

STEPPING STONES

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CLASS NAME:

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LESSON:

- April 6th is the birthday of a very special Bible Character. A great Bible Hero! A Special Prophet! Let us read a Scripture to see whom we could be talking about!
- Read Malachi 4:5-6. (Sing it as well!)
- Who is this talking about? Brother Branham!

God is telling us something very important in His Word; that He is sending us His mighty prophet in our day. He wants to be sure that we have the Word to prepare us for his coming.

- God sent us that prophet of Malachi 4:5! You can also read about him in Revelation 10:7.
- Read Revelation 10:7. The days of the VOICE!
- What could that be referring to!? The TAPES! Yes, we just PRESS PLAY, and listen to the VOICE of GOD speak to our hearts!
- Brother Branham was wrote about in the Bible! He is just as much a Bible Hero as Moses, Noah, and David were! God was still fulfilling Scripture when He sent us Brother Branham!
- April 6th is a very special day because it's the day the Lord chose to send us the 7th angel messenger!
- Brother Branham was born on April 6, 1909.
- Brother Branham is a special prophet to us! Remember, the WORD of the Lord comes to the Prophets! It's so special that we have the LORD speaking to us on those tapes!! God spoke to Brother Branham and gave him the message to give us! We want to listen very carefully to those tapes because it's God speaking to us!
- Without Brother Branham, we would not have those tapes. We wouldn't have the Word for our day! We wouldn't know what the scriptures mean!
- It's important to thank the Lord for sending us Brother Branham who taught us how to live for Jesus!
- Let us hear Brother Branham tell us about the day he was born.
- Play quote

- Brother Branham was born in the mountains of Kentucky. He was very humble and poor! He was born in a little one room cabin that didn't even have windows. They had a door that would open up like a window. It just had a dirt floor.
- He was born early at 5 o'clock in the morning. When they opened up the door (window), there was a little Robin out by a bush singing; and a light came in that hung over Brother Branham! The Pillar of Fire shined down into the room when he was born.
- God was with Brother Branham since birth and directed his life!

Brother Branham said at the end of that quote: "But I knowed if God had sent it, God had somebody to receive it." Aren't you glad and privileged to be the people to receive His Message?

- Brother Branham was so contagious with the Word of God! He led millions of people to the Lord Jesus Christ! We want to be a hero like him!
- Let us review some key stories and facts we know about Brother Branham!
- Using the Flannel scene with pictures to summarize Brother Branham's life:
 Brother Branham loved to buy red hots when he was younger!
- At 7 years old, he heard the Voice in the whirlwind up in a tree say, "Never drink, smoke, or defile your body in any way. For there will be a work for you when you're older".
- Brother Branham was a wilderness man! He loved hunting and fishing! He loved being with nature, it was his favorite place to get alone and talk to God.
- June 16, 1933 at two o'clock in the afternoon, while Brother Branham was baptizing on the Ohio River, there came a Voice, "As John the Baptist was sent for a forerunner of the first coming of Jesus Christ, your Message will bring the second coming of Jesus Christ."
- January 24, 1950 at the Sam Houston Coliseum, Brother Branham's picture was taken with the Pillar of Fire!
- February 28, 1963 a Supernatural Cloud of 7 angels (26 miles high, 30 miles across) appeared to Brother Branham on Sunset Mountain in Arizona. He heard a loud blast. It was a sign to go back to Jeffersonville to preach the Seven Seals!
- 03/17/63 – 03/24/63 Brother Branham preached the Seven Seals! We are living in the days of the Voice (Rev 10:7) where the mystery of God should be finished!

Those are just some examples of the many times the Lord proved to be with Brother Branham throughout his life! He's a special Bible Hero to us because he was sent for our day!

- We now have a storehouse (VGR) where we can get all the tapes and books of Brother Branham! We have the Word stored up for us to feast upon! We are so thankful Brother Branham was born to bring us the Word of God!

Scriptures:

Malachi 4:5-6

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Revelation 10:7

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Quote:

As a little baby of about three minutes old, born in a little cabin up here in Burkesville, Kentucky, a little old crude-looking cabin with clapboard shingles, my mother was laying on a straw tick with a shuck pillow. Perhaps there's many Kentuckian here tonight that don't even know what that means, a straw tick, a shuck pillow: shucks stripped out and put in a pillow case. A little bed built in the side the house with no floor in the cabin. A stump cut off about that big around, three legs in it for a table. A piece taken off of an old side of a barn to make a bench to eat on: poor. My mother at fifteen, my daddy, eighteen; a window that you don't have no glass in it, just push a little door-like back, and that's the window. That was the place that God gave me my life.

When the midwife... We were forty miles from a doctor. When the midwife washed me and laid me on my—my mother's arm, she opened the window, about five o'clock in the morning for the early break of the day to shine across. She wanted to look at her child; and through that came the Light. Everybody begin to cry. At about fifteen, eighteen months old, I had my first vision. I was standing at a little branch and Something spoke to me from a bush and said, "You're going to live near a city called New Albany." I've spent my life there. Two years later we moved. On and on; ministers discouraged me when I got to be a man. Said it was of the devil. But one glorious night when I was trying to pray, and telling the Lord that I loved Him, and I didn't want to be wrong, I wanted to do what was right, and I asked Him to take it away from me, here come a Man walking across the floor and told me what was Truth; sent from the Presence of God; told me to go around the world, pray for kings and monarchs and so forth. I was then a Baptist preacher, belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. When I told the bishop that, he laughed in my face, said I had a nightmare. I laid my credentials on his desk. I said, "If that's the way the Baptist Church thinks about it, I'll serve God." I knowed nothing about other people who would believe it. But I knowed if God had sent it, God had somebody to receive it.

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Brother Branham

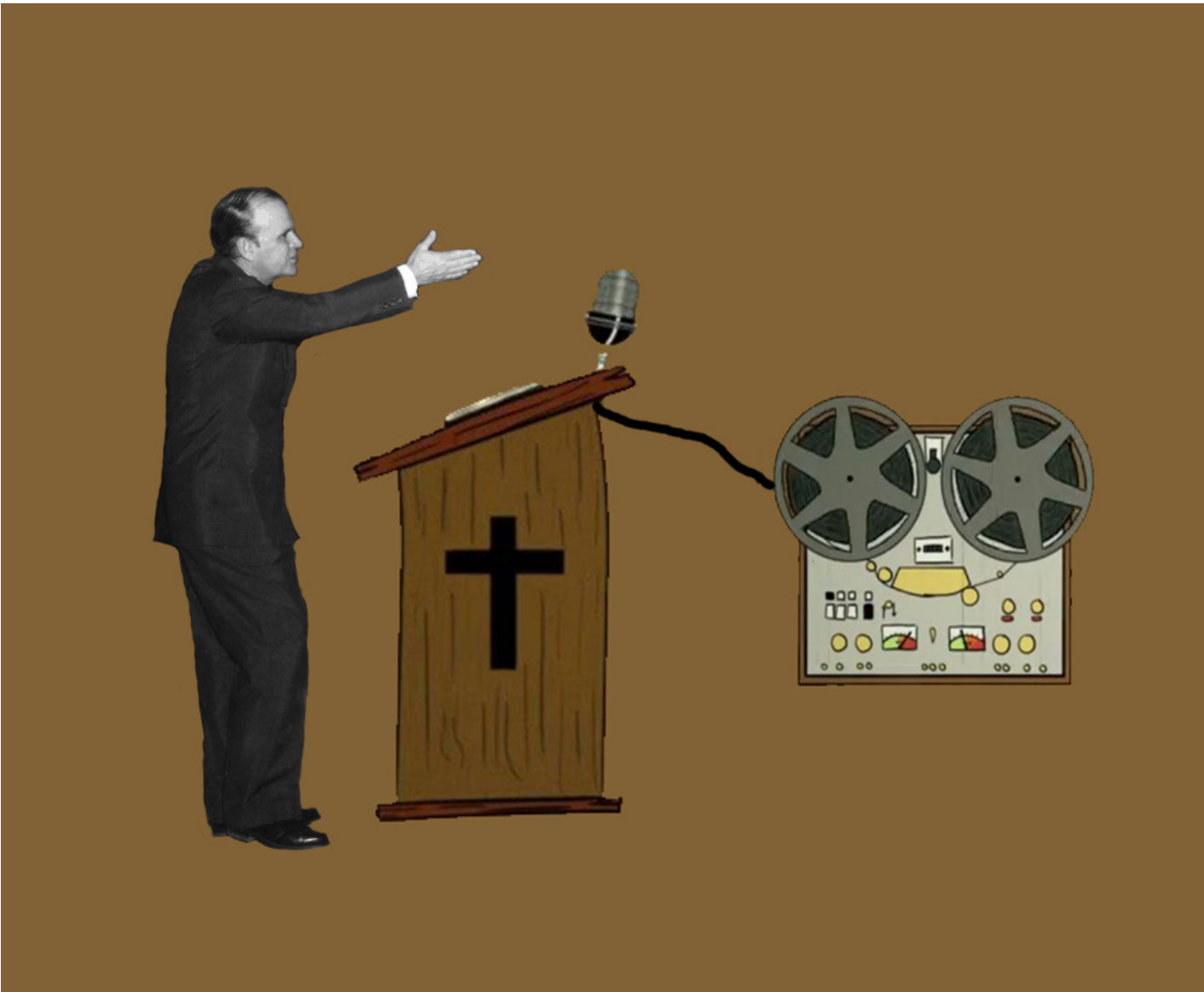


Flannel Graph



Flannel Graph Print-offs

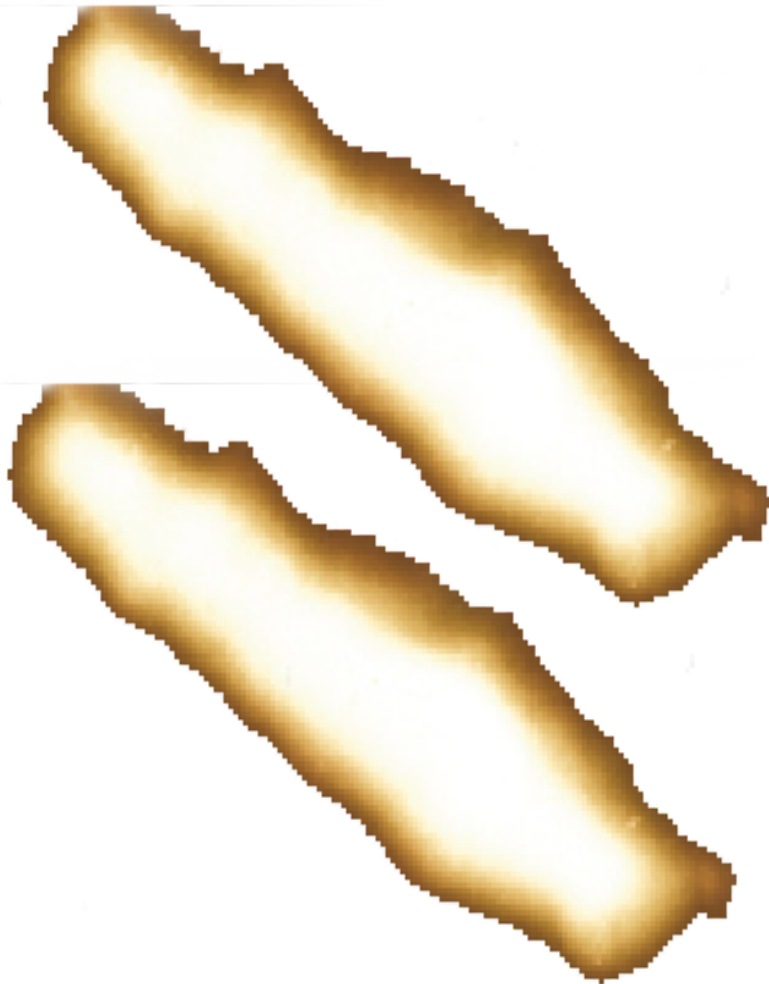








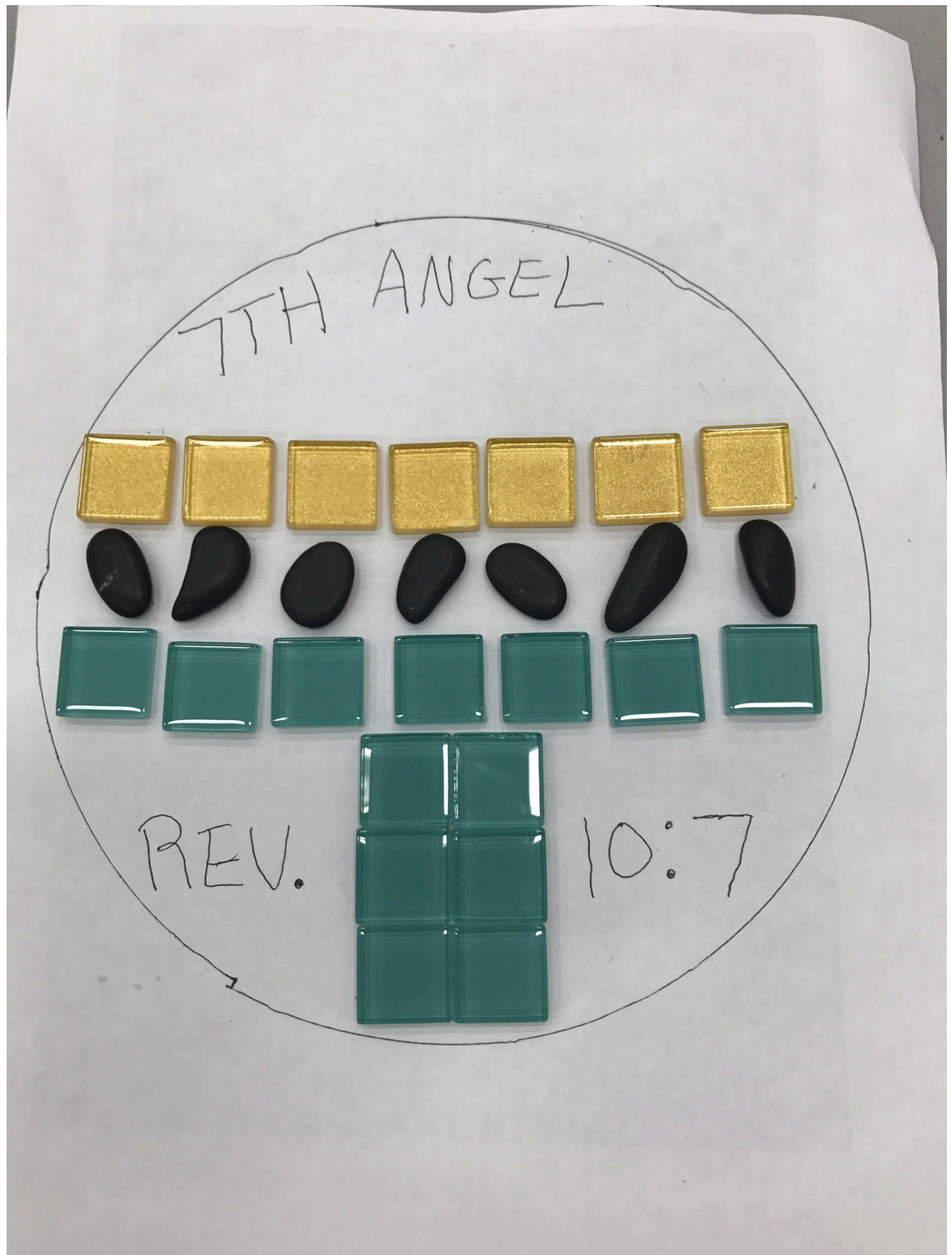






Placing Pictures Print-offs











STEPPING STONES

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 8" plant saucer
- Fast Setting Cement Patcher (20min) -we used SAKRETE brand
- Concrete stamps
- Small pail of water for stamps
- Measuring cup
- Cold Water
- Smoothing tool
- Half-inch drill with mixing attachment
- 5-gallon bucket
- Gloves
- High gloss concrete sealer – or sealer of your choice
- ½ nap roller for sealing the stone
- Small block of wood to set stone on when sealing it
- 5 ½"x6" flat piece of wood
- Various colors of tiles depending on which style you choose.
- "placing picture" print off
- For the cloud:
 - 18 small white rocks
 - 3 small brown rocks
 - 6 blue half marbles
 - 8 green half marbles
 - 2 blue glass mosaic tiles



STEPS:

1. Pre-place the stones on the “placing picture” and place the stamping letters in order on “placing picture”.
2. Next, prepare to mix the cement. Wear gloves. We used fast setting cement patcher that dries in 20min so we had to work quickly. Gather the supplies needed to mix the concrete. (we mixed our cement outside)
3. First measure 2lbs of the fast setting cement patcher and put into a 5-gallon bucket, next add 4-7oz of COLD water. Mix thoroughly, until it is the consistency of peanut butter or a little thinner.

DO NOT use hot water it will make the cement set up quicker.

NOTE: 10lb bucket of fast setting cement patcher with 20-24oz. of cold water will make 5 stepping stones.

4. Once mixed distribute immediately into the 8” plant saucer. If you have a smoothing tool, you can use it to smooth the surface or just gently shake it and it will smooth on its own. The cement will set up in approximately 20 minutes depending on your consistency.
5. Quickly and carefully, stamp you words around the edge of the pan. (view picture)

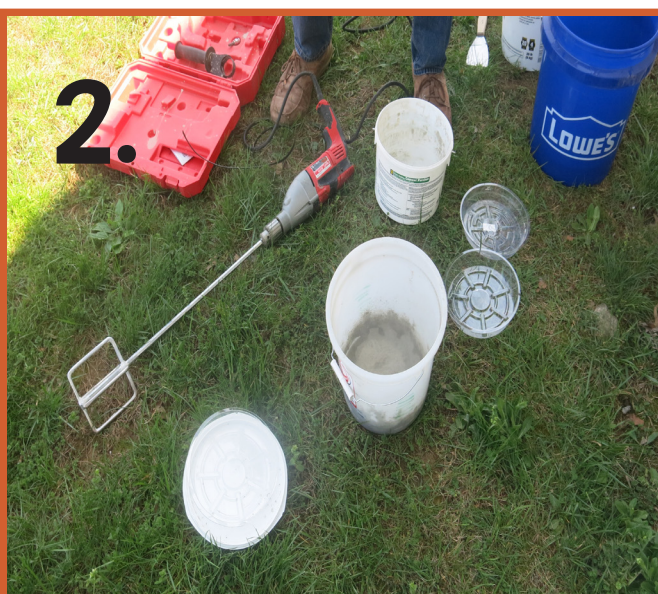
STAMPING TIPS:

- If you make a mistake, for example stamp a letter backwards you can gently shake the pan and all your letters will disappear.
 - Just remember the cement dries quickly.
 - If you notice a letter is disappearing you can re-stamp that letter
6. Next, quickly and carefully start placing your stones in the cement following the “placing picture”.
 7. Once the stone is completed, use the flat piece of wood to press the stones down evenly. Be careful, pressing to hard can cause your letters to disappear.
 8. Let the stone dry overnight.

THE CHILDREN DID NOT DO STEPS 9-13.

9. After the stone is dry, remove it from the plastic saucer. Pull the sides down and push the bottom of the saucer up and the stone should pop out of the saucer.
10. Sand down the rough edges of the stone with sand paper.
11. Wipe the tiles and rocks with a damp cloth, removing any cement that may have got onto the rocks or tiles.
12. Wear gloves when sealing the stone. Follow sealant directions. Seal the stone outside, the sealer is very strong. We sat the stone onto a small piece of wood to be able to roll the sides of the stone. Roll the sealer onto the stone with the 1/2 nap roller.
13. Let the stone dry for time recommended on sealant.
14. When dry add to your garden or flowerbed, or wherever else you choose to display your stepping stone.





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You're Finished!