

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Craft Instructions The 10 Commandments Exodus 20:1-17

Materials:

- Air Dry clay (see instructions below)
- Scissors or knife
- Paint - gray
- Paint brush
- Permanent marker
- Plastic table cloth or plastic wrap



Parent/Teacher preparation:

If doing this craft 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 cup white craft glue
- 2 cups 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)

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

<https://youtu.be/tcMxbPrTL1g>

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.

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Instructions for the craft:

- Cover the table with plastic wrap or a plastic table cloth.
- Flatten the *Air Dry* clay with your hands until there is a large enough section to cut out 2 tablets. The size of the tablets is based on the amount of clay available.
- Outline the shape of 2 tablets on the clay using a knife, scissors or a pencil.
- 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.
- Allow the tablets to dry, turning them over after a while to let both sides dry.
- Once the tablets are dry, paint them. The clay does not have to be completely hard to paint on it, but just firm enough and dry enough so that the paint will adhere.
- Paint the tablets a gray color to look like stone.
- Paint cracks or other small things to make it look more like stone. Set aside to dry.
- Once dried, write the numbers 1 through 10 in Hebrew (א, ב, ג, ד, ה, ו, ז, ח, ט, י) on the tablets.
- 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