

Hands-On History Fun

Create-A-Craft:

Make a coil pot—just like the ones archaeologists find in their excavations!

You will need: clay, water, fork

- Start with a ½" thick round slab of clay about 3" diameter for the base. Next, roll out several ropes of clay, about ½" thick.
- Using the fork, score the base (leaving fork lines all around the edges). Moisten the edges.
- Now, begin coiling the first rope of clay onto the base, pinching one end of the rope to the base to securely fasten it. As you make one coil, score it and moisten with water so the next coil will stick to it. Continue adding coils end to end as they spiral up. When your pot is the size you want it, pinch off the end of the last coil. Using a little water, smooth the end onto the pot. Continue smoothing the pot all the way down using finger pressure and a little bit of water. Finally, let it dry.
- You may want to use your pot as a nice home for a plant!

Fun Food To Fix:

Make "Stuffed Dates"—a sweet and tasty concoction!

You will need: 15 dates, pitted; 15 pecan halves; granulated sugar

- Place one pecan half into each of the pitted dates, then roll the date in sugar. Arrange on a serving plate and share with your family.