



Great Gifts

Before doing these activities, it is important to stress the safe way to play with sand. Try to keep the sand in the tub and to be careful not to wave your arms if there is sand on your hands. (The sand may fly into your eye or someone else's eye.) Also, you may wish to provide a "wash up station" for children to clean their hands after these activities

Activity 1

Materials needed: medium size plastic tub, sand, small plastic eggs, seashells and rocks

1. Fill the plastic tub with sand, small plastic eggs, seashells and rocks.
2. Encourage the children to find shells, rocks, and eggs, which are the "buried treasures."

Activity 2

Materials needed: tray (These can be gift box tops and lids lined with aluminum foil), sand, small pitcher of water, some star- and moon-shaped cookie cutters

1. Instruct children to pour some sand into the "tray" then add some water.
2. Children will then mix the sand and the water with their hands and when it is the right consistency they can use the cookie cutters to make "creation cookies".