



IDEAS IN

# Childhood Ministry

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## Play Dough Board



The Big  
Idea

Play dough is used often in a pre-school classroom. Expand plans for play dough by considering ways play dough can be used in a child's home.

- Prepare copies of the play dough recipe for parents.
- Make a personalized play dough board and a bag of play dough to deliver to a child at home.



Supplies for Play Dough Board:

- 12-by-18-inch piece of cardboard
- scissors
- paper/permanent marker
- glue
- strip of paper for child's name and personalized Bible verse
- clear contact plastic



Things to  
Gather



Put it  
Together

1. Cut a strip of paper; print the child's name and personalized Bible verse (Psalm 139:14) on the paper. Example: *Kelby is wonderfully made.*  
Glue the paper on the cardboard.
2. Cover the board with clear contact plastic.
3. Prepare a bag of play dough to include with the play dough board. Add a label for the child's name. Consider including a roller for the play dough such as a piece of PVC pipe. (See photo.)

Outreach Tips:

Plan a time to visit a child in his home. When you give the child the play dough board, point to his name and the Bible verse words. Suggest that the child can use his play dough board for a place to roll and shape his play dough at home.

Consider times to visit a child to give him a play dough board and play dough:

- first visit to home
- new sibling in family
- illness or following surgery
- crisis in family to provide activity for child

1. vacation time to give child something to do during travel time

After making a play dough visit, send a note to the child's parent to express thanks for the time to visit in the home. Pray for the child and his family.

