

Hebrew Tablet

-Memory verse-

It will take at least one whole day to dry, so don't do this task on the last day

Time roughly needed to complete: 1-1.5hrs

Intro:

These tablets you are about to create make you step back in time to 600BC, Daniel's era. Tablets were used instead of paper, writing contracts, biblical texts, maps, instructions, records of daily life, math, music and many more uses. The clay tablets were made roughly the size of the palm of a hand making it easier to hold whilst inscribing, using a specific tool. They did not put them in the fire or a kiln to harden as the clay could be made wet and reused.



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For Daniel, Hebrew was not just his mother tongue, the language of his youth, it was the language of a chosen people. At his old age he still turned towards Jerusalem when he prayed to God. He loved, studied and knew the Law and the Prophets.

Take your time with this activity – being careful to pay attention to the detail of the Hebrew symbols. The little flicks and curves etc are important for the accuracy of the text. Don't rush it, using the tissue paper to wipe the toothpick after each symbol.

STEP 1.

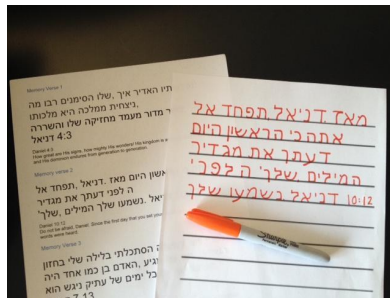
Hebrew writing practice

Items needed: Felt tips
A5 lined paper – please photocopy one per teenager
Printed memory verses – please photocopy enough for them to choose one
(If you want to choose a different memory verse,
I used: <http://webtranslation.paralink.com/English-Hebrew-Translation>)

Method:

1. Hand out to each person a felt tip and a sheet of A5 lined paper
2. Let them choose a memory verse from the options
3. Practice writing in Hebrew – this is important as it's not as easy on the clay
4. When they have finished, they then use this practice sheet to copy from onto the clay.

(The A5 lined paper is a good guide size for the clay tablet, but personally I would go slightly smaller)



STEP 2.

Clay tablet

*utensils from any kitchen:
-small bowls / rolling pins / dinner knives - bread knife*

Items needed:

newspaper to cover tables or a sheet per teenager
(Great if area has plastic tablecloths)
block of clay (one block is enough for 30 people)
A4 paper
small bowls of water
rolling pins
writing tool (toothpicks)
dinner knives (enough to share in 2's or 3's)
breadknife
practiced memory verses
kitchen roll
Ribbon/wool
Ruler



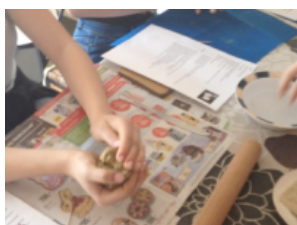
Set up:

1. Cover tables with newspaper
2. Lay out toothpicks, kitchen roll, bowls of water, rolling pins, dinner knives, practiced memory verses
3. Cut clay into equal parts – around 1cm each (use ruler) – straight down with a breadknife
4. Give clay slice out to each teenager



Method:

1. Soften the clay by adding a little water to moisten and shape into a ball.
2. Roll out the clay evenly– flat but not too thin (*shape the clay roughly a bit bigger than 'palm of the hand' size*)
3. Leave enough space at the top to put a hole – creating a hanger
4. Cut edges off making a rectangle
5. Mould the corners round and smooth edges
6. Make a hole at the top, using your knife
7. Draw **very** faint lines on as a guideline.
8. Start scribing your memory verse with a toothpick
9. Use the kitchen roll to clean the stick whilst writing (*on each stroke, the toothpick drags clay creating a tiny lump which needs lifting out for clear text*)
10. If you make a mistake, you can lightly rub it out with your finger
11. If you find your tablet is too small for the text, start again and roll it out larger.
12. On the back of the tablet, scribe in the scripture reference in English.
13. Leave to dry on a piece of paper. Write your name on the paper.
14. When dry - attach a piece of wool/ribbon to hang



step 1



step 2 - 3



step 4 - 5



step 6

Handwriting lines

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Memory Verse 1

מה רבו הסימנים שלו, איך האדיר נפלאותיו! מלכותו
היא ממלכה ניצחית,
והשררה שלו מחזיקה מעמד מדור לדור.
דניאל 4:3

Daniel 4:3 (Hungarian bible – verse 3:33)

How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion endures from generation to generation.

Memory Verse 2

בחזון שלי בלילה הסתכלתי, ושם לפני היה אחד כמו בן
האדם, מגיע בענני השמים. הוא ניגש אל הימים
הקדומים והובא אל נוכחותו. דניאל 7:13

Daniel 7:13

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence.

Memory Verse 3

הוא מציל והוא מציל; הוא מבצע שלטים ופלאים בשמים
ועל הארץ. הוא חילץ את דניאל מכוח האריות. דניאל
6:27

Daniel 6:27

He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.

Memory Verse 4

המלך אמר לדניאל, 'אין ספק שאלוהיך הוא אלוהי
האלים ואדון המלכים וחושף המסתורין, כי יכולת לגלות
את המסתורין הזהדניאל. דניאל 2:47

Daniel 2:47

The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery".