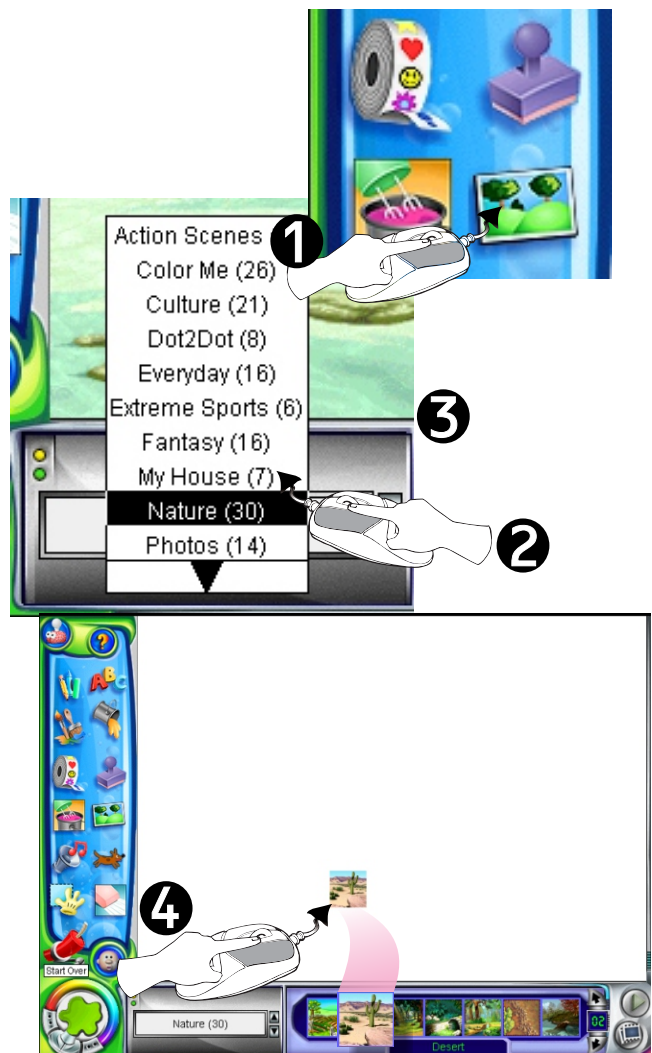# LESSON 6

Backgrounds

LEARN

After you select or create a background, the things you draw are added to, and become part of that background. For example, when you draw a line or paint a circle, that shape becomes part of the background you have selected. When you change the background, those shapes go away, and the new background takes their place. If you don't like the result, click the Undo Guy.

To add a background:

Step 1. Click the Backgrounds button to open the Backgrounds tray.

Step 2. Click and hold down on the folder name to see a list of folders, or use the scrolling arrows to see more folders.

Step 3. Scroll through the choices on the right side of the tray until you find the one you want. Use the up and down arrows to see more choices.

Step 4. Drag a background onto your picture.

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Importing Backgrounds

You can import a photograph or a picture from a different program in BMP, GIF, JPEG, or PICT to use as a background.
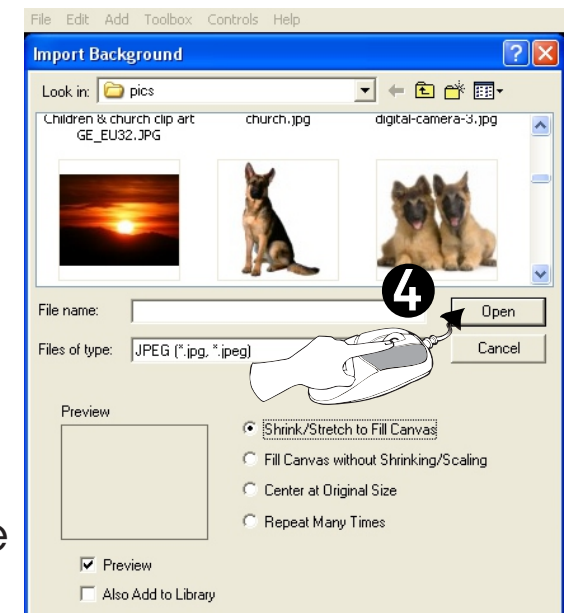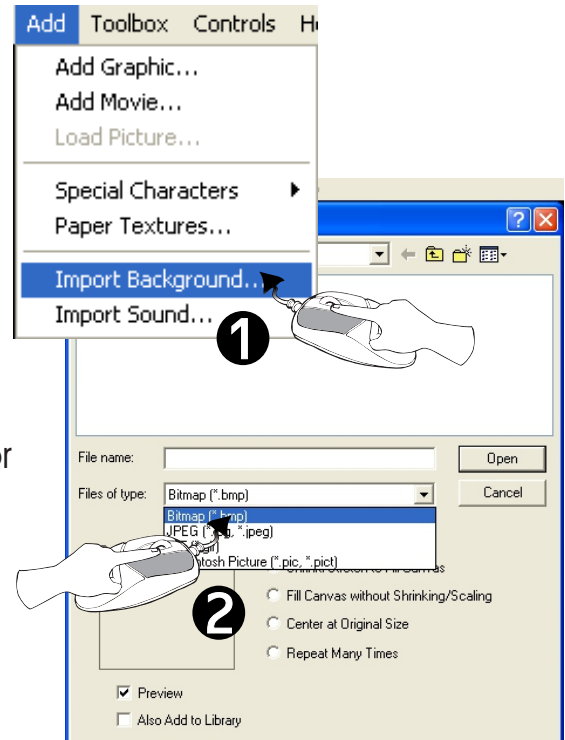
To import a background:

Step 1. Click the Add menu and click Import Background.

Step 2. Click a BMP, GIF, JPEG, or PICT file.

Step 3. Choose one of these options:

- **Shrink/Stretch to Fit Canvas** stretches or shrinks the picture to fill the whole background. The picture might get stretched out of shape.

- **Fill Canvas Without Shrinking/Scaling** stretches or shrinks the picture to fill as much of the background as it can, without stretching the picture out of shape. The edges might be left white.

- **Center at Original Size** puts the picture down the way it was drawn, without stretching or shrinking it.

- **Repeat Many Times** puts down lots of little versions of your picture, until the background is filled.

Step 4. Click Ok to import the picture as your new background.

Picture Perfect

Activity 15

Create your own picture. Insert a background, then stamp pictures appropriate for the background you have selected.

Preview

Streets

Activity 16

Color the background using the different Fill Bucket tools. Insert stamps to enhance the picture. Give the picture a title.

Preview

Right Things

Activity 17

Color the things that a child should use or bring to school. Use Kid Pix's Fill bucket tool to complete the activity.

Valuing Activity

Preview

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