

# DAY 1 CRAFT

# Rockin' Dot Art

## JUNIOR, PRIMARY, & PRE-PRIMARY

### Materials

- ☐ Mexican beach pebbles or river rocks, 1 per child

### Tools and Basic Supplies

- ☐ Metallic Sharpies

### Pre-prep

1. Wash and dry rocks so they are clean for decorating.
2. Prepare a few finished rocks as samples for each table.

### Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

Today's craft is Rockin' Dot Art. We'll be making a cool dot pattern on these rocks to remind us of the beautiful dot paintings the Aboriginal people have been creating for thousands of years. They're master craftsmen, and art and decoration have been important as they've painted on cave walls, wood, rocks, boomerangs, and their own bodies. Rock painting, in particular, is one of the oldest forms of art for the Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal art is not only beautiful, it has also been a way to pass down stories and history. It's fascinating to see paintings on cave walls done thousands of years ago by these creative and intelligent people. And it will be fun to create our own version today—not using the exact techniques they used but to honor their cool idea.

Any time we create, it's fun to remember that we can create all kinds of things, but our gift of creativity is most importantly used for the Lord. He's the one who gave us the gift of creativity because we're made in the awesome Creator's image. Let's thank God for creativity as we make our rock creations!

### Class Time Directions

Use different color Sharpies to create your own dot art design on your rock.



### Tip Corner

- Have the kids make one rock for themselves and one to give away.
- Provide a visual list of steps for all the mates to see. Verbally explain each step. This applies to every craft.
- You may want to discuss how you can be creative in many different ways, besides art and music.
- Mexican beach pebbles or river rocks can be found at hardware stores.
- Younger kids can use the Toddler craft, "Dot Art," as an alternative. (See Toddler Crafts on p. 35.)

### Super Simple Idea

Each day, at least one super simple option is included, which is a pre-made craft kit from Oriental Trading Company (call 1-800-875-8480 or visit [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)) that goes along with the main concepts of the day.

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.

- Adam & Eve Pop-Up Craft Kit (Item Number: #13766946)—Manufacturer does not recommend for children under three years of age.
- Binoculars Craft Kit (Item Number: #13693404)