

The background is a solid yellow-green color. Scattered throughout are several geometric shapes: a green and white hexagon in the top left, a purple and white hexagon in the top right, a green and white hexagon in the middle left, and a pink and white hexagon in the bottom left. A blue and white striped rectangular shape is also visible in the middle left. At the bottom, there are stylized blue and white wavy lines representing water, a pink ring floating on the right, and a white surfboard with a green stripe on the left.

# Make Waves

WHAT YOU DO TODAY CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

VBS 2022 | CRAFTS



## GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Creation**  
Genesis 1 & 2

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God made people  
with a purpose.**

### KEY QUESTION

**What do you enjoy doing?**

### MEMORY VERSE

**"Whoever believes in me . . .  
rivers of living water will flow  
from within them."**  
John 7:38, NIV

### BASIC TRUTH

**I can trust God no matter what.**

### CRAFTS: EXPLORING BIBLICAL TRUTHS THROUGH CREATIVITY

*Choose which activity works best for your group, depending on size, age, and budget.*

*We have also provided Step-by-Step Videos and Photos of each craft and STEAM Challenge option. Be sure to watch them and share them with your craft leaders to help everyone have the best time during the craft rotation.*

*Whichever activities you choose, provide a way for kids to place their names on their projects before they begin. Also, provide appropriate covering for your work area(s), such as newspaper or plastic tablecloths. You'll thank yourself later!*

*We have included a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Challenge as an option. This activity can be done in groups or individually. The STEAM Challenge can be an "extra" for kids who finish their crafts early, or it works great for the older kids instead of doing the craft. It is up to you and your budget if you want this to be a take-home STEAM Challenge or if you use this as a rotation and have children reuse materials (when possible).*

*\*\*\*Virtual Option. This year we wanted to include a virtual craft option for each day. This craft option will use supplies that would typically be found in the home. It's our hope that we equip you with everything you need to provide an incredible week of VBS for families in your church and community—either at your church building, in a local park, or even from their home. Remember, crafts are fun and there are no right or wrong ways to do them. The goal is to just help families be creative together and learn about God.\*\*\**

### CRAFT OPTIONS

#### 1. Sandy Hands (grades K-1)

Doesn't everyone love playing in the sand at the beach? This keepsake craft combines every child's handprint and sand dough. Children will knead dough, roll it out, and make an impression with their hands.

#### 2. Sand Art Bottles (grades 2-3)

Don't we all bring home half the sand from the beach every summer? Discover God's creation by layering colorful sand and artfully creating designs in a bottle.

#### 3. Catch the Wave Suncatcher (grades 4-5)

Good things come to those who wait. This project may take a few days to be completely finished, but this suncatcher truly captures God's beautiful creation from the ocean. Children will layer sand, shells, small rocks, and starfish to create a suncatcher that any family would love to display.



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### STEAM OPTION

*STEAM is an acronym for the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Kids all across the country are experiencing learning in a new, creative way. These "challenges" are made to either be done in teams or individually. If you choose to use the STEAM option, tailor it to fit your church's needs. This can be done in lieu of a messy craft or in addition to. You may use this as an additional activity for those who finish fast or for children who may not be able to handle craft time well.*

#### 1. Beach Sand Slime (Grades K-5)

Will there ever be a time that kids won't want to play with slime? The answer is NOPE. Children will have to measure out ingredients to create this wonderfully fun sand slime, then they'll have fun playing with it by adding shells, and pressing it into sand buckets and beach toys.

### VIRTUAL OPTION

*This craft option will use supplies that would typically be found in the home, or using things that can easily be put together in a "craft kit" to send home to families.*

#### 1. Build Your Own Ocean (grades K-5)

As we learn about God's incredible creation, families can create their own ocean diorama. Children will be able to custom-create their own ocean inside an egg carton. Not everyone lives close enough to visit the ocean, so this craft brings the ocean wherever you may live. Children will be able to store and take their ocean anywhere they like.



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## CRAFT OPTIONS

### 1. SANDY HANDS (GRADES K-1)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** seashells, toothpicks, parchment paper, small rolling pins, Air Dry dough, sand

*Air Dry dough can be purchased in your local craft store or online.*

<https://amzn.to/3nzVn26>

<https://bit.ly/3Eiguf7>

<https://low.es/3954mjx>

#### WHAT YOU DO:

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**Step 1:** Portion out the Air Dry dough into individual pieces—about 1 cup of dough per child. Place the dough in baggies for each child.

**Step 2:** Instruct each child to knead ¼ cup sand into their Air Dry dough.

**Step 3:** Once the sand is thoroughly mixed into dough, instruct the children to roll out the dough to be about ¼ of an inch thick, on top of their piece of parchment paper. If you're using pre-made dough, instruct the children to knead a small scoop of sand into their portion of dough, then roll it out to ¼ of an inch thick.

**Step 4:** Once the dough is rolled out, instruct the children to press their hand into the dough to make an impression. Leaders may need to help children push hard enough to make a handprint.

**Step 5:** Using a toothpick, direct the children to write their name in the dough. Then let them have fun decorating their handprints.

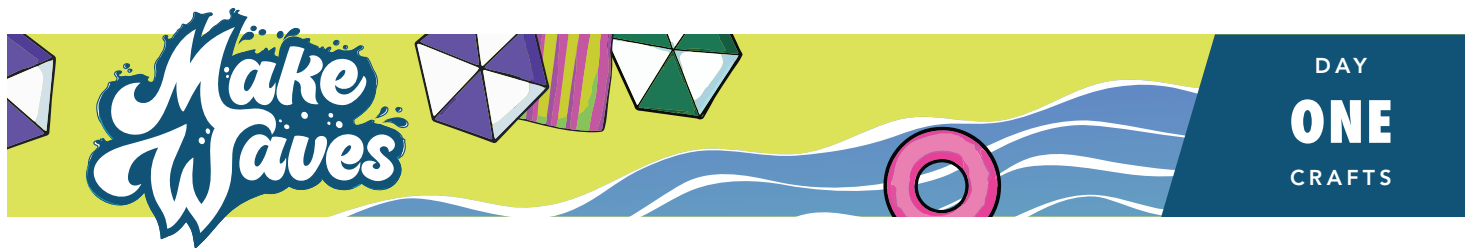
**Step 6:** Leave the handprints out on a flat surface overnight to harden. They will be ready to take home the next day.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

Describe your favorite places in God's creation: beach, forest, mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, etc. Ask the kids to share their favorite part of God's creation. Then say, "One of God's favorite parts of creation is YOU! He created you with a purpose. Let's say today's Bottom Line together: **God made people with a purpose.**"

#### Travel Time

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!



#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- When you're in God's creation, what do you notice first: the things you see, feel, hear, or smell?
- What's something in nature that always makes you think about God?

## 2. SAND ART BOTTLES (GRADES 2-3)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** small, plastic bottles with lids, variety of colored sand, toothpicks, disposable bowls, small, plastic funnels, plastic spoons, cookie sheets or plastic trays, Avery round, white labels 2-1/4" (blank round labels, Craft Day 1: Sand Art Bottles Scripture Sticker (printable))

*You can also purchase sand bottle kits online:*

<https://bit.ly/3hzUwKZ>

<https://bit.ly/394OA86>

<https://bit.ly/3zcgbPx>

<https://bit.ly/395n7mT>

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**Step 1:** Print Craft Day 1: Sand Art Bottles Scripture Sticker (printable) on Avery round, white labels 2-1/4".

**Step 2:** Set up a table with one plastic vessel for each child, a cookie sheet or tray to help keep the sand on the table, bowls with colored sand, spoons for scooping, and funnels for each child to help keep the sand in the bottles.

**Step 3:** Invite the kids to scoop the colored sand into the bottles. Instruct them to layer different colors and use toothpicks to make designs in the sand.

**Step 4:** Once the bottles are filled, direct the children to tighten the lids to their bottles. Give each child a Scripture Sticker to put on their bottle.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

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## 3. CATCH THE WAVE SUN CATCHER (GRADES 4-5)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** disposable plastic lids with a raised edge, Elmer's Clear Liquid School Glue, seashells, sand (optional), glitter (optional), fish confetti (optional), hole punch, yarn

*You can purchase a suncatcher kit online:*



<https://bit.ly/3hvFQwg>  
<https://amzn.to/3nxQrL3>  
<https://bit.ly/3tETz99>

#### WHAT YOU DO:

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**Step 1:** Set up a station for each child that has their own plastic lid and tube of clear Elmer's glue. Write the child's name on back of the plastic lid.

**Step 2:** Advise children to make sure the plastic lid is upright with the side with ridges facing up. The sides will hold the shells and glue in place.

**Step 3:** Instruct the kids to squirt a thin layer of glue into the lid, and arrange the shells, sand, and any other items in their plastic lid.

**Step 4:** Once they are happy with their arrangement, instruct the kids to fill the lid with their clear glue and add the optional glitter, if available.

**Step 5:** Place the lids in a safe place to dry—it usually takes 24 to 48 hours. The lids will dry faster out in the sun.

**Step 6:** Once dry, remove the dried glue from the plastic lid and poke a hole through it with a hole punch. Add yarn so the suncatcher can hang. Place dry suncatcher back in the lid to return it to the proper child, since their name is on the lid, not the suncatcher.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

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## STEAM OPTION

### 1. BEACH SAND SLIME (GRADES K-5)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Elmer's Clear Liquid School Glue, liquid starch, measuring cups, measuring spoons, plastic bowls, water, sand, cardstock, plastic baggies (for each child to take slime home), stapler, Craft Day 1: STEAM Beach Sand Slime Instruction Cards (printable), Optional: small shells, small sand buckets, sand toys

*One portion of Beach Sand Slime Recipe: ½ cup clear glue, ¼ cup liquid starch, ½ cup water, ¼ cup sand*

**WHAT YOU DO:**

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**Step 1:** Print the Craft Day 1: STEAM Beach Sand Slime Instruction cards and cut them apart.

**Step 2:** Set up "Slime Stations" with one instruction card, a baggy with the child's name on it, and one mixing bowl for each child. Other items like measuring cups/spoons and ingredients can be shared.

**Step 3:** Instruct the children to follow the instructions on their cards—measuring out the ingredients and mixing them together. Once the slime comes together, allow the kids to play with the slime and add seashells as desired. Let the children enjoy playing with slime and buckets/shovels.

**Step 4:** Once the rotation is done, instruct the children to staple their instruction card to their baggy, and put their slime into their baggy to take home. When stapling the instructions to the baggy, be sure it's attached above the baggy's enclosure, as to not poke holes in the part of the baggy that needs to stay airtight for the slime to stay moist.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

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## STEAM OPTION

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### 1. BUILD YOUR OWN OCEAN (GRADES K-5)

*Supplies for this project should be easily found at the home of the family participating in your Virtual VBS or easy for your church to pack into a kit.*

**WHAT YOU NEED:** small cardboard egg carton (*half-dozen size*), blue paint (*several shades if possible*), paintbrush, craft foam sheets in multiple colors, seashells, sand, glue, small, plastic ocean creatures, Craft Day 1: Build Your Own Ocean Instructions (*printable/pdf*)

**WHAT YOU DO:**

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**Step 1:** Decide if your VBS will prepackage the supplies/instructions for the Virtual option for adults to pick up, or if you will email instructions and have the adults provide supplies. If you decide to make kits, create the kits with the supplies and instructions.

**Step 2:** Instruct the children to paint their half-dozen egg carton with shades of blue paint.

**Step 3:** Glue sand to the bottom of egg carton.

**Step 4:** Invite the children to create and cut out ocean plants, fish, rock etc. from the craft foam and glue them where they desire, creating a reef. Invite them to add seashells wherever they'd like.

**Step 6:** Allow the kids to play and interact with their homemade ocean by having your small plastic ocean creatures explore their ocean!

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

Adults: Describe your favorite places in God's creation: beach, forest, mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, etc. Ask the children to share their favorite part of God's creation. Say, "One of God's favorite parts of creation is YOU! Every person on this planet is unique, just like your ocean! God took special time to make you one of a kind. He created you with a purpose! Let's say today's bottom line together: **God made people with a purpose.**"