



Handicraft Lesson

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For our handicraft lesson, we will create a terrarium.

We can't create a world like God did, but we can form our own mini jungles, deserts, or even an entire ecosystem (depending on which plants and containers we choose).

Simply gather some miniature plants, potting soil, some pebbles (or marbles), and a glass container. Younger children can add toy animals. Older kids and teens might want to create a fairy garden or simply add some cool geodes to their "world."

Let them use their God-given creativity for their own "creation."

"I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft to create designs ... he's an all-around craftsman."

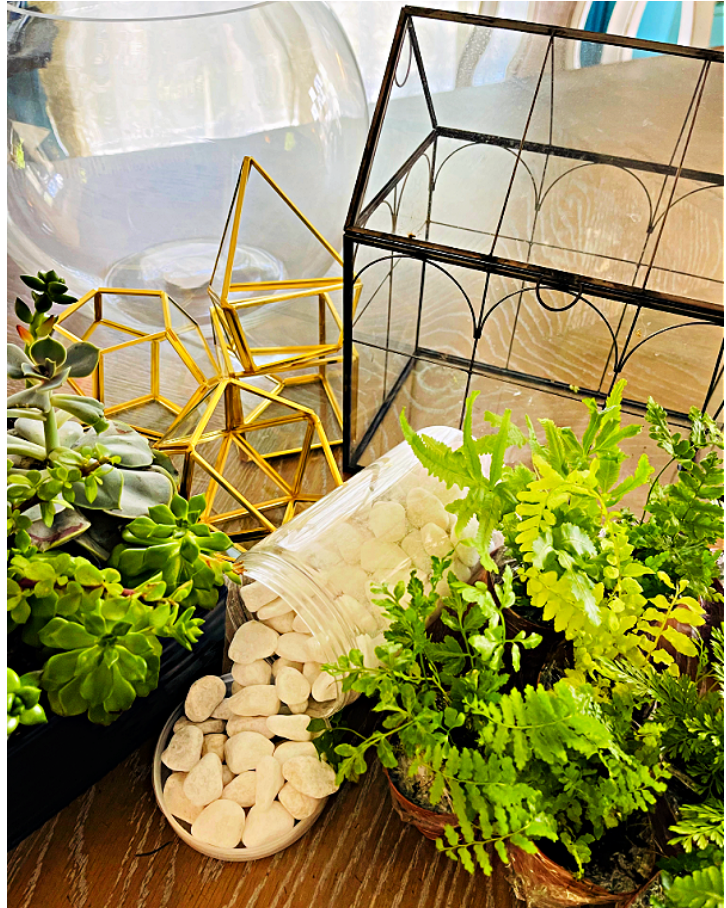
~ Exodus 31:3-5

Create a Terrarium

Supplies

- Glass container of some sort (fish bowl, large pickle jar, apothecary jar, store-bought terrarium, etc.)
- Miniature plants (succulents, ferns, tropical, air, etc.)
- Soil for your plant of choice (charcoal, moss, etc. are optional)
- Spade or long-handled spoon
- Pebbles, marbles, geodes, etc. for decoration
- Optional: toy animals, fairies, etc.

NOTE: Creating a terrarium can get messy, so make sure to protect your indoor work surface or simply make them outside.



Directions

1. Choose a clean glass container (with a lid for ferns or tropical plants; without a lid for succulents, air plants, etc.)
2. Gather your plants, soil, and any decorations you want to use.
3. Fill your container about 1/3 of the way with soil. (Various plants will require different types of potting mixes).



4. Using a small spade or long-handled spoon, make a hole for each plant.
5. Gently remove your plants from their containers, loosen the root ball, then place them in the soil. (Your biggest plant goes in first).
6. Fill in and flatten the soil around it. (Make sure your plant has enough room to grow a little; don't cramp them against the glass).
7. Add in the rest of your plants.
8. Place in stones, marble, moss, or sand to cover up the soil.
9. Add any finishing touches or toys.
10. Close the lid if you're creating a warm, moist environment, or leave it off if you want desert-like conditions.

Keeping Your Terrarium Alive

- Make sure you choose a spot with plenty of natural light (but not in direct sunlight).
- Spray your terrarium with water every couple of weeks or when the soil is dry to the touch.
- Keep an eye on it. These tiny greenhouses can form condensation when they are closed. A little is okay, but if the glass becomes foggy, it might be that you've watered it too much.
- You can remove the top and dry it out for a few hours if needed to clear it up.

