

DAY 2 CRAFT

Shell Necklace (V.1)

JUNIOR AND PRIMARY

Materials

- Thin cording, 2½ ft. per child
- Pre-drilled (with hole) clam or scallop shells, 1 per child
- Mini pony beads, amount varies
- Perler® beads, amount varies

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Scissors

Pre-prep

Cut the cording into 2½-ft. lengths, 1 per child.

Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

How many of you have ever been to the beach and looked for seashells? Take responses. They come in different shapes and sizes, don't they? But did you know that most seashells are the hard outer covering—the skeleton—of an animal? God designed *our* skeleton to be on the *inside*, but he put *theirs* on the *outside*. When the animal dies and the soft parts of its body are gone, just the shell—the skeleton—is left. The amazing thing is, God knows when every one of those seashell animals was born, and when it died, and everything in between. God knows *everything* about *everyone* at the same time, all the time. He doesn't ever learn anything new. And he's never surprised by anything.

If you're ever feeling lonely or scared about something, it can be comforting to know that God knows you and cares for you much, much more than a sea creature. You are dearly loved by God! Our seashell necklaces can be a great reminder of that. Let's make them.



Class Time Directions

1. Take your piece of cord and fold it in half. Then push the loop through the hole in the shell a distance of about 1 inch.
2. Feed both ends of the cord through the loop and gently pull until the loop closes and grips the shell.
3. Add beads to both cord strands.
4. Tie the strands together.

Tip Corner

- Any color of cording can work, but black or white are particularly nice.
- Pre-drilled shells are available at craft stores or online.

Super Simple Idea

Try one of the following Oriental Trading Company craft kits. (Call 1-800-875-8480 or visit orientaltrading.com.) Note that these are available at the time of printing and may not be available later.

- 3D Floating Foam Ship Craft Kit (Item Number: 48/6693)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.
- God Never Leaves Me Magnet Craft Kit (Item Number: 13707286)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.

DAY 2 CRAFT

Shell Necklace (V.2)

PRE-PRIMARY

Materials

- Thin cording, 2½ ft. per child
- Pre-drilled (with holes) clam or scallop shells, 1 per child
- Pony beads, amount varies
- Colored straws, amount varies

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Scissors

Pre-prep

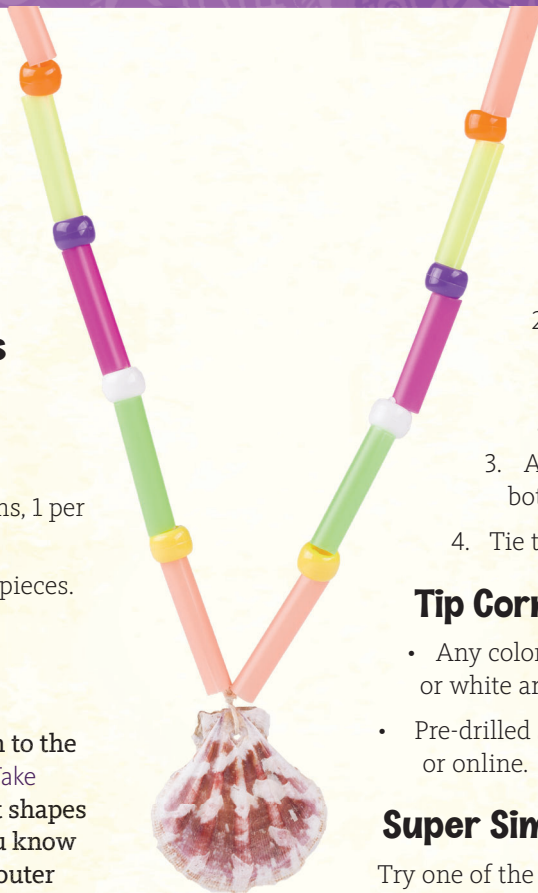
1. Cut the cording into 2½-ft. lengths, 1 per child.
2. Cut the colored straws into 1-in. pieces.

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Class Time Directions

1. Take your piece of cord and fold it in half. Then push the loop through the hole in the shell a distance of about 1 inch.
2. Feed both ends of the cord through the loop and gently pull until the loop closes and grips the shell.
3. Add beads and straw pieces to both cord strands.
4. Tie the strands together.

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