



Day 1 Itty-Bitty Buddies

Supplies:

Each child will need:

- sheet of shrink-art plastic
- sheet of Bible Memory Buddies® (use the attached sheet)
- key ring

You'll also need:

- permanent markers
- transparent tape
- brown paper grocery sacks
- scissors
- hole punch (1 per crew)
- toaster oven or regular oven
- cookie sheet (1 per crew)



Preparation

Before kids arrive, make a sample Itty-Bitty Buddies key chain. Cut brown paper grocery sacks into sheets of paper large enough to cover the surface of a cookie sheet. Print out enough of the Bible Memory Buddies so each child (in each rotation) can have his or her own sheet.

When kids arrive, say: **I'm so thankful that you're here at Power Lab! Today we're learning how Jesus healed 10 men but only one came back to say, "Thanks, Jesus!" Sometimes you might feel thankful but forget to say that you're thankful. But Jesus gives us the power to be thankful. "Aha!" Today we're going to make itty-bitty friends that will remind us to be thankful every time we see them.**

Craft Creation

1. Choose which Buddy you want on your key chain. Tape the shrink-art plastic over that Buddy.
2. Use permanent markers to trace and then color the design.

3. Cut around the design, making sure to allow about a 1-inch "bubble" over the Buddy's head. This is where you'll punch a hole.
4. Use the hole punch to punch a hole in the bubble.
5. Set the finished key chain on the brown-paper-covered cookie sheet. Have an adult cook the key chains in the oven at 300 degrees for a few minutes. (We recommend that you turn on the oven light so you can watch the Buddies shrink, curl, and then flatten. Then you'll know when they're done.)
6. Remove the cookie sheets from the oven, and allow the Buddies to cool for a few minutes before kids touch them. Adults may help kids attach the key rings to their Buddies.

Say: **Your key chains started big and then got small. When we thank God, we don't need to use big words or long prayers. A short, sweet, simple "Thanks, God" works just great. Hang your key chain where it will remind you that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful. "Aha!"**

