

# September Activity

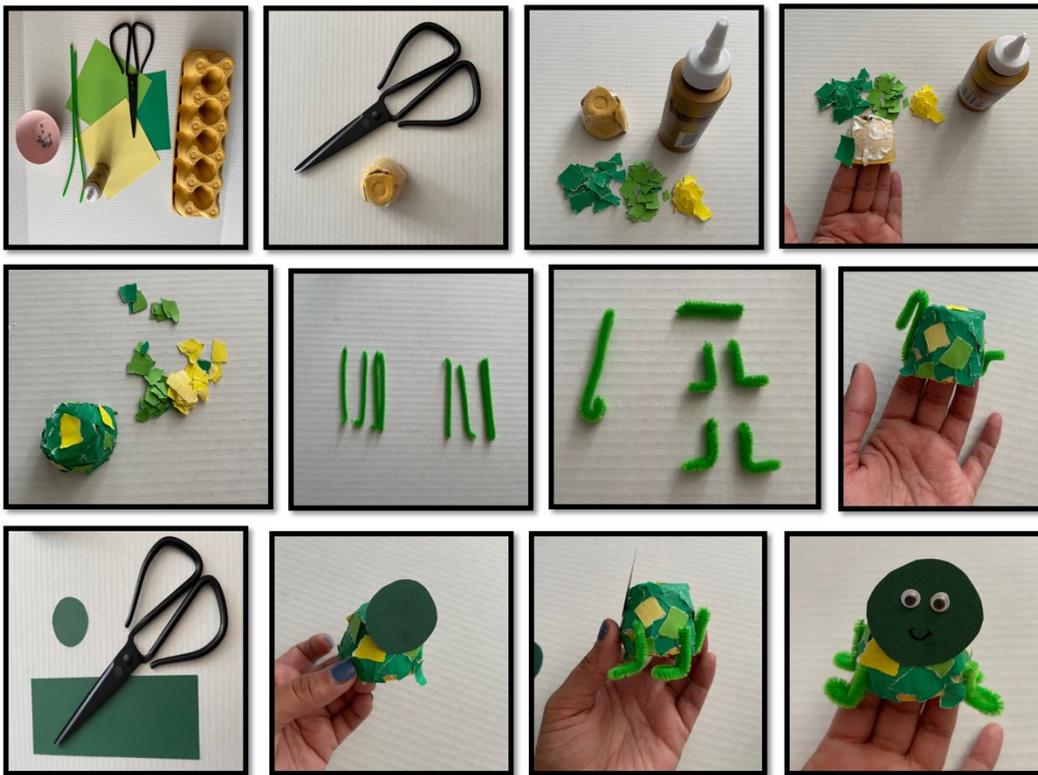
**Bible Verse: Romans 5:1-5**

**Theme: God's Gift of Grace**

## Materials:

- Egg Carton
- 2- Green pipe cleaners
- Glue
- \* Googly eyes
- \* Scissors
- \* Green and yellow construction paper
- \* Marker

## Activity:



**Step 1:** Have an adult help you cut out one of the egg cups.

**Step 2:** Rip small pieces of the yellow and green construction paper.

**Step 3:** Start gluing the construction paper pieces on the egg cup.

**Step 4:** Have adult cut each 1 pipe cleaner into 4 pieces and 1 pipe clean in half.

**Step 5:** Fold the 4 little pieces into legs (see pic).

**Step 6:** Fold one of the large pieces in half (for tail).

**Step 7:** For the last piece of pipe cleaner, fold only a tiny up making a hook like shape for the head.

**Step 8:** Glue all the pipe cleaner parts on egg cup.

**Step 9:** Cut out small circle for the turtle's head and glue it onto the pipe cleaner in the front.

**Step 10:** Glue eyes and draw a small smile on your turtle.

## Lesson:

Did you know that turtles lay eggs on a beach and leave hoping their babies (hatchlings) will hatch and find their way to the water? Well, they do, then the turtles live and travel all through the ocean until they are grown and ready to have babies of their own. When that time comes, they travel to the EXACT place that they were born. How crazy is that they know how to get to the exact beach where they were born? Once there they lay their eggs and the cycle of new hatchlings begins again. These turtles have faith that their hatchlings will hatch and make it to the ocean. Most turtles do this at least one time every year, hoping that their hatchlings will be granted grace from their surroundings and survive to one day return and have their own hatchlings. Unlike turtles we don't have to survive without help from adults, and as a bonus God's grace is given to us every single day. This grace is given like a gift that you get to open every day. Now put your new pet "Grace" the turtle somewhere that you can see it and remember that God grace never leaves us.