

BUILD YOUR OWN SANDCASTLE

CRAFT CONNECTION

Ask kids if they have ever made a sandcastle. Ask how long they usually last.

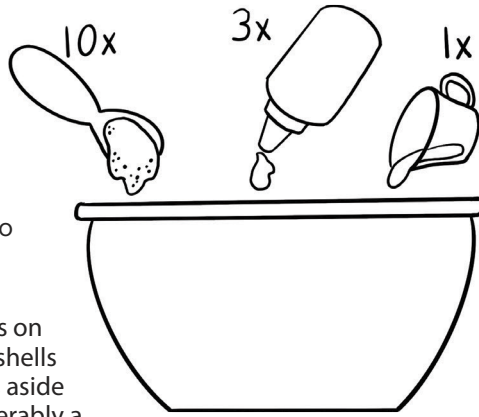
Say: “These castles will last a little longer because of the glue we’re using and the fact that there are no waves to wash them away! But they will still crumble eventually. It’s the same with the things we think will make us happy. They may work at first, but eventually the newest toy or game just isn’t enough anymore. But God’s plan will always bring us the most joy because it is the best plan. We know that God’s truth never changes, unlike this shifting sand!”

ASSEMBLE

Step 1: Provide each child with a bowl, a plate, and a spoon. Guide kids to write their names on their plates.

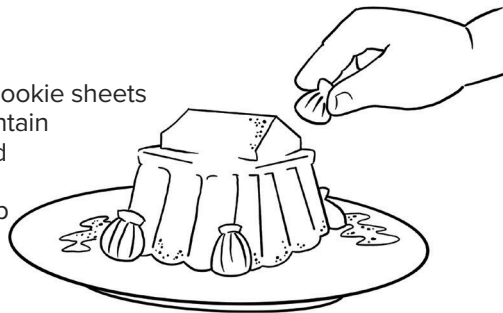
Step 2: Guide kids to measure 10 tablespoons of sand, 3 tablespoons of glue, and 1 tablespoon of water into their bowls and then mix them thoroughly with their spoons and fingers. Add more sand if it is too wet or more glue or water if it is too crumbly or dry.

Step 3: Guide kids to use the tools you’ve provided to make sandcastles on the plates you provided, adding seashells as desired for decoration. Set castles aside to dry for several hours at least, preferably a whole day.



LEADER TIPS:

- You may wish to provide old cookie sheets for kids to work on to help contain the sand. Consider placing old sheets or additional plastic tablecloths on the floor to help with cleanup, or else doing this craft outside so you don’t need to worry about it!
- An optional step after the sandcastles dry is to seal them by painting them with Mod Podge®. This should help them last longer. A leader can do this quickly for all castles, or you can guide kids to do it at the beginning of another day’s craft rotation.



GATHER

- Play sand
- School glue
- Water
- Paper plates
- 20-oz plastic bowls
- Plastic spoons
- Several tablespoon measuring spoons for kids to share
- Pens or markers
- **VBS 2024 Sandcastle Molds** (9781430092964) and other sand molds and tools
- **VBS 2024 Tablecloths** (9781430089087) or other plastic tablecloths
- Wet wipes
- Small seashells (optional)
- Mod Podge® (optional)
- Paintbrushes (optional)
- Large cookie sheets (optional)

LEADER PREP

- Cover tables with plastic tablecloths to make sand cleanup easier.

