

# Older Elementary Craft



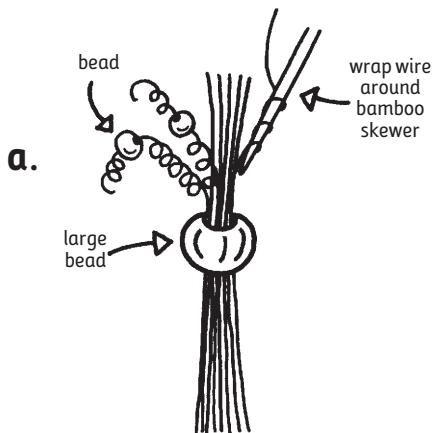
## Key Kid (20–25 minutes)

### Preparation

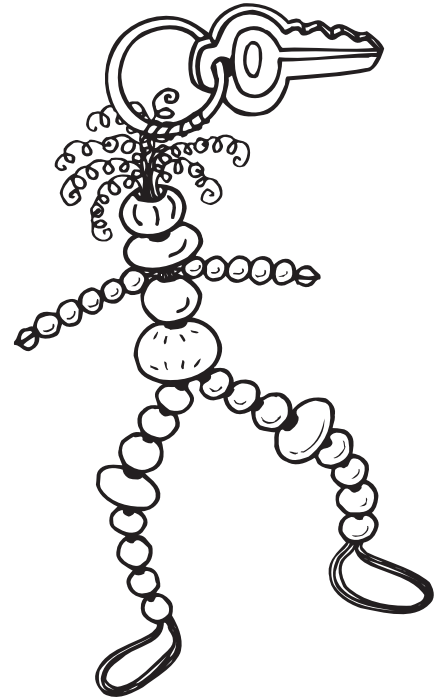
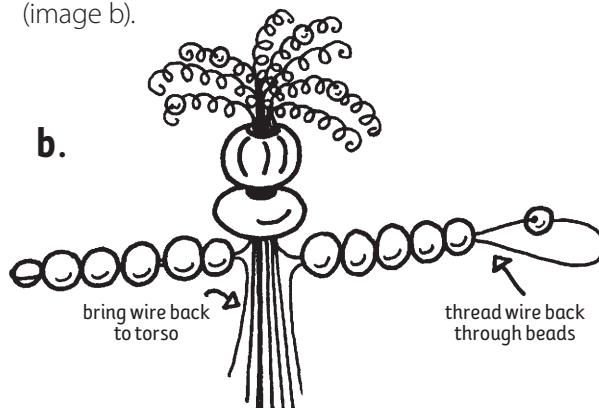
Cut bell wire into 12-inch (30 cm) lengths, eight individual strands for each child.

### Instruct each child in the following procedures:

- Choose a large bead for the head of your Key Kid. Thread all eight wire strands through large bead, allowing approximately 2 inches (5 cm) of wire to extend from the top of bead for "hair."
- Using a bamboo skewer, coil each "hair" wire, if desired. You may also add small beads to wires. Use fingers or pliers to bend wire ends to secure beads on wire (image a).



- Thread a smaller bead below the head for the neck or collar.
- Separate one strand for the right arm and one strand for the left arm. Thread several beads onto arms, and then add one small bead for each hand. Bend the strands over the small bead and thread back through the arm beads, returning to the wire torso (image b).



## Materials

- wire cutters
- bell wire (comes multi-stranded and is available at home-improvement stores)
- variety of plastic and acrylic beads
- bamboo skewers
- needle-nose pliers

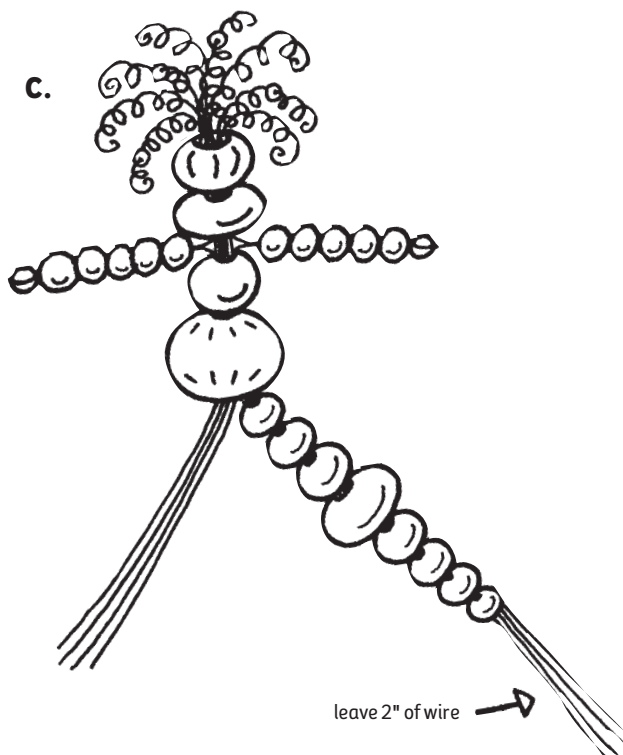
## For Each Child

- one key ring

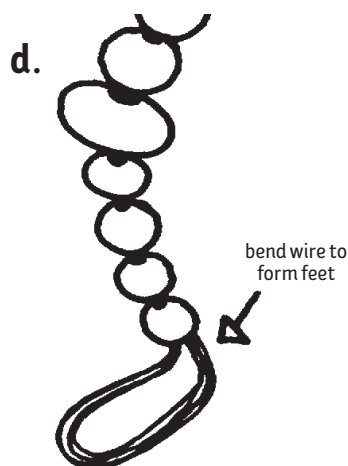
## Standard Supplies

- ruler

- Hold all the unbeaded wires together and thread on two or three large beads for the torso.
- Divide strands into two separate bundles for the legs (image c). Thread eight to ten beads on each leg, leaving about 2 inches (5 cm) of wire unbeaded.



- Use pliers to bend wire ends to form feet and to keep beads in place (image d). Twist ends tightly.
- Attach your Key Kid to the key ring by coiling one of the wire hairs around key ring.



## Conversation

You can bend your Key Kid into many different positions. Can you make it leap? Sit? Dance? Pray? These are all good things to do. But sometimes we do things that aren't good. The Bible word for disobeying God's commandments is "sin." Adam and Eve were the first people, and they were the first to sin. All of us sin and do things we shouldn't do. And that sin separates us from God and keeps us from feeling close to Him. Your Key Kid can remind you that God created you because He loves you, and that because God loves us so much, He made a way that we can be close to Him, even though we sin.