

# DAY 1 CRAFT

# Tropical Tree (V.1)

## JUNIOR AND PRIMARY

### Materials

- OCEAN BASE PATTERN
- Brown chenille stems, 4 per child
- Green chenille stems, 4 per child
- 12-mm wood beads, 3 per child
- Air-dry clay, 1.75-oz. per child
- Blue card stock, 1 sheet per 2 children
- Mini seashells, 5–6 per child
- Plastic wrap, amount varies
- Zippered baggies, 1 per child

### Tools and Basic Supplies

- Office paper cutter
- Scissors

### Pre-prep

1. Cut green chenille stems in half.
2. Photocopy the **OCEAN BASE PATTERN** onto blue card stock, then cut out one per child.
3. Divide clay into 1.75-oz. pieces for each child. Then wrap them with cling wrap and place in air-tight zippered baggies.

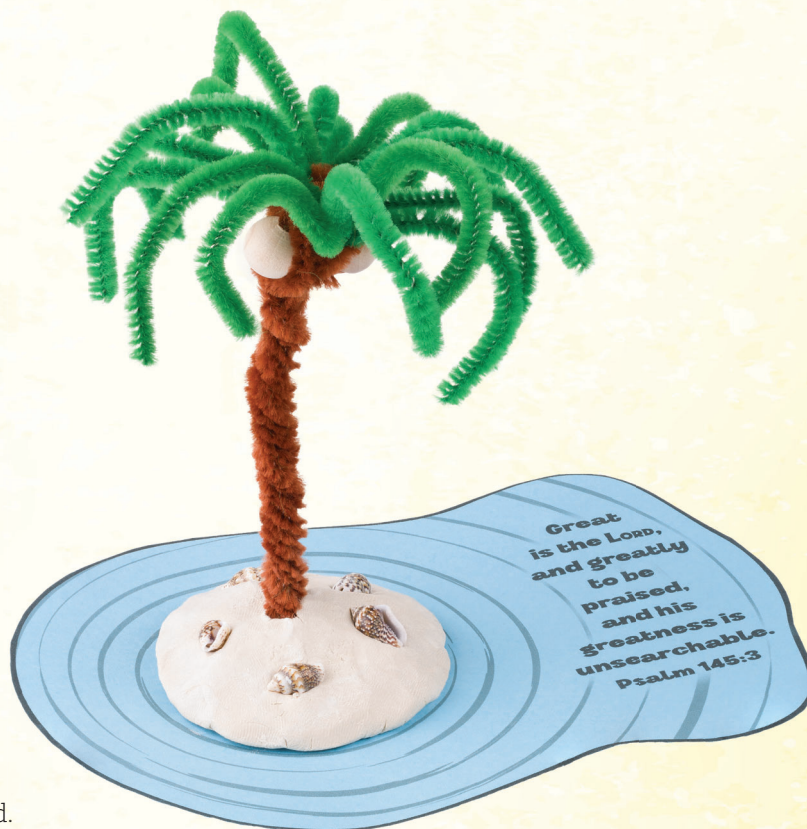
### Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

Today's craft is a tropical tree to remind us of *Mystery Island*. I like this craft because I like *Mystery Island*, but my favorite part is the Bible verse. The Bible is my favorite thing on earth. It's so special to me, and it's the place to go to learn about the great and mighty God of the universe.

Let's say our verse together that we'll put on our tree. Do so. It says, "Great is the LORD." What do you think is great about God? Take answers. Here's something I think is great about God. Share your thought.

It also says his greatness is unsearchable. What do you think that means? Take answers. The Bible



tells us his ways are so high and above our ways, we can't even know them all. But we can trust God, because he is perfect and can't do anything bad—ever. That's something to praise him for!

Now let's dive into making our tropical tree.

### Class Time Directions

1. Lay the eight short green chenille stems perpendicular across the middle of the four brown chenille stems.
2. Bend the four brown stems in half over the 8 short green stems.
3. Slide a wood bead onto three of the brown stems so they are evenly spaced from each other. Then push the beads up to the bend just below the short green stems.
4. Take hold of the brown stems just below the short green stems, then twist and twist all the way down

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to within about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch of the bottom. Spread out the bottom of the brown stems to resemble tree roots.

5. Bend each of the short green stems to resemble tree branches.
6. Form a short (4 inches), thick “snake” out of the clump of clay. Then, position the tree on top of the **OCEAN BASE** and wrap the clay “snake” around the base of the tree on top of the “roots.” Mold the clay so it covers the base of the tree and forms a small island.
7. Press some mini seashells into the clay.

### Tip Corner

Light tan pony beads can be substituted for wood beads.

### Super Simple Idea

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As an alternative to the Day 1 main crafts, try one of the following craft kits. Note that these are available at the time of printing and may not be available later.

- 3D Tropical Island Scene Craft Kit (Item Number: 13729427)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.
- Island Magic Color Scratch Ornaments (Item Number: 13794883)



# DAY 1 CRAFT

# Tropical Tree (V.2)

## PRE-PRIMARY

### Materials

- PALM TREE LEAVES PATTERN
- OCEAN BASE PATTERN
- Paper towel tubes, 1 for every 2 children
- Light brown roll paper, one 5½-x-6-in. strip per child
- Green card stock, 1 sheet for every 2 children
- Air-dry clay, 1.75 oz. per child
- Blue card stock, 1 sheet for every 2 children
- Mini seashells, 5–6 per child
- Plastic wrap, amount varies
- Zippered baggies, 1 per child

### Tools and Basic Supplies

- Office paper cutter
- Glue sticks
- Scissors

### Pre-prep

1. Cut paper towel tubes in half.
2. Cut light brown roll paper into 5½-x-6-in. strips, 1 per child.
3. Photocopy the **PALM TREE LEAVES PATTERN** onto green card stock, then cut out (including the notches) a set of 4 for each child.
4. Photocopy the **OCEAN BASE PATTERN** onto blue card stock, then cut out 1 per child.
5. Divide clay into 1.75-oz. pieces for each child. Then wrap them with plastic wrap and place in air-tight zippered baggies.

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### Class Time Directions

1. Take the strip of brown roll paper and crumple it into a ball. Continue to press on it and roll it around in your hands awhile. Then, uncrumple the paper carefully, so it doesn't tear, and smooth it back out.

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2. Apply glue stick liberally to the strip of brown paper. Then wrap it around the paper towel tube.
3. Take the clay, and form it into a circle shape approximately 2½ in. in diameter.
4. Position the clay circle on top of the **OCEAN BASE**. Then, very gently press the tree trunk (paper towel tube) into the clay. Mold the clay, as necessary, to hold the tree in place and form a small island.
5. Press a few mini seashells into the clay.
6. Fold the **PALM TREE LEAVES** in half. Then position 4 sets on top of the tree trunk.

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Light brown roll paper is sometimes called kraft paper roll.

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