



# 1. In the Beginning: Animals and Creation- Activity One

## CLAY WORLD

**Equipment:** Clay, plasticine or play-dough; some blue and green coloured paper or card to represent land and water.

**Activity:** Arrange the blue and green sheets of paper/card to create a landscape. Invite everyone to make models of birds and animals, and place these into the landscape.

**Purpose/Teaching:** When talking about this, pick up a model (belonging to someone robust enough not cry!) and threaten to squash it. Ask the owner how this would make them feel, and make the point that we naturally feel attached to even a simple thing which we have created. Whenever we create something, we put a little bit of ourselves inside it. If we can feel protective about a little piece of modelling clay, how much more strongly must God feel about the amazing planet which he has made, and the wonderful animals and people who live there?

