

Paint

an African Sunset



Mack and I love sunsets. They're a beautiful message from God every single day! Each evening it's as if God gets out a giant paint set and paints a beautiful picture in the sky.

But it can be really easy for us to miss seeing the sunrise or sunset. Many of us are still sleeping when the sun rises, and by the time the sun is setting, we can get so busy that we forget to go outside and look at the beautiful painting that God is making before our very eyes!

Our God is amazing, and he deserves all honor, glory and praise. And an easy way that we can give glory to him is by doing something as simple as stopping to watch the sunrise or sunset and thanking him for the beauty of that picture. We can thank him for what he's done in our lives, and we can praise him for the wonderful things he's doing in our families, our communities or around the world!

Mack and I thought it would be fun to create our own sunset picture. But not just any sunset — an African silhouette sunset! You might have seen pictures of these before. One of the reasons why those sunsets are so amazing is because of the open fields that allow you to see the amazing sunset, without buildings or houses to block your view.

So let's get out our craft supplies, paper and Bibles because we're going to create our own African sunset and incorporate promises from Scripture that remind us of the awesomeness of our God!

Design Your Own Sunset!

This can be fun to do by yourself, or you could have your family join you and each create your own unique sunsets! When you're done, stop and thank God for all the amazing things he's made, including you, your family and the billions of people around the world. Each person is unique, but God knows them all! (And he also knows all of their languages — all 7,000 of them!)

Supplies

- ✓ Blank sheet of paper.
- ✓ Paint and paintbrush (watercolor, acrylic or tempera). Substitute crayons for a mess-free version.
- ✓ Printed silhouettes template.

Here's how you make it

1. Paint your sunset across the entire blank sheet of paper. Use whatever colors you like! This will be the backdrop for your silhouettes.

2. Let your painting dry fully.
3. While it's drying, cut out the silhouettes with a white or black background. You could use some of them or all of them — whatever you want to use to create your picture!
4. Once your painting is dry, tape the silhouettes onto your page.
5. *Optional:* Choose one of the verses on the right and write it somewhere on your page to remind you of the promises of Scripture. You could even create a second sunset and write the verse on top of it without using any silhouettes!

Verse Ideas

- Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy. — Psalm 65:8 (NLT)
- From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. — Psalm 113:3 (NIV)
- The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. — Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)
- This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. — Psalm 118:24 (NLT)



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