

TRASH ART

Scour the church's neighborhood for trash and clean it up—and have fun at the same time. Announce that you've scheduled an off-the-wall arts and crafts fair for a given day later in the week, that kids should wear their grubbies, and that the event will take a few hours to complete.

Then make sure you have these items before the day of the event:

- Heavy-duty trash bags
- Sealed envelopes, each containing one of the following written on a slip of paper: TYRANNOSAURUS REX, BRONTOSAURUS, GORILLA, ISUZU TROOPER, BARBIE, THE WHITE HOUSE, A GALAXY, etc.

When the day arrives divide kids up into groups of four to six and give each group a few trash bags, a sealed envelope, and instructions to pick up as much trash as possible in 30 minutes to an hour. Then they are to use every piece of trash to construct whatever item their envelope contains. Teams

open their envelopes before they start. This way they know what they'll have to make and consequently pick up their trash accordingly.

When all teams have returned and finished the construction of their sculptures, take photos of the masterpieces with their sculptors and judge them. The day may provide discussion material later about what God has to work with in us.