



## Ancient Egypt: Wrapped Up in Reading!

(Target Audience: 5-8, 9-12)

Dress up as Cleopatra (or your favourite ancient Egyptian) and mention some fun facts about ancient Egypt or print them out on slips of paper and have children pull them out of a cardboard pyramid. Mention some important Egyptian gods and goddesses and the Egyptian belief in the afterlife.

### CRAFTS:

Animal Finger Puppets  
Ancient Egyptian People Paper Dolls  
Ancient Egyptian Jewellery

All from: <http://touregypt.net/kids/> (Activities and Games)

### BOOKS:

Here are a few books that you can share with your audience. Check your shelves for other possibilities.

*Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tomie dePaola  
*The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo  
*I Am the Mummy Heb-Nefert* by Eve Bunting  
*Muti's Necklace: the Oldest Story in the World* by Louise Hawes  
"The Princess Pat" from *Crazy Gibberish* by Naomi Baltuck  
*The Winged Cat: a Tale of Ancient Egypt* by Deborah Nourse Lattimore  
*Zekmet the Stone Carver: a Tale of Ancient Egypt* by Mary Stolz

### RIDDLES:

Put riddles in a "viper" basket (with a lid) and have children dare to draw out a riddle!

### GAMES:

Play the mummy wrap game! Break into teams and select a "mummy" victim. Wrap mummies with toilet paper. After about five minutes, stop and judge the mummies. Use prize ribbons. Everyone is a winner (give each child an Egyptian-themed bookmark or something similar for playing the game).

Going on a Mummy Hunt

### MUSIC:

*Walk Like an Egyptian* by The Bangles

### FOOD:

Try an ancient Egyptian dip! Hummus and pita.

### WEBSITES:

<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca> (Ancient Egypt – Pathfinder)

[www.ancientegypt.co.uk/life/activity/main.html](http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/life/activity/main.html) (Learn how to play *senet*, an ancient Egyptian board game.)

<http://cuip.uchicago.edu/wit/99/teams/egyptmath/mathproblems.htm> (Try these Egyptian math problems.)