



## CRAFT

### Scented Hacky Sacks

[20 min]

#### Supplies

- “Hacky Sack Instructions” handout (download [here](#))
- plain white crew socks or tube socks (1 per child)
- watercolor paint
- cups of water
- paintbrushes
- newspaper or plastic tablecloths
- cotton balls (1 per child)
- essential oil, perfume, or vanilla extract\*

#### Easy Prep

- Cover your table with newspaper or plastic tablecloths.
- Make a sample craft to show kids.



#### Make Hacky Sacks

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a sock. Set out the other supplies to share, and have kids follow these instructions to make hacky sacks. Photos of each step can be found on the “Hacky Sack Instructions” handout.

- Lay the sock flat on the tablecloth or newspaper.
- Paint the sock from heel to toe on both sides, using a variety of colors for a tie-dye or marbled effect.
- Fold the sock in half so that the painted part overlaps the white part, and wring it out over the cups of water.
- Fold it in the opposite direction and wring it out again. This should make the sock feel slightly damp, but dry enough to continue making the craft.
- Turn the sock inside out.
- Roll the top of the sock down until the sock tucks inside itself. (Older kids may need to help preschoolers with this part.)
- Put a drop of essential oil, perfume, or vanilla extract on a cotton ball, and tuck it inside the sock. (For preschoolers, the teacher will add the drop.)

#### Play With the Hacky Sacks

- Have kids play with their hacky sacks.
- For an extra challenge, kids can try to keep their hacky sacks up by bouncing them just with their heads, as a reminder of how the perfume was poured on Jesus’ head.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **What do you think of the way your hacky sack smells?**

• **What do you think it would be like to have perfume poured on your head?**

Say: **In the Bible, a woman poured perfume on Jesus' head. That might seem strange today! That's not the kind of thing we do to honor someone. But in Jesus' culture, that was a way to honor someone really important, like a king. Jesus also said it was a reminder of anointing a dead body, because he was going to die for everyone's sins. Your scented hacky sack can remind you of the perfume smell and how Jesus appreciates our love—whether it's through perfume or any other way we want to show him love from our hearts.**

Have kids take their hacky sacks home and tell their friends and family about how Jesus appreciates our love and appreciated the loving act of the woman pouring perfume on him.