

Precious Possessions

CRAFT

Materials:

- Air Dry clay (see instructions below)
- Parchment paper, plastic tablecloth or plastic wrap
- Paint - gray
- Paint brush
- Cutting tool, scissors or knife
- Permanent marker - black

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- This craft requires the clay have time to harden. You can make your own *Air Dry* clay or purchase it. We are including an *Air Dry* clay recipe.

Air Dry clay:

Materials:

- Glue (1 c.)
- Corn starch (2 c.)
- A mixing bowl not used for food
- A spoon not used for cooking or eating
- A disposable cup (to measure the glue)
- A resealable bag or container (to store the clay)
- Plastic wrap

Instructions for making Air Dry clay:

- Pour the cornstarch in the mixing bowl.
- Add the white glue, a little at a time, mixing it with the spoon. Keep adding the glue until it forms into dough and starts pulling away from the sides.
- Once the dough is able to come out of the bowl in a solid chunk, take it out of the bowl and knead it by hand. If it is too sticky, add a little more cornstarch. Keep kneading until it is nice and smooth and keeps its shape without sticking to your hands.
Optional: put plastic wrap on the table and knead it on the table to prevent sticking.
- Put the dough in a resealable bag or container to keep it from drying out until ready to use.

The 10 Commandments Clay Tablets

Exodus 20:1-17



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cover the table with plastic wrap or a plastic tablecloth.
- Place the *Air Dry* clay on parchment paper and flatten. You can choose to make the tablets as large or as small as you desire. (P1)
- Outline the shape of 2 tablets on the clay using a shaping tool, scissors or a knife. (P2)
- Cut out the tablets along the outline. Do not be concerned with rough edges or that it is not perfectly symmetrical as the tablets were cut from stone, so the rough edges etc. will give it a more authentic look. (P3a, P3b)
- Allow the tablets to dry (approx. 24-72 hours depending on the humidity in the room), turning them over after a while to let both sides dry.
- Once the tablets are dry, paint them a gray color to look like stone. (P4)
- Set tablets aside to dry.
- When the tablets are dry, write the numbers 1 through 10 in Hebrew (א, ב, ג, ד, ה, ו, ז, ח, ט, י) on the tablets using a black permanent marker. (P5)
- If the tablets are large enough, write a condensed part of each command:

א I am Yahweh

ב Have no idols

ג Do not shame His Name

ד Guard the Sabbath day

ה Respect your mom and dad

ו Do not murder

ז Do not be unfaithful

ח Do not steal

ט Do not spread false witness

י Do not covet



P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4



P5