



EXCAVATING THE DIG SITE

ACTIVITY

Materials

smocks
plastic tarp
large bin or several small tubs filled with sand

artifacts (shells, action figures, toy dishes, strings of beads, plastic toys, pretty rocks)
tools (plastic spoons, paint brushes, small sifters)

Before Class

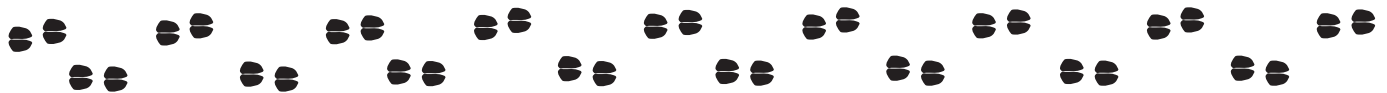
Fill a large bin, or several smaller tubs, with sand. Bury artifacts in the sand for your students to excavate. To create your dig site, lay out a tarp on the ground, and place the bin or tubs on the tarp to keep the sand contained. You might want to string the **Work Zone Caution Tape** around the Dig Site to keep students out of the area until you are ready.

Game Play

Help the children put on the smocks to protect their clothing from the sand. Show the children the dig site and the tools. Say: **This week we are learning to be archaeologists. This is our Dig Site. Today we are going to be digging in the sand for artifacts.** Show the children how to use the spoons to dig through the sand to find the artifacts. They can use the brushes to brush sand away or the sifters to sift through the sand to find smaller artifacts. Say: **We are digging deep into the sand to find treasures. Jesus looks deep into our hearts to find the treasure there. What kinds of treasures does Jesus find in our hearts?**

TEACHING TIP

You could create a small tub for each student. Children of this age often do better with parallel play instead of sharing.



1 Samuel 16:7

**“For man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.”**