



# The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You

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## Look what I found!



### Cutting play dough

Make or purchase your favorite play dough in several colors. Provide several pair of safety scissors along with box lids or trays for each child to use as they create with the play dough. Remind children that God gave them strong hands and fingers to use scissors to cut the play dough. Encourage children to create things that God made such as flowers, trees, animals, etc. As the children work say the verse for the day, emphasizing how God loves them and provides for people daily. Tell the Bible story as they continue to work.

As each child tires of the activity, invite them to put their play dough in a zip-top bag to take home or use later. Each child should have their own play dough bag to avoid sharing bacteria or germs.



### Q-tip painting

Gather muffin tin, Q-tips, tempera paint (no more than 4 colors), paper for painting, cardboard box, paint smocks (old shirts work well), plastic table cloth, and masking tape.

Prior to the first child arriving:

- Cover the paint area with the plastic table cloth
- Position the cardboard box on the plastic table cloth
- Pour paint into muffin tin, leaving one open to hold the Q-tips
- Tape paper to the side of the box (the box can be used on two or more sides at the same time provided you have several muffin tins)
- Each child should have a protective paint smock or shirt prior to painting.

Encourage children to create a picture and write the Bible verse with the Q-tip.



### Bible skills and blocks

Print verse words on index cards (one per notecard).

Tape the index cards to a smooth block.

Place the blocks on a tray or in a box lid.

Invite the children to put the blocks in the correct order. Remind the children to stack the block no higher than their waist.

Variations include addition of colored index cards with words to different verses in the area. Encourage children to discover the words and put them in order to create bible verses.

It is helpful to have the verses printed in their entirety on a page near the block area.



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