

Now get a marker and lay it beside your paper. You will need it later.

Follow carefully! You are going to really like flying this kite. Now take the right end and fold it over to the left end, just like this. (*Demonstrate fold.*) Crease the fold.

Perfect! You are doing a nice job! Ready? Put one finger at the left ledge and one finger at the right edge and slowly move them to meet each other at the center. Mark a dot with a marker.

Take your right finger and put it on the dot and your left finger at the left edge. Again, move your finger slowly until they meet each other. Watch how I do it. (*Demonstrate.*) This is the center of the left section. Mark a dot with a marker.

Now you are ready to make the bird. Pick up your folded paper. Fold the left corner down to touch the closest dot. Fold the other side the same way. Staple together. Watch how I do it. (*Demonstrate.*) Artifact assistants will come around and help with the stapling.

Looking good! Now put a staple at the center dot that is left uncovered. Take your string and thread it through the staple and tie it to the staple.

Choose three tail feathers and glue them feathered out, like this. (*Hold up sample.*) Glue them to the back fold of your bird. Select an orange triangle and glue it between the front fold.

Almost done. Glue a white circle to both sides of your bird kite head. Outline the white circle with marker and make a dot in the center. You are finished!

**Tip**

If there is time, instruct the kids to make another kite to give away to one of their friends that did not come to Jasper Canyon, or take the kids outside to fly their kites but come back in with time to clean up.

You are going to leave your Jasper Canyon Eagle on your art station paper plate. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!



**Wrap-up**

**SAY:** It's time to tidy up your area...that is what we do so the Artifact Craft Station is ready for the next Crew. The Jasper Canyon kite you made will remind you that you were made to live with God forever!

One more time...let's say our Daily Find: Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Yes indeed, YOU are a treasure! Thank you for stopping at the Artifact Craft Station!

**GRAB-'N-GO: I LOVE JESUS, JESUS LOVES ME CROSS CRAFT KIT**

**Supplies**

- Orientaltrading.com: "I Love Jesus, Jesus Loves Me" Cross Craft Kit #4 8/9261
- Paper plate for art station
- Markers (write name on paper plate and on the back of cross before starting)

**Instructions**

Included with the cross craft kit.



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	<p><b>Daily Find:</b> Jesus made me special! I dig it!</p> <p><b>Bedrock Verse:</b> "For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love:"</p>	The Flood (Genesis 5:13–22; 7:1–24)
	<p><b>Daily Find:</b> Jesus made me strong! I dig it!</p> <p><b>Bedrock Verse:</b> "neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers,"</p>	Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
	<p><b>Daily Find:</b> Jesus made me smart! I dig it!</p> <p><b>Bedrock Verse:</b> "neither the present nor the future, neither the world above nor the world below"</p>	Solomon (1 Kings 3:16–28)
	<p><b>Daily Find:</b> Jesus made me in His family! I dig it!</p> <p><b>Bedrock Verse:</b> "there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God"</p>	Ruth (Ruth 1–4)
	<p><b>Daily Find:</b> Jesus made me to live with Him forever! I dig it!</p> <p><b>Bedrock Verse:</b> "which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38–39 GNT</p>	Elijah Ascends to Heaven (2 Kings 2:1–17)

## DAY 5—JASPER CANYON EAGLE

Watch an example: "How To Make A Simple Kite" by TheDadLab ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiPpSI257tw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiPpSI257tw))



### Supplies

- Bright colored paper, 8.5"×11" (2 per child plus extra for accessories)
- Stapler (1 per 2 kids)
- Staples
- Hole punch
- Kite string
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Wet wipes

### Ahead of Time

- Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, and paper plates as individual art stations for each child.
- Cut out tail feathers, beaks, and eyes (see templates).
- Fill shallow containers with large tail feather shapes, medium tail feather shapes, orange beak shapes (triangles), and small round white circles.
- Cut kite string to 48-60" length.

### Instructions

1. Lay paper horizontally and fold in half.
2. Place the folded edge toward you. Measure the center. Mark a dot.
3. Then measure center from the dot to the left edge. Mark a dot.
4. With the paper still laying with the folded edge toward you, take the top left corner down to the first center dot. Pick up and hold.
5. While holding, take the other edge and fold the tip down to the first dot and staple both points.
6. Staple at the center dot.
7. Thread kite string through the single center staple.

8. Glue tail feathers to the end and white circles for the eyes.
9. Edge the eyes with black marker and mark a center dot for the pupil.
10. If you have time, kids can make two and share one with a friend.

**OPTIONAL:** Use short straws to create a handle for the kite string.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back! It is always good having visitors to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!...Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God!

That reminds me of our Daily Find: Jesus made me to live with Him forever. (*hold both arms up with your pointers out and rotate arms in a big circle*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to "sniff" (*laugh*) out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Today our art piece is like the eagles you see flying and soaring above Jasper Canyon!

### Instructions

(*While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!*)

Listen up, rockhounds! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Be sure to write your name on the plate. You can use the markers that are on the table.

Ready? Here we go! Choose a colored paper for your bird kite. Lay it in front of you lengthwise, just like this. (*Show example.*)

Today we are going to create a beautiful piece of petroglyph art. *(Hold up example.)* Your piece of art will remind you that God made you to be in His family! Yes indeed, you are part of God's family! A treasured part of God's family!

**Instructions**

*(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)*

Listen up, rockhounds! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Be sure to write your name on the plate. You can use the markers that are on the table.

Ready? Here we go! First, take a wooden round disc that has bark on it and place it on your paper plate art station. Write your name on the back of the disc. Then select a plain round disc and a heart-shaped disc and place them on your paper plate. *(Show your example.)*

These are really cool discs. Now select a black Sharpie—not a regular marker, but a Sharpie. Draw your family on the front side of the disc that has bark on it. *(Give the kids about 5-8 minutes to draw their family.)*

You did a nice job! Now take the plain round disc and write your last name in the center using the Sharpie. *(Show your example.)*

It's time to color your heart disc any color you choose.

All done? We are going to attached the discs to each other using the twine. Go ahead and select two pieces of twine. An Artifact assistant will come around and help you.

Your pieces of art look amazing! Good job! It's time to take them to the glue station where the Artifact assistant will hot glue a magnet on the back. Please do not touch the hot glue! That is just for the Artifact assistant.

You can tell your neighbor that their petroglyph looks really cool!



You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

**Wrap-up**

**SAY:** It's time to tidy up your area...that is what we do at the Artifact Craft Station so it's ready for the next Crew. The magnet art you made will remind you that you were made to be in God's family! He chooses you!

One more time...let's say our Daily Find: Jesus made me in His family. *(hug yourself and/or a neighbor)* I dig it! *(cool pose)*

Yes indeed, YOU are special! See you tomorrow, rockhounds!



**GRAB-'N-GO CRAFT: HONEYCOMB PICTURE FRAME MAGNET KIT**

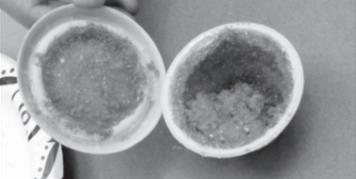
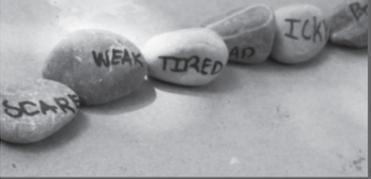
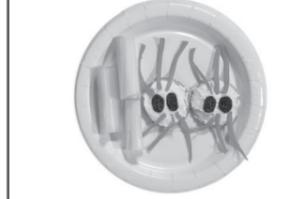
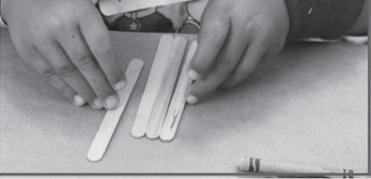
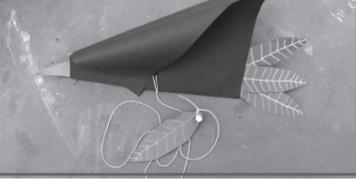
**Supplies**

- Orientaltrading.com: Honeycomb Picture Frame Magnet Kit #13727028
- Paper plates for art stations
- Markers (write name on paper plate and on the back of frame before starting)

**Instructions**

Included with the honeycomb picture frame magnet kit.



EXCAVATION POST <i>Prayer Station</i>	ARTIFACT CRAFTS <i>Craft Station</i>	TESTING PIT <i>Game Station</i>	PICNIC SNACKS <i>Snack Station</i>
Play-Doh Sculpting & Field Journal 	Jasper Gemstone 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Rock Wall Cracks	Gemstone Parfait 
Carrying Burdens & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Fossils 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Obstacle Course	Fossil Crackers 
Mosaic Hearts & Field Journal 	Jasper Mosaic 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Mosaic Tag	Mosaic Trail Mix 
Prayer Links & Field Journal 	Jasper Family Petroglyphs 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Jasper Canyon Family Four Square	Petroglyph Sweets 
Popsicle Stick House & Field Journal 	Jasper Canyon Eagle 	Get-to-Know-You Pre-Game Eagles Nest Relay Race	Rockhound Tools 

## WELCOME TO ARTIFACT CRAFTS!

This is the craft station where kids will be able to make things that reminds them about their value and worth as God's treasures.

Each day the rockhounds will come to your station to create something that will help reinforce the lesson of the day.

### What the Craft Station Leader Should Wear

- Broad rim sun hat
- Colorful or striped shirt
- Jeans or hiking pants
- Hiking boots/rubber boots

### Decorating

This station is set up like a work site in Jasper Canyon, so you can add a backdrop, trees/shrubs, and rocks to connect your station to the overall theme. Picnic tables or small folding tables work well, and it's great if they can be at a height where the kids can stand while they make their crafts. Display a variety of stones, gems, or minerals.

### Setting Up

Remember that it is important to have the craft tables all prepared and ready for the next Crew.



## DAY 4—JASPER FAMILY PETROGLYPHS



### Supplies

- Amazon.com: ZIIYAN 100pcs 1.6" Blank Wooden Heart Slices Tags Wood Love Heart Slices Discs for Wedding Valentine Decoration DIY Projects Card Making with 10m Twine
- Amazon.com: Bememo 100 Pieces Circle Wooden Tags Birthday Board Tags with 2 Holes for Birthday Board Chore Board DIY Crafts, 1.5"
- Amazon.com: Colovis 100Pcs Natural Wood Slices, 2.4-2.8 Inches Craft Wood Kit Unfinished Wooden Ornaments Predrilled with Holes for Crafts DIY Holiday Wedding Party Home Décor
- Amazon.com: Anpro 120 Pcs Strong Ceramic Industrial Magnets Hobby Craft Magnets—11/16" (18mm) Round Magnet Disc for Refrigerator Button DIY Cup Tiny Magnet Craft Hobbies, Science Projects & School Crafts
- Amazon.com: Tenn Well Natural Jute Twine, 500 Feet Long Brown Twine Rope for Crafts, Gift Wrapping, Packing, Gardening and Wedding Decor
- Markers
- Sharpie fine point black markers (1 per child for first group)
- Glue gun
- Glue gun sticks
- Wet wipes

### Ahead of Time

- Cut twine in 5" length.
- Arrange shallow containers with cut twine on table.
- Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, and paper plates as individual art stations for each child.
- Fill shallow containers with heart discs and round discs (approximately 1 container per 3-4 children).
- Place a large wood disc on each paper plate art station.

- Set up a hot glue gun station (you may want to have several volunteers with glue guns) where the children will bring their project for magnetic round discs.

### Instructions

1. Instruct children to use a marker to write their name on their paper plate art station.
2. Color the heart disc with choice of marker color.
3. Instruct children to write their last name on the plain round disc. Can decorate with design.
4. Draw a stick family to represent their family using the fine point Sharpie. Show example of petroglyph family markings.
5. Use the twine to string the plain disc at the top to the bottom of the bark disc. Then string the bottom of the plain disc to the colored heart disc at the end.
6. Take project to the hot glue gun station and the Artifacts assistant will hot glue a magnet on the back. Instruct Artifacts assistant to only put a small dot of hot glue on the back of the magnet so that no hot glue oozes out.
7. Keep project on paper plate until time to go home.



### Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back! It is always good having visitors to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasures! ... Wait! YOU (point to the kids) are a treasure to God! Our craft today represents the treasure of family.

That reminds me of our Daily Find: Jesus made me in His family. (hug yourself and/or a neighbor) I dig it! (cool pose)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to "sniff" (laugh) out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Are you ready for today's amazing petroglyphs? Petroglyphs are images and designs made by carving away the dark layer of varnish on a rock's surface to reveal the lighter rock underneath.



We are going to make a beautiful Jasper Canyon Gemstone! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Be sure to write your name on the plate.

First you are going to choose the color of gemstone you want to make using the food coloring.

Second, carefully take the cap off the color you chose and gently squeeze several drops of coloring into your baggie. Be sure to put the cap back on the bottle when you're done.

Now tightly zip your baggie closed.

Ready? Gently shake your gemstone to get the color mixed in.

Ok...looks like all the gems are nicely coated with color.

Put your baggie to the side and lay your gemstone cups empty side up.

Using your paintbrush, spread glue all over the inside of your gemstone cup. Give it a real good coat of glue.

When you are finished painting the glue, be sure to place your paintbrush beside the glue bowl and use a wet wipe to clean your hands.

Ready? Carefully open your Ziploc bag and pour half your gemstones in one cup and the other half in your other cup. Be careful.

My Artifact Craft helpers are coming around to tape your two cups together. Wait patiently.

Looks like everyone has their cups taped shut. Now give your cups a little shake. Back and forth, up and down, and back and forth again. Your gems are adhering to the glue...be gentle so they stay glued in place.

This is so much fun! I can't wait to see your gemstone! Place your gemstone cup on your paper plate and carefully remove the tape. Next, open your gemstone. If there are gems that did not stick, just dump them onto your plate.

Ohhhh...how beautiful. (*Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child the beauty of their gemstone.*) Take turns with your friends and look at

your gemstone through the magnifying glass.

You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

### Wrap-up

**SAY:** It's time to tidy up your area...that is what we do at the Artifact Craft Station so it's ready for the next Crew.

Your beautiful gemstone will remind you of the beautiful rocks that Jesus created just for us to enjoy! Each one is special and unique...but His best creation is...YOU! You are the best treasure of all!

One more time...let's say our Daily Find: Jesus made me special. (*thumbs up*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Yes indeed, YOU are special! See you tomorrow, rockhounds!

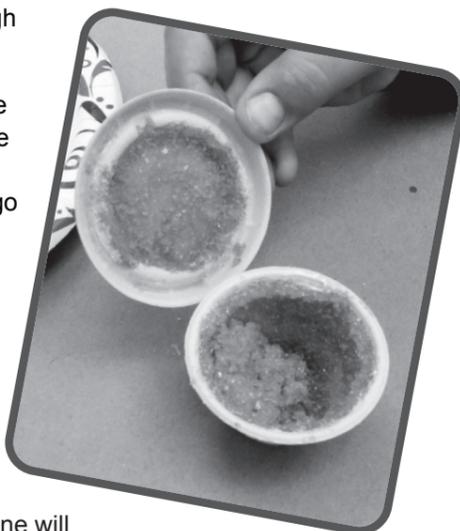
### GRAB-'N-GO OPTION: JESUS IS MY ROCK!

#### Supplies

- Orientaltrading.com—Jesus is My Rock Suncatcher #13943202
- Orientaltrading.com—Suncatcher Paint: 15 ml Glitter Assorted Colors Suncatcher Paint Pens #13764068 OR Suncatcher Paint in Assorted Colors #13764080
- Wet wipes
- Paper plates
- Markers

#### Instructions

Included with suncatcher kit.



For step 6, gently bury your seed paper in the dirt. Pat it down gently and ask an Artifact assistant to sprinkle some water on your dirt.

Leave your mosaic art on your paper plate to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

### Wrap-up

**SAY:** It's time to tidy up your area...that is what we do at the Artifact Craft Station! Make sure the markers are put back in their container on the table. All the craft sticks should be put in the center and any loose tiles are put back in their container on the table. Great job! Thank you for helping our next group start with a clean area!

Let's say our Daily Find before you leave for your next amazing, cool, and super fun Jasper Canyon station! Jesus made me smart. (*cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

### GRAB-'N-GO OPTION: MOSAIC BUTTERFLY KIT (MAKES 24)

#### Supplies

- Orientaltrading.com: Mosaic Butterfly Kit #13727088
- Paper plates for art stations
- Markers (write name on paper plate and on the back of butterfly before starting)

#### Instructions

Included with mosaic butterfly kit.



## Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!...Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God...and I am too! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find: Jesus made me smart. (*cross left arm across stomach to hold the right elbow; put right hand near face with pointer and middle finger upwards in a thinking pose, eyes off to the side as if thinking*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! You already know the Daily Find! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to “sniff” (*laugh*) out good places to find amazing...beautiful...unique...rocks!

Are you ready for today’s amazing geological...carboniferous...plate tectonics .... Oh, never mind the technical terms! Let’s just create some beautiful art pieces!

Today we are going to create a beautiful piece of art using mosaic tiles that represent the beautiful rocks and gems found in Jasper Canyon. (*Hold up example.*) Your piece of mosaic art will remind you of King Solomon who is known for being the wisest person ever! It takes wisdom to choose just the right tiles for your project! God gave you wisdom to make good choices. You are smart!

## Instructions

(*While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to*

*give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!*)

Listen up, rockhounds! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Be sure to write your name on the plate. You can use the markers that are on the table.

Ready? Here we go! The first step is to choose the colors of mosaic tiles that you want for your terra cotta pot. Go ahead and choose about 20 to start with. Any color you want. You may even want to separate the colors.

Ready for step 2? Here we go. Using a craft stick, spread some glue on the back of your mosaic tile and press it onto your terra cotta pot. Be sure to leave a space between the tiles for the grout. Create your design all the way around.

Step 3 is fun! When you are finished gluing your design, take your terra cotta pot over to the drying station...it’s over there. My Artifact Crafts assistant will give it some warm air to help the glue dry.

## Tip

Once the majority of kids are finished with their design and going to the drying station, move on to step 4. Set out the bowls of water, craft sticks, disposable gloves, and grout.

You created amazing designs! It took a lot of wisdom and patience to create your design! Let’s keep going. For step 4, put on the disposable gloves. Now, take a craft stick and scoop up a bit of grout and start filling in the cracks with the grout. It’s ok if some of the grout gets on your tiles because we are going to clean it all up after we are finished. If you get some grout on your skin ask for a wet wipe to clean it off.

Now for step 5. Get a sponge out of the water and squeeze all the water out. Gently wipe your tiles clean, but be careful not to wipe out the grout. When you are finished, take your pot over to the plant station and scoop in some potting soil. The Artifact Crafts assistant will give you a seed paper to bring back to your seat.

## DAY 2—JASPER CANYON FOSSILS

### Supplies

- Large bowl
- Baking tray
- Wet wipes
- Acrylic paint
- Small paintbrushes
- Assorted big and small animals, shells, dinosaurs (Dollar Tree)
- OrientalTrading.com: Dinosaur Skeletons #16/1070, Just Buggy Bugs & Spiders #58/7
- Cookie sheet
- Paper plate (1 per child)
- Marker
- Paintbrush (1 per child)
- Glossy Mod Podge or similar top coat
- Wet wipes
- Magnifying glass (1 for 2-3 children)

### Salt Dough Recipe

- 4 $\frac{1}{8}$  cups whole wheat flour
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  cups table salt
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups warm water

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. Mix together flour, salt, and warm water with a wooden spoon (can use an electric dough mixer).
3. Add a little more water if dough is crumbly.
4. Use hands to knead dough until it’s nice and smooth.
5. Roll into balls roughly the size of a ping pong ball or just pinch off a ping pong ball size.

### Tip

Measure flour and salt ahead of time. Add the water just before your class so the dough is fresh and pliable. You may want to measure out several recipes and put the dry ingredients in separate large Ziploc bag.

### Ahead of Time

- Prepare salt dough (see recipe for details).
- Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, cups of water, paper towels, and the magnifying glasses scattered so that 2-3 kids can share.
- Place a paper plate at each setting.

### Instructions

1. Gently flatten each ping pong size ball of dough.
2. Press animal or bug shape into dough.
3. Paint the inside of the shape indent.
4. Either bake or microwave 10 seconds at a time until dry.
5. After fossils dry, add a coat of Mod Podge or similar topcoat to increase their shine. Dry with blow dryer.

### Tip

Make a batch of dough ahead of time to gauge how many times to duplicate the recipe and gauge your time. If you have extra time you can make enough salt dough for kids to make two fossils.

## Welcome

**SAY:** Welcome back to the Artifact Craft Station! Today we are going to discover some real treasures!...Wait! YOU (*point to the kids*) are a treasure to God...and to me! (*thumbs point to yourself*)

That reminds me of our Daily Find: Jesus made me strong. (*put up both arms as if showing off your biceps*) I dig it! (*cool pose*)

Wow! That was fun! You are going to be great geologists! But I would prefer to be called a rockhound because I like to search for all kinds of fossils.

And that is exactly what we are going to do! Well...not search for fossils...but make fossils! Your fossil will help remind you about Abigail in our Bible story today. She was very strong, and Jesus had a special job for her. This reminds me... you are very special and unique too!...One of a kind! You are a very special treasure to God!



## Instructions

(While you give instructions, instruct your helpers to distribute any additional supplies the children will need to assemble their craft. Continue to circulate throughout the area while they work to give assistance and encouragement. Always be encouraging!)

We are going to make a really cool Jasper Canyon Fossil! Listen carefully to the instructions. A good rockhound always listens and follows instructions.

You are going to use the paper plate in front of you as your artifact board. Be sure to write your name on the plate.

First, you are going to gently flatten your piece of fossil dough.

Second, choose the fossil shape you want: dinosaur, insect, or shell.

Now, press the shape into your dough and gently remove the shape to leave an indent.

Ready? Now choose your paint color.

Ok...carefully paint the indent. Try not to overload your paintbrush with paint.

When you are finished painting, place your paintbrush inside the cup of water and use a wet wipe to clean your hands.

Look at your neighbors' fossils and say, "You really did a good job!"

Keep your fossil on your paper plate.

Wow, all these fossils are very interesting! (Encourage your helpers to also comment to each child about the uniqueness of each fossil.) Take turns with your friends and look at your fossils through the magnifying glass. What do you see?

You are going to leave your Artifact Craft here to dry. Don't forget to pick it up before you go home!

## Wrap-up

**SAY:** It's time to tidy up your area...that is what we do at the Artifact Craft Station so it's ready for the next Crew. Your amazing indent on the fossils will remind you of our Bible story today.

One more time...let's say our Daily Find: Jesus made me strong. (put up both arms as if showing off your biceps) I dig it! (cool pose)

Yes indeed, YOU are special! See you tomorrow, rockhounds!

## GRAB-'N-GO OPTION: DIY KALEIDOSCOPE

### Supplies

- Orientaltrading.com—DIY Kaleidoscopes #57/6109
- Markers
- Glue
- Wet wipes
- Paper plates

### Instructions

Included with kaleidoscope kit.



## DAY 3—JASPER MOSAIC

### Supplies

- Amazon.com: Mosaic Tiles—Lanyani 1600 Pieces/2.2 Pounds Vibrant Mixed Glass Mosaic Tiles for Crafts Cathedral Stained Glass Pieces—Assorted Colors and Shapes—Great Value Pack, Opaque
- Amazon.com: Mosaic Grout—Custom Building Product WDG5 5 lb Non-Sanded White Tile Grout
- Amazon.com Gloves: Kids Disposable Gloves—Multipurpose LATEX-FREE DISPOSABLE Gloves for Kids (50 Count)
- Amazon.com: Bloomin Seed Paper Shapes Packs—Heart Shapes—100 Shapes Per Pack—2.3×1.8" (Color Mix)
- Amazon.com: Bread Bags with Ties (sold in packs of 100)
- Medium/small terra cotta pots (1 per child)
- Elmer's glue
- Craft sticks (1 or 2 per child at station)
- 1 bucket with water
- Sponge (cut into fourths, 1 per child at the station—only need enough for 1 group; sponge will be reused for the following groups)
- Potting soil
- Wet wipes
- Bucket of soapy water
- Paper towels
- Blow dryer

### Ahead of Time

- Mix only enough grout for the current group. Mix more for the next group.
- Set up the table with plastic table covering, tins with markers, and paper plates as individual art stations for each child.
- Fill shallow containers with mosaic tiles—approximately 1 container per 2 children.
- Fill plastic bowls with water and cut sponges—approximately 1 container per 2 children. Set aside until ready to use.

- Set up a drying station where the children will bring their terra cotta pots to be blow dried. You may want to have several volunteers blow drying at one time.
- Set up a planting station with potting soil, scoop, seed paper shapes, and pitcher half full of water.

### Instructions

1. Instruct the children to choose the colors they would like to use and separate them into piles. This will give them the option to create a pattern.
2. Start gluing tiles on one at a time. Leave about ¼" between each tile so there is room for the grout. (You may want to instruct the children to only glue tiles on the top lip of the terra cotta pot or a double row around the middle. Experiment with your time and your design.)
3. Once the design is glued on, bring pots over to the drying station and blow dry until glue is clear.
4. Place the bowls of water and sponges on the table for those that are finished drying their mosaic pot. Give each child a pair of disposable gloves and a craft stick.
5. Apply grout to mosaic pot with craft stick or gloved finger. If any gets on your skin, rinse off right away as it will be more difficult to remove after it hardens. Smear the grout into the cracks evenly.
6. Once grouted, take the sponge and dip in water. Squeeze out excess water and wipe across the top of the tiles very gently. Be careful not to wipe out the grout between the tiles.
7. Let stand until completely dry.
8. Take to the potting soil station. Scoop potting soil into the pot. Take a heart seed paper back to seat to plant and water.
9. Bag each mosaic pot with the child's paper plate name showing. Tie the bags shut. This will help the dirt stay in place and not make a mess!

### Tip

This craft is a true treasure for the kids to take home and watch as the flowers start to appear in a heart shape. Be prepared for a little mess! That's ok!