



CRAFT

Hiding Pallet Coasters

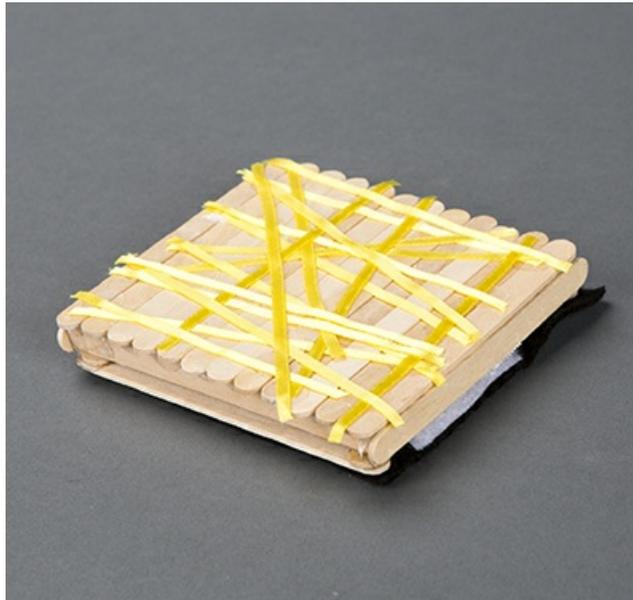
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Supplies

- craft sticks (21 per child)
- Glue Dots
- adhesive Velcro
- felt
- glue sticks
- yellow or orange construction paper
- scissors
- paper
- pens
- cardboard squares

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



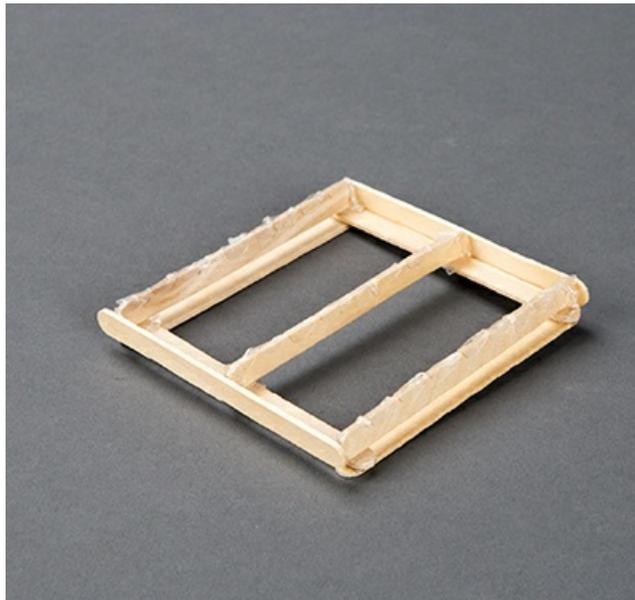
Make a Pallet Coaster

Give each child 21 craft sticks, and set out the other supplies. Have kids follow these steps. (Instead of having younger kids follow these steps, give each of them a cardboard square and have them use Glue Dots to cover it with craft sticks.)

- Place Glue Dots on both ends of two craft sticks.
- Make a square by placing two more craft sticks onto the two craft sticks with Glue Dots.
- Using Glue Dots to hold them in place, put three crossbeams on your square, sticking up on their sides.



- Using Glue Dots, attach two more craft sticks to the ends of the crossbeams. These should also be up on their sides.
- Cover the crossbeams with Glue Dots.



- Place craft sticks as planks across the crossbeams until the whole square is covered. Now you have a coaster that resembles a miniature wooden pallet.



Add a Hiding Place

Have kids create a hiding place in the hollow part underneath their coasters by following these steps.

- Place two Velcro strips on opposite sides of the bottom of the coaster. (Note: The hiding place will be more secure if you put the Velcro on the lower sides so that the Velcro fills in the gap left when the coaster sits upright.) (For the simpler coasters, this will go under the



- Cut a piece of felt to fit the bottom of the coaster.
- Place the other part of the Velcro strips on opposite sides of the felt so that you can fasten it underneath the coaster.
- Write or draw a note to God about how you want him to work through you. Then fold the note and place it in the hiding place. Secure the felt to hide the note.



Decorate

Have kids cover the tops of their coasters with glue from glue sticks and then add strips of yellow or orange paper to remind them of the flax that the Israelite spies hid under.

Talk About It

Ask: • **If you're willing, share what you wrote on your paper.**

• **How do you think God could use *you* to accomplish that task?**

Say: **Your coaster can remind you that God works through unlikely people. Although it looks like a regular coaster, it has a secret hiding spot where you can hide your hopes and dreams. And the paper on top can remind you of how Rahab, an unlikely person to help God's people, used bundles of grain to hide the Israelites and keep them safe.**

Have kids take their crafts home, show their friends and families how their coasters have an unlikely feature, and explain that God works through unlikely people.