HANDS ON!

Make Encouragement Stones
When Akiva finds an encouraging message etched in stone, he is inspired to follow his dream and become a great teacher. It takes too long for you to write a message in stone with water, but how about using paint?

Supplies
Stones — large, flat surfaces are ideal
Nontoxic acrylic paint
Newspaper
Paintbrushes
Oil-based paint pen
(optional, but helpful)

Spread newspaper over your painting surface, then paint the stones however you like. Once dry, use a fine-tipped paintbrush or a paint pen to write encouraging messages like “Keep it up!” or “You can do it!” Then give these stones to friends and family who could use an encouraging word.