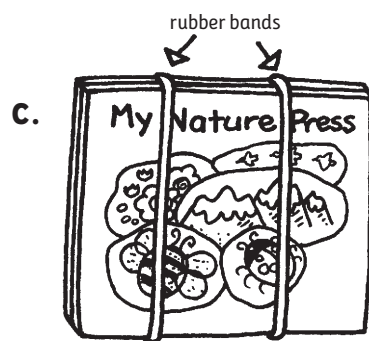
For Each Child

- ☐ two 4-inch (10 cm) rubber bands

Standard Supplies

- ☐ scissors or craft knife
- ☐ measuring stick
- ☐ crayons or markers
- ☐ glue or glue sticks

- Place a few flowers and/or leaves on the cardboard, and then fold the book closed.
- Put two rubber bands around the press to hold it closed (image c).



- In a day or two, open your Nature Press to see the flowers and leaves.

Enrichment Ideas

- Take children on a nature walk to collect their own leaves and flowers to press.
- Older children measure, cut and fold cardboard and poster board for themselves. They also cut their own nature pictures from magazines.

Conversation

(Sarah), what did you put in your Nature Press? Our Nature Press is like a book, filled with beautiful things. God gave us His Word in a wonderful book called the Bible. In the Bible, we can read about Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus says that when we know Him, we know God, too! So we can know about God by reading or listening to Bible stories about Jesus.