

Miniature Liberty Bells



Gifford Reynolds Beal (American, 1879-1956), *Hiding the Liberty Bell in Allentown, Pennsylvania*, 1938, Oil on Masonite, Gift of the Family of Gifford Beal, 2006. (2006.009.000)

For this project, you will need:

- Paper cups
- Paper
- Glue or tape
- String
- Beads or small bells
- Pencil
- Decorations for bell (optional)

This Fourth of July, we celebrate America's Independence Day. There are many traditional celebrations of Independence Day. This artwork, *Hiding the Liberty Bell in Allentown, Pennsylvania*, celebrates a little-known event in local Allentown history. The painting depicts several soldiers hauling the Liberty Bell to move and conceal it. The famous Liberty Bell was once smuggled from Philadelphia and hidden at Zion Reformed Church. By creating handheld bells, we can remember the Liberty Bell as a symbol of independence and freedom.

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Follow these instructions to create a miniature bell

Step 1: Use a pencil to poke a hole through the bottom of the paper cup.

Step 2: Slide beads or bells onto a piece of string and poke both ends of the string through the hole. Tie a knot on top of the cup to hang the beads inside your cup. This will make the noise when you shake your bell.



Step 3: Cut a long, thick strip of paper and glue both ends to the sides of your cup. This is the handle of your bell.

Step 4: Decorate your bell using paper, markers, paint, stickers and more. Wait for your bell to fully dry before ringing.

