

Mid Winter Sunrise¹



¹ Adapted from an activity on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive. See <https://motherscompanion.weebly.com/> for sample pages and to purchase.





Small children will enjoy making this midwinter sunrise farm scene. You will need wax crayons and a packet of farm animal stickers.

Print the first of the three pictures above only. If you cannot print it do not worry. Instead, get a piece of plain white paper and lightly draw a line about one third of the way up the page to form a horizon. If you can put some trees on the horizon so much the better. Then you will have to draw your own barn on the right. Give your barn plenty of roof for the snow to cover and perhaps put some icicles on the eaves.

Whichever method you use, Carry on as follows. Using wax crayons begin the sunrise colours with red on the horizon and above. Shade this gently into the yellow (making orange where they meet) and then shade into the blue. You can shade the barn brown but leave the roof and ground white. Now you can add your animals. The small person who did the example I have included here was not very concerned about perspective and so the results look a bit like the picture we saw in the lesson on October 26th!

A group of mixed ages could divide this up between them and perhaps make a larger picture with older children drawing the background scene and very young ones choosing and placing the stickers. If you cover your picture with clear plastic adhesive film before sticking on the stickers you may be able to make a reusable scene in which the animals can be peeled off and set out again in different places.