



## Mummies Made In Egypt



This book describes the techniques and the reasons for the use of mummification in ancient Egypt. LeVar explores mummies and learns about the art of conserving Egyptian artifacts as the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Then CT scan technology provides an inside look at a mummy thousand of years old, and a forensic expert recreates the head of a mummy using intricate skull dimensions.

**Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.**

### Clothespin Mummies

You will need:

- wooden clothespin (non-spring)
- pipe cleaner
- strips of gauze
- scissors
- glue

Directions:

1. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the clothespin to represent the arms of the mummy.
2. Next, cut the strips of fabric very narrow. Begin wrapping the clothespin from the top of the mummy down, being careful to cover all of the body. Glue the end piece.

Option:

- Create your own pyramid from construction paper and boxes and put the mummy inside just like they did in Egypt.

### EGYPT

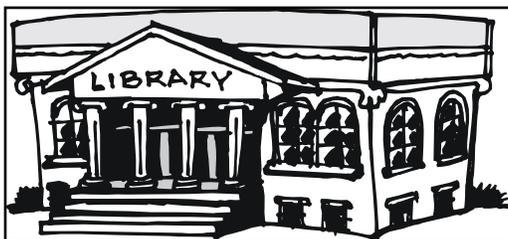
Do you know where Egypt is on the globe or on a map? Older family members can help younger ones find the country of Egypt. Taking a piece of string, hold one end of it where you live now and the other end where Egypt is. Talk about how Egypt is a desert area, which means it is very hot and sandy there. See what other facts you can find out about the area by reading books together.

### Pass the Mummy

If your children and their friends love to play Hot Potato, they'll love this version with a mummy. Try this as an indoor activity for the next dreary, rainy day.

You will need:

- roll of toilet tissue
  - small prizes
  - tape
  - music
1. Tape a small prize to the end of a length of toilet tissue. Roll the tissue until the prize is wrapped, and then tape another prize. Continue taping prizes and rolling tissue until you have concealed several small prizes in the "mummy."
  2. Seat players in a circle. Give the "mummy" to one player and start the music.
  3. As the music plays, the "mummy" is passed from one player to another. When the music stops, the player who is holding the "mummy" can unwrap it until the first prize is revealed. The player can remove the prize, discard the unwrapped tissue, and continue to play.
  4. Play until all the prizes have been unwrapped. Just be certain that each player has at least one prize.



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### Visit Your Community Library

*Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library*

- ◆ **Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile** by Tomie dePaola
- ◆ **I Can Be An Archaeologist** by Robert B. Pickering
- ◆ **Visiting The Art Museum** by Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown