The Journey  Related Activities:

Create a Tomb Figure and a Tomb Tile

Imagine you are going on a long journey to start a new life in a place far, far away. What would make this new place feel more like home? What would you need to take with you? Make a list of these things.

You are going alone to explore this new territory. Figurines, or little statues, of important people and animals in your life will keep you company. Draw some of these figures, and then create them out of clay. When they are dry you can paint them. Write a story about your journey and the objects you take with you.

Some tips for working with clay: You can roll clay into snake-like shapes and coil it round and round on top of a flat circular clay base to build up a hollow form, or pinch it into shape.

If you don’t have any clay, try this recipe:

Salt and Flour Clay

1. Mix together 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, ¾ cup water, and 2 tablespoons of oil.
2. Knead the clay until smooth.
3. Create figures and place on a cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 275 degrees until hardened (about an hour).

Tip: do not make your shapes too thick, or they may crack with baking.

Make a Tomb Tile and Rubbing

1. Roll out a slab of clay into a rectangle or square about ½” to ¾” thick.
2. With a pencil or sharp stick, draw a picture on the tile of your house, favorite pet, your family, or something else important to you.
3. When it is completely dry, place a piece of clean white paper over the tile and rub the back with a crayon, or graphite. The rubbing will give you a beautiful image of the picture on the tile.