

The Valley of the Shadow of Death

Craft Project

Supplies per child:

- 1 brick wet foam for floral arranging
- 1 piece dark brown felt, 11" by 14"
- the two '1/3-foam' pieces left over from L3 (Green Pastures)
- glue

Preparation before class:

1. With a serrated knife, cut the brick of foam, long wise, diagonally, figure 1 (just as in L3). Leave both pieces whole.
2. Have the two 1/3-foam pieces left over from L3 ready
3. Cut the dark brown felt cut into 11" by 14" pieces

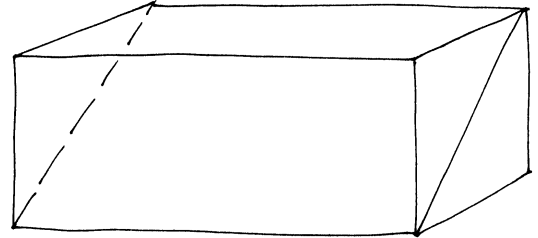


Figure 1: Cut foam block diagonally

Instructions in class:

1. Have the kids open up their boxes. This part is made in the bottom.
2. Each set of 1-1/3 triangular foam makes one side of the valley (figure 2).
3. Glue the first set of 1-1/3 pieces of foam along the inside wall. Glue the second set of 1-1/3 pieces down the center of the box (figure 3). When the lid is closed on the box, the 'paths of righteousness' hill fits in the empty space along the other wall.
4. Drape the dark brown felt down one side of the valley, up the other side, and down into the rest of the box, covering all the foam. Glue in place.

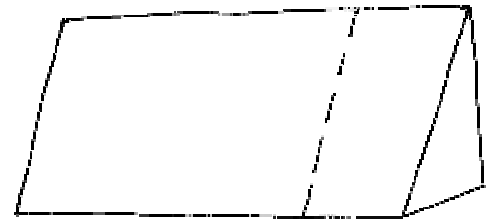


Figure 2: A set of 1-1/3 triangle of foam.

To 'play' the box – so far:

Open the box and set the lid next to the bottom so that the 'paths of righteousness' lead up and into the 'death-shadowed valley'. Have the kids say the Psalm as they play with the pieces.

1. "The Lord is my Shepherd" – shepherd in one hand
2. "I shall not want" – sheep in the other
3. "He makes me to lie down in green pastures" – the shepherd has the sheep rest
4. "He leads me beside the still waters" – the shepherd leads the sheep to calm waters
5. "He restores my soul" – the shepherd turns the sheep when he is upside down
6. "He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake" – shepherd leads the sheep up the path
7. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" – the shepherd leads the sheep up and over the ridge into the dark valley.

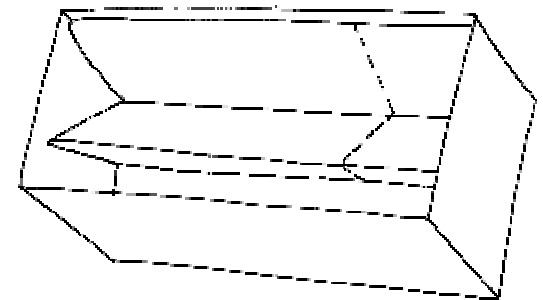


Figure 3: Foam placement

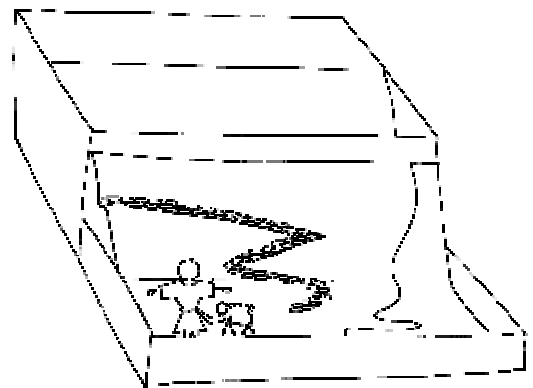


Figure 4: How to 'play' the box