

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Craft Instructions

Mt. Sinai

Exodus 24:15; 19:12, 23

Materials:

- Air Dry clay
- Plastic wrap
- A ceramic or glass bowl (for shaping mountain)
- Popsicle sticks
- Scissors or knife
- Paint - brown, green, and yellow
- Paint brushes
- Palate or plate
- Cup of water
- Cotton balls
- Glue
- Optional: plastic table cloth
- Optional: gems



Here is the link for the video for this craft page:

<https://youtu.be/MBemlVoA25M>

Parent/Teacher preparation:

If this craft is completed on Shabbat, it will be necessary to use *Air Dry* clay, as opposed to clay which requires baking. *Air Dry* clay will take about an hour to harden. This may be purchased or make your own to complete this craft. We are including an *Air Dry* clay recipe if needed.

Air Dry clay:

Ingredients:

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

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 it.

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Instructions for the craft:

- Lay plastic wrap or a table cloth on the work surface.
- Turn the bowl upside down and cover it with plastic wrap so that the clay will not stick to it.
- Roll out the dough to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " ($\frac{3}{4}$ cm) thick. If the dough is rolled out too thick, it takes longer to dry.
- Ensure the dough is rolled out large enough to fully cover the bowl.
- Once there is a piece large enough, pick it up slowly and drape it over the bowl so it comes down on all sides.
- Cut off the excess dough from around the edges of the bowl.
- Break the popsicle sticks so that they are small enough to go around the mountain to make a fence.
- While the dough is still wet, push the sticks into the dough around the edges.
- If needed, reinforce the popsicle sticks by using small pieces of the extra dough. Optional: place 12 sticks around the mountain to represent the 12 columns placed by Mosheh, rather than using a random number to represent a fence.
- Set the bowl with the dough on top to dry.
- After 30 minutes, turn the bowl over to allow the other side to dry. This may cause the sticks to push in towards the mountain and this is ok.
- Once the mountain is dry, it is ready to paint. Paint the mountain and sticks and allow the paint to dry.



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Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Once the paint is dry, take the cotton balls and pull them apart so they cover the top of the mountain.
- Glue them in place.
- Optional: put blue gems or glitter paint around the top edges just under cloud to represent the sapphires the elders saw.

